

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 20th May 2014 at 7:30 pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open.

Present

Chairman Cllr J Ingram, Vice-Chairman Cllr Mrs M Rickhards, Cllr P Beaman, Cllr E Holder, Cllr A Smith, Cllr Mrs S Crofts, Cllr J Bacon, Cllr Thomas O'Hanlon & Cllr Mark Roskell

In attendance

Parish Clerk, Mrs L Gailey, Assistant Clerk Mrs L Stanton, 2 Youth Workers, 7 Youths from Studley Youth Centre, & Father David Sylvester.

2. Apologies for Absence.

County Councillor C Rickhards, Cllr Mrs M Woodrow, Cllr Mrs S Redman, Cllr M Redman & District Councillor 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 payments to employer.

4. Public Forum

- I. Miss Lydia a member of the Studley Youth Centre spoke on behalf of the youths regarding the concerns of the closure of Studley Youth Centre at the end of July.
- II. She would like the Parish Council to support the youths against the closure of the Centre.
- III. Letters of concern written by some of the Youths were handed over to the Parish Council.

Cllr J Ingram has agreed to discuss the matter at the next Council Meeting.

- IV. Revd. David Sylvester informed Council that the Church has set up a group of trustees to run their proposed outreach café.
- V. The church is very interested in taking over the Studley Centre for the outreach café and also to take over some of the group that have been operating at the Centre. Revd David Sylvester would like the Parish Council to support the project.

Cllr J Ingram requested the Revd. to keep the Parish Clerk updated on the matter.

5. To Pass minutes of the last meeting

Proposed Cllr J Bacon, seconded Cllr E Holder, voting unanimous that the minutes to be signed by Chairman as true record of the meeting as published.

6. Matters Arising (for information only)

There were none

7. Items for Discussion

Min: 20 Dog Bins- Cllr J Ingram had a request from a resident for dog bins to be placed in Studley.

SDC would prefer to install litter bins which can be used for dog waste as well.

Proposed Cllr J Ingram, seconded Cllr J Bacon, voting unanimous subject to feasibility the litter bins to be installed on the Bromsgrove Road & Alcester Road.

Min: 21 CCTV update- Cllr Mrs M Rickhards reported that she was treated discourteously by other attendees at the recent CCTV meeting due to Studley Parish Council not supporting the contribution of £6000 per annum towards the cost of additional staff mending the cameras in Stratford Office.

Cllr J Bacon informed that Studley Parish Council declined to pay more than a £1000 towards the cost of £6000 due to the lack of coverage of the cameras for the Studley area.

Studley Parish Council has increased their contribution for this financial year to £2000.

Cllr J Ingram thanked Cllr Mrs M Rickhards for attending the meeting on behalf of Studley Parish Council.

Min: 22 Date for annual village inspection has been set for the 17th June at 6:00 pm.

Min: 23 Approval Annual Accounts

To be deferred to the next Council Meeting.

Min: 24 Entaco Bowls Club/SSSC- Cllr A Smith has made a request on behalf of Studley Bowls Club for Studley Parish Council to write to SSSC regarding the untidiness of the site surrounding the Bowls Club.

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr A. Smith, voting unanimous for letter to be sent to SSSC to clear the site by the 9th June 2014.

Min: 25 Allotment Correspondence

Proposed Cllr J Ingram, seconded Cllr A Smith, voting unanimous for letter to be sent to the allotment holder regarding concerns that he has brought to the attention of the Parish Council over issues on his plot.

8. Planning Applications for consideration

14/01130/FUL: Mr Jim Jennings, 24 Holt Road, Studley, B80 7NX

Proposed two and single storey rear extension

Proposed Cllr E Holder, seconded Cllr A Smith, voting unanimous for the following decision: No Representation.

9. Planning Decisions Received

There were none.

10. Notification of Planning Appeals & Planning Committee Meeting

There were none.

11. District, County Council & Delegate Reports.

In the absence of County Councillor C Rickhards his report was circulated by email to all Councillors.

