

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 at 7:30 pm.

## 1. Chairman declared the meeting open.

### **Present**

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

### **In attendance**

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

## 2. Apologies for Absence.-

Cllr Mrs S Crofts ( holiday) & County Cllr C Rickhards

**Proposed Cllr E Holder, seconded Cllr P Beaman , voting unanimous to accept the apologies**

## 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.*

There were none

## 4. Public Forum

- I. Mr Dixon would like clarification on what the Parish Council insurance covers in relation to damaged graves in the cemetery. Clerk informed Mr Dixon that the insurance does not cover for any damage grave stones. Grave owners are responsible for the maintenance of their grave stones.  
Clerk updated Council and members present that the police have carried out their investigation regarding the criminal damage of the kerbstone in one of the graves in the cemetery and due to lack of evidence they will not be taking any further action, the case is closed.
- II. Mrs Beard would like the Council to make contingency plans for the future for any damage to kerbstones and memorials in the cemetery.
- iii. Cllr Mrs H Wright would like Council to put on the agenda for the cleaning of the needle sculpture on the Barley Mow island on