

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7:30 pm.

## 1. Chairman declared the meeting open.

### Present

Chairman Cllr J Ingram, Vice- Chairman Mrs M Rickhards, Cllr Mrs S Redman, Cllr Mrs S Crofts, Cllr A Smith, Cllr E Holder, Cllr P Beaman & Cllr M Redman, Cllr T O'Hanlon & Cllr Mrs M Woodrow

### In attendance

Assistant Clerk Mrs L Stanton, County Councillor C Rickhards & 18 members of public.

## 2. Apologies for Absence.

Parish Clerk Mrs L. Gailey & District Cllr Mrs H Wright

## 3. Declarations of Interest

*Members are asked to declare personal interests in any item on the agenda. Members are reminded that the Code of Conduct which took effect from 7 August 2012 provides that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interest at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is prejudicial they should withdraw from the room and not seek improperly to influence a decision about that matter.*

Cllr P Beaman item 14 payment to employer

## 4. Public Forum

- I. Mr Dixon informed Council that the Studley Residents Against Graveyard Rules expressed their regret over the resignation of Cllr J Bacon.  
Mr Dixon would like Council to take a vote to revoke the new rules for the cemetery based on the following reasons;
  - The consultation for the rules of the cemetery was flawed.
  - Only 4 residents were in favour of the new rules and 1 against.
  - The Parish Council did not take into consideration that 8 or 9 people raised their concerns, on the new rules, at Council meetings during the consultation period.Mr Dixon would like a copy of the independent report by Mr Eggington regarding a previous matter with the graveyard. He would like to obtain this report under the Freedom of Information Act.
- II. Mr Colin Summers informed the Council that he and another member from the Studley Residents Against Graveyard Rules had a meeting with 2 officials from Stratford District Council regarding the protocol, timing and other details for a Parish Meeting. The Group have decided that they do not want to hold a Parish Meeting now. They would like to have a meeting with the Parish Council to resolve the issue as soon as possible. He reiterated that the group have 1200 signatures on the petition and the numbers is rising and if this does not show the level of feelings in the community then the Parish Councillors are massively out of touch with the residents.  
He also informed the Council that the Group is an irresistible force and they will not 'go away' until a resolution is reached between the Council and the group.  
Mr Colin Summers would like Council to consider his 3 part proposal.
  - The rules this Council has brought in should be rescinded forthwith.

- The Studley Residents Against Graveyard Rules agree to form a Working Party consisting of 3 members from their committee and 3 Parish Councillors who preferable have a direct interest in Studley Cemetery.
- They would like to arrange meeting/meetings where they can start with a blank canvas to agree on a set of new rules for the cemetery to not only consider health and safety issues but also show common sense and compassion thus allowing families of the deceased to grieve in peace.

Mr Colin Summers would like to challenge the Chairman and Parish Councillors present to take a vote on his proposal to demonstrate their commitment in resolving the issue. Cllr J Ingram informed Mr Summers that the Parish Council cannot vote on issues raised by residents during public forum. Cllr Ingram will have Mr Summers proposal as an agenda item to be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

III. Mrs Beard handed a letter to the Chairman regarding the following correspondence from the Parish Council;

- Parish Council correspondence dated 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2014
- Parish Council correspondence dated 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014

She informed Council that she is not satisfied with the response in the correspondence.

## 5. To Pass minutes of the last meeting

- 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2014
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Redman, voting unanimous that the minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> October to be signed by Chairman as true record of the meeting as published.**

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Redman, voting for 9 and 1 abstentions for the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. to be signed by Chairman as true record of the meeting as published.**

## 6. Matters Arising (for information only)

Re Street naming- Bell Lane Development- Assistant Clerk informed Council that the widow of the late Mr Vale is very pleased that the Parish Council has put forward her husband's name for the development in Bell Lane.

## 7. Items for Discussion

**Min: 127** Incident of vandalism at Studley Parish Cemetery

Assistant Clerk informed the Parish Council regarding the incidents of vandalism at Studley Parish Cemetery. The incidents have been reported to the police. The local beat officer has also been informed of the incidents.

