

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 20th October 2015 at 7:30 pm.

1. Chairman to declare the meeting open.

Present

Chairman Cllr P Beaman, Cllr Mrs S Redman, Cllr A Smith, Cllr Mrs M Rickhards, Cllr Mrs S Crofts, Cllr B Dixon, Cllr Mrs J Beard, Cllr Mrs K Somner- Brown & Cllr C Summers

In attendance

Assistant Clerk Mrs L Stanton, District Cllr J Kerridge, Mrs Nancy Singleton (SDC)
Mr Mike King (People & Places), Ross Crawford- Paul (Standard) 30 members of public.

Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Bacon (Holiday), District Cllr N Moon & Parish Clerk, Mrs L Gailey (holiday)
District Cllr N Moon

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Crofts, voting unanimous to accept the apologies.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare personal interest 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.

There were none

4. Presentation from Mr Mike King regarding Business Benchmarking Survey for Studley

Mr Mike King gave a presentation to the Council regarding Business Benchmarking for Studley Businesses.

5. Public Forum

- I. Cllr Mrs J Beard read out a letter on behalf of Mr Martin Vasey, Director and Company Secretary of the Management Company for Old Vicarage Gardens regarding his concerns for the possible disposal of the Parish Centre by the church.

The Chairman gave dispensation to 3 members of the public who wishes to speak at Public Forum but **had** missed the deadline for registering.

- II. Mr Bill Gayer of 14 Old Vicarage Gardens spoke regarding his concerns for the possible sale of the Parish Centre.
- III. Mr Terry Burton, 20 Riverside, Studley informed Council that he and other residents were denied entry into the Parish Centre where the church was holding their Parochial Church Council meeting on Monday evening 19th October 2015. He expressed his concerns regarding the possibility of the sale of the Parish Centre.
- IV. Father Silvester requested permission from Chairman to read out a statement that he had prepared regarding the Parish Centre. In his statement he informed all present that the Parish Church run various activities to help the residents in Studley. Some of these

activities are for the young people in the village. Due to the location and the size of the Parish Centre the church, for a very long time, have been frustrated that they cannot do more for the community of Studley. On the news of the closure of the Youth Centre the church began to think and talk about what might be possible if they could raise enough funds to purchase the Studley Centre. Father Silvester quoted “ We feel so strongly about this that last night, (19th Oct 2015), the Church Councils took the decision to investigate whether it is possible to utilise the value of our only available asset, the Parish Centre, to acquire the Studley Centre and do some significant renovation. We do not know if it is possible and, at this stage, we do not know where it will lead, and we would ask that people do not pre-judge what might happen as we go through this process. There is a real chance that in the end it may come to nothing. The numbers may not add up or the County Council may refuse our bid in which case nothing will happen, but for us this too important to miss, and too important not to at least try, our young people and the coming generations, are too important.

6. To pass minutes of the last meeting.

- 15th September 2015

Proposed Cllr Mrs S Crofts, seconded Cllr C Summers , voting 8 for, 2 abstentions for the minutes of the 15th September 2015 to be signed by Chairman as true record of the meeting.

- 6th October 2015

Proposed Cllr Mrs S Crofts, seconded Cllr C Summers, voting unanimous for the minute of the 6th October to be signed by Chairman as true record of the meeting.

7. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

There were none.

8. Items for Discussion

Min: 82 Approval Draft Policy on Petitions (Circulated by emailed)

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr A Smith, voting unanimous to approve Policy on Petition.

Min: 92 Studley Centre/ Parish Centre.

Cllr P Beaman informed all present at the Council Meeting that the Church Council can hold their meeting in private as it is different from a Parish Council meeting where the public are allowed. The Parish Council at this moment in time will not be able to comment on the matter unless a planning application for the Parish Centre has been submitted. The Parish Council have given their full support to the church for the purchase of the Studley Centre for their outreach programme.

Cllr Mrs S Redman asked the Council to keep an open mind on the work that the church is trying to do.

Min: Queen's 90th Birthday- Celebration

Cllr P Beaman would like Council to consider a sum of money to be allocated in the precept for the Queen's 90th celebrations. Cllr P Beaman would like the various groups in Studley to be involved with the celebration.

