

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015 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 P Beaman, Cllr M Redman & Cllr Mrs M Woodrow

### In attendance

Parish Clerk Mrs L Gailey, District Councillor Mrs H Wright & 7 members of public.

## 2. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr E Holder, Cllr C Rickhards & Assistant Clerk, Mrs L Stanton

## 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 15 payment to employer.

All Cllrs present- item 8- Precept- home owners in the village.

## 4. Public Forum

- I. Mr Brian Dixon spoke regarding his concerns on the discussion at the previous Council Meeting on the possibility of the Parish Council reducing the Public Forum. He would like to remind the Parish Council that today (20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015) was Democracy Day. He would like the Public Forum to remain on the agendas for both Parish Council Meetings. He hopes that all Parish Councillors will stand for the upcoming elections.  
Cllr J Ingram informed Mr Dixon that he should be happy with the outcome of the debate that the Parish Council had at the last Council Meeting that there will be no change to the Public Forum.

## 5. Mr Les Greenwood- Greenwood Planning- presentation of the redevelopment of No 2 Redditch Road (Heat Store Site) Mr Dave Ashmore- owner of the site.

- Mr Greenwood gave his presentation on the proposed development for No 2 Redditch Road.
- The proposed development consists of 1 – 1 bedroom flat , 2 – 2 bedrooms flats, 4 – 2 bedrooms houses

Mr Greenwood is happy for any Councillors to contact him if they have any concerns with the proposed development.

## 6. To Pass minutes of the last meeting

- 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014
- 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Crofts, voting unanimous that the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014 & 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 to be signed by Chairman as true records of the meetings as published.**

**7. Matters Arising (for information only)**

Clerk informed Council a group of residents were concerned regarding the traffic on the High Street and the safety of young children exiting from the infant school. The group managed to secure £2500.00 funding from Alleys General Haulage for the erection of a railing barrier. The Parish Council at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2014 Committee Grants Meeting have agreed £1000.00 grant for the railing. The deposit for the railing has been paid today. (20<sup>th</sup> January 2015) the suppliers will have to design the railing and inform all the shops in the vicinity.

**8. Items for Discussion**

**Min: 149** Precept

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs M Rickhards, voting unanimous that the precept to be approved as recommended.**

**Min: 150** Studley Common

Mr Anderson a resident has written to the Parish Council for some overgrown grass to be cut in order for him to paint his fence. Cllr A Smith and Clerk have visited the area and are happy that the grass has now been cut back sufficiently for him to maintain his fence. Mr Anderson have written again to confirm that the pictures the Parish Council had sent him is the rear of his property and his garden gate which he wish it to be cleared of weeds and bushes. He would like the area to be cleared so that he can use the gate to get from his property to the common ground. Cllr P Beaman informed that there is no permitted access for those properties on to the Common Ground and the fence is there to secure the properties that are located next to the Common Ground. There should not be any gate to be erected by the residents without permission from the Parish Council. Clerk to response to his letter base on what was discussed by the Parish Council.

**9. Planning Application for consideration**

14/03621/COUIA: Mr A Salam, First & second floors, 9 Alcester Road, Studley, B80 7AN

Proposed change of use from A2 (financial and professional services) to  
3 nos. C3 units (dwelling houses)

Parish Council have not made their decision on the planning application until they received further detail plans for the application.

**10. Planning Decisions Received**

14/02833/FUL: Mr Rohit Mehta, 14 Marble Alley, Studley, B80 7LD

Proposed change of use from office to dentist surgery (use Class D1)

**Permission with Conditions**

14/03105/FUL: Mr R Russell, 17 Alcester Road, Studley, B80 7AG

Proposed change of use from mixed shop and offices to shop with self-contained flat at first & second floor

**Permission with Conditions**

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

There were none

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

- County Councillor C Rickhards have been working with Cllr Mrs H Wright on two initiatives. They had discussed a possible Police and Crime Commissioners' grant. This became a discussion primarily about the possibility of seeking this and other funding for some kind of youth offer.
- There is still no decision made on the sale of the Studley Youth Centre. Cllr C Rickhards will continue to pursue the matter.
- Safety measures are being considered for the High Street. Various sites are on the list for possible safer parking measures, including yellow lines. Cllr C Rickhards is particularly concern with the dangerous parking near the junction of New Road and Alcester Road.
- Cllr C Rickhards has concerns that there will be an extensive threat to school transport provision in the budget. Cllr C Rickhards will be able to report in detail of what the budget proposals of the controlling group are.
- District Councillor Mrs H Wright informed Parish Council that the Examination of the Draft Core Strategy is now taking place. As she has not objected she cannot speak at the examination.
- Cllr P Beaman informed that the new monitoring officer in SDC is revising proposal on the planning committee

### 13. Committee Reports.

- 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014- Working Party
- 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014- General Purposes Committee Meeting

**Proposed Cllr Mrs S Redman, seconded Cllr P Beaman, voting unanimous that the notes of the 9<sup>th</sup> December & 16<sup>th</sup> December to be signed by Chairman as a true record of the meeting.**

### 13. Correspondence

There were none.

- Circulation

**Min: 153** Clerk & Council Direct. Issue 97- January 2015

### 15. Approved Accounts for payment.

20 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2015				
	Sita Data Ltd	Topographical Survey	634	£720.00
	RDM Consultants	Removal of Asbestos	635	£714.00
	Studley Improvement Partnership	Grant for rail guard	636	£1000.00
	Biffa Municipal	Bulky Waste	637	£507.60
	Redditch Skip Hire	Skip hire	638	£188.40
	Excel Telecommunications	Telecom	639	£96.73
	GS Adams	Street light Maintenance	640	£551.65
		Replacement Lantern – Stapleton Rd	640	£450.00
		Replacement Street Light – no 5- New Road, supply 5 meter		

		column to replace existing damaged column, complete with part-night dimming photo electric cell and low energy LED lantern. To provide temporary connection between existing column and new column.	640	£1,148.40
	Adele Davies	Studley Community Library reimbursement of shelving unit	641	£145.00
	DAC Beachcroft LLP Solicitors	Legal cost	642	£1000.00
	Ian Geddes	Website updates	643	£29.53
	Salaries	Salaries	DD	£2207.73
		Salaries	644 & 645	£248.21
	HMRC	HMRC	646	£882.94

**Proposed Cllr Mrs S Redman , seconded Cllr Mrs M Rickhards, voting for 7 and I abstention for the schedule of cheques be approved and signed.**

**15. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015**

**Meeting closed: 8:15pm**