**Min: 128** To agree funding to explore development possibilities within Studley.

**Proposed Cllr Mrs S Redman, seconded Cllr P Beaman, voting unanimous for the allocated fund of £1000.00 from the precept to be used to seek advice from Stratford District Council Planning Department & independent planning expert to identify sites in the area to fill the housing needs. By doing the identification of the sites Studley Council will be able to inform SDC on the preferred sites in the area.**

**Min: 129** To ratify award of Grant in the sum of £70.00 to Fun Fishing 4 All

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr E Holder, voting unanimous to ratify award of Grant in sum of £70.00 to Fun Fishing 4 All.**

**Min: 106** To ratify payments to Clerks for additional hours worked  
**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr M Redman, voting unanimous to ratify payments to Clerks for additional hours worked.**

**8. Planning Application for consideration**

There were none.

**9. Planning Decisions Received**

14/02239/FUL Mr D Hartle, 37 High Street, Studley

Retrospective permission for the erection of two air conditioning units  
and associated screening

**Application Withdrawn**

**10. Notification of Planning Appeals & Planning Committee Meeting**

There were none.

**11. District, County Council & Delegate Reports.**

There were no District Council & Delegate reports.

County Councillor C Rickhards reported on the following:

- **County Council Member's Grant** - 3 organisations in the Studley area were awarded the grant.
- Studley Christmas Light Committee - £1500.00
- Studley Village Hall Management Committee- £1500.00 for Village Hall Improvement.
- Studley Children Centre- Parenting Project - £2,000.00

**Adult Care**

- There will be an increase in charges for the service. For areas that have not had an increase changes will apply.
- RESPITE residential care is charged at £51.80 per day. The rate of a £100.00 per day will be capped till January. Full cost charges will apply in April when capping will be removed.
- The service is means tested. As a result 80% of people will not have to pay.

**Fire & Rescue**

- Project ARROW which prescribes various levels of collaboration between the Fire services of Hereford, Worcestershire and Warwickshire. This collaboration has work streams including operational support, health & safety. Cllr Rickhards believes this project will benefit the area.
- There is a further option of full collaboration eventually.

**Studley Centre**

- Cllr Rickhards is still pursuing a decision from County Council if the Education Department will be housing their project in the Centre.
- Churches Together will be able to use the building for a café if County Council do not require the building.

**School**

- The school sufficiency strategy is published.
- The Studley cluster primary schools face a small reduction in forecast numbers over the next 5 years. Cllr Rickhards has questioned the Cabinet how far the impact of the

probable housing developments over the border in Mappleborough has taken in to account. Cllr Rickhards has urged the Cabinet to rethink.

- The forecast for Studley High involves a reduction of about 250 in the next 5 years.

## 12. Committee Reports.

- 14 Oct 2014- Working Party Notes
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014- Working Party Notes
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014- Grants Committee Meeting

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr E Holder, voting unanimous that the notes of Grants Committee meeting & notes of the Working Party to be signed by Chairman as a true record of the meeting.**

## 13. Correspondence

There were none.

Circulation

**Min: 130** Clerk & Council Direct

## 14. Approved Accounts for payment.

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	SSAFA	Chairman's Charity	588	£2000.90
	Redditch Skip	Skip Hire	593	£188.00
		Cancelled Cheque	594	-
	HMRC	HMRC	595	£1068.45
	Fun Fishing 4 All	Grant	596	£70.00
	Aqu Aid Midlands	Water	597	£7.19
	Excel Telecom	Telecom	598	£102.53
	GS Adams	Street Light Maintenance	599	£833.65
	GS Adams	Replacement of 6 street lights fittings	600	£2664.00
	Lyreco	Cabinet for Parish Council office	601	£547.56
	Salaries	Salaries & additional hours worked	SO 602 603	£2731.41

**Proposed Cllr M Redman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Crofts, voting for 9, 1 abstention for the schedule of cheques be approved and signed.**

## 15. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014

**Meeting closed 8:30 pm**