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Redman voting 9 in favour and 1 abstention that the Parish Council will be the instigator of the celebration.

Min: Remembrance Day Parade 8th November 2015.

9. Planning Applications for consideration.

15/03554/FUL: Mr Graham Snaddon, 32 Holt Garden, Studley.

- Proposed new pitched roof to replace flat roof over existing 2 storey extension.
- **Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr A Smith, voting unanimous to have No Representation.**

15/03505/FUL: Mr Mike Morgan, 60A Station Road, Studley.

- Proposed replacement rear conservatory with insulated extension brick cavity walling insulated low pitched roof lights, glazed windows & glazed door.
- **Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Crofts, voting unanimous to have No Representation.**

10. Planning Decisions Received

15/02614/COIQ: Mr G Gilbert, Clay & Associates, LLP, 15 Alcester Road.

- Proposed first floor side extension over existing garage
- **Prior Approval not required**

11. Notification of Planning Appeals & Planning Committee Meeting

To review objection regarding drop kerb for 111 High Street. (Application: 15/02995/FUL)

Proposed Cllr Mrs S Redman, seconded Cllr Mrs K Somner-Brown to withdraw Councils original objection. To inform SDC planning as part of the permission a permeable surface to be used for the hard standing to avoid flooding.

12. District, County Council & Delegate Reports.

Report from County Cllr C Rickards.

- St Mary's School in New Road have agreed to install a new guard rail at the entrance and the guard rail at the other entrance will be retained.
- The school signs on either end of the road will be replaced by yellow lines to stop parking outside the school.
- The additional Vehicle Activated signs on Bromsgrove Road and Alcester Road along with the double yellow lines at the end of New Road will soon be installed.
- Studley Centre is now released for tender. There are two parties who have expressed an interest to purchase the Centre. The bid from the Church of England has now developed some complication. Will wait to hear from the Church after their meeting.
- County Council will not confirm that they are not going ahead with the Dementia Extra Care unit on the site.
- A good amount of Council business continues to centre on 'savings' and this has recently centred on Housing Related Support Services and cuts to Home School Transport. On the latter a combination of opposition parties have caused Cabinet to cancel a few of the original cuts such as transport for Respite Care.

Report from District Cllr J Kerridge

- SDC decided on Monday 12th October not to join the West Midlands combined Authority but continue exploring the possibility of joining another larger grouping of authorities in the drive from central government towards devolution. With budgets continuing to reduce and a push from central government towards devolution it is highly likely that co-operation with other councils for cost saving and joined up services will continue to increase over coming years.

Delegate Report

- Cllr Mrs S Crofts informed Council that the SSSC have appointed 2 new trustees. They have several events coming up. Mr Tom O'Hanlon is helping them with their website.

13. Committee Reports

- Notes of Staffing Committee- 1st October 2015

Notes will be approved at the next meeting. Councillors have received the notes prior to this meeting.

14. Correspondence

Min: 93 Mr Ingram – request for additional street light between lamp post 1 Fosters Avenue & Toms Town Lane.

Request will be discussed by the Community Asset Committee.

Min: 94 Mrs Hazel Wright

Thank you letter to Parish Council.

Min: Ms Mavis Mason- Thank you note

- **Circulation**

Min: 95 Warwickshire Rural Housing Association Annual Report 2014/2015

15. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs M Woodrow, voting 9 for 1 abstention for the schedule of cheques to be approved and signed.

Date 20 th Oct 2015	Name	Chq no	Amount £
	HMRC	818	825.96
	Warwickshire Pension Fund	819	833.71
	P A Janes	820	5340.00
	Lite Ltd (Christmas lights)	821	1266.00
	Excel	822	104.00
	Ian Geddes(website update)	823	54.86

16. Date of the next Parish Council meeting: 3rd November 2015

Chairman Business

Cllr A Smith informed Council that Clarke Green Farm has continued to build on the site without planning permission. Cllr A Smith would like SDC Planning to enforce the planning laws.

District Cllr J Kerridge will speak to the Planning Inspector.

Meeting closed: 9 pm