County Councillor C Rickhards report;

• **Fire Service**

- Cllr C Rickhards will request for the Portfolio Holder to confirm that the proposal to remove the night cover from Alcester Fire Station may be open for revocation following consultation. To provide a retain cover at Alcester if the budget can be adjusted slightly.
- At a briefing the Fire Officer informed that full time personnel were to be reduced from 230 to 200 whilst the retained personnel have remained at 114 with no reduction.
- Due to the deployment of the appliance from Stratford Station the response time from Alcester should improve.
- 94% of P1 & P2 incidents were currently attended within 15 minutes. The plan is to improve this call outs to 97% by 2016.

• **Studley Centre**

- Cllr C Rickhards has strongly opposed the closure of the Centre at the end of July.
- A 'pot' of money from central government for the Priority Families project would be considered to be used to keep the Centre open if the County team is willing to administer the Studley Centre.
- Cllr C Rickhards has been discussing with members of The Churches Together to move the Food Bank to the Centre and also to open a Coffee Shop.
- The cost to run the Centre will be approximately £20,000 per annum.

• **Councillor's Grant**

- Application for the Grant is from invited from 21st July to 10th October.

• **Road Diversions**

- The A46 will be closed between "10pm and 6pm" due to some road resurfacing. This is likely to increase the HGV's coming through Studley during the closure for a month.

• **Studley Car Boot**

- The consultation on the new plan for restricted parking on Sunday will commence in June.

District Councillor E Holder reported that SDC Core Strategy has identified Lighthorn and Gaydon for 3500 new housing.

District Councillor P Beaman reported the following on;

- A new model has been proposed by the Fire Service that the response time will be 10 minutes instead of 20 minutes in 80% of the time.
- Assurances were given that a cross county agreement is in place to provide cover during an emergency.

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr E Holder, voting unanimous to invited Portfolio Holder of WDC to come to justify to Councillors on the issue of the reduction of cover from Alcester Station, despite promises that the cover from Alcester would remain.

Delegate report- There was none.

12. Committee Reports.

- Notes from meeting of Finance Committee- 15th April 2014

Proposed Cllr J Ingram, seconded Cllr J Bacon, voting unanimous that minutes of the Committee meetings to be signed by Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

13. Correspondence

Min: 25 SDC- Turn up for free Sports at Studley Millennium Green- 18th August 2014

Min: 26 Borough of Redditch Local Plan No: 4 – Hearing to commence (Regulation 24 (10) (Notice)- Cllr Mrs M Rickhards will be attending hearing on behalf of Studley Parish Council

Other Correspondence

Min: 27 Thank you from Shakespeare FC for Grant from Studley Parish Council

For Circulation

Min: 28 SLCC- The Clerk magazine- May 2014. Vol 45, No 3

Min: 29 Clerks & Council Direct – May 2014 – Issue 93

Min: 30 WDC- Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service. Newsletter- 20th April 2014

WALC

Min: 31 Repeal of S150 (5) of The Local Govt. Act 1972 Implementation

Min: 32 Safeguarding Public Money

NALC

Min: 33 Financial Regulations

Min: 34 Financial Briefing F03 -14 -12 March 2014- Electronic Payment for HMRC (England & Wales)

Min: 35 Financial Briefing F02-12- March 2014- Accounting for Council Tax Support Grant in a Council Annual return (England & Wales)

14. Approved Accounts for payment.

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	Petty Cash	Petty cash	469	£100.00
	Excel	Telephone charges	470	£99.68
	GS Adams	Installation of socket for Council Chamber & RCD protection to the socket circuit	471	£205.20
	GS Adams	Street lighting Maintenance	472	£551.65
	Redditch Skip	Skip Hire	473	£376.80
	Biffa Municipal	Bulky waste	474	£426.00
	Lyreco	Stationaries	475	£254.18
	HMRC	HMRC	476	£760.09
	CommuniCorp	Renewal of Clerks & Council Direct	479	£12.00

Proposed Cllr E Holder, seconded Cllr J Bacon, voting 8 in favour, 1 abstention that schedule of cheques be approved and signed.

16) Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 3rd June 2014

Meeting closed 9:30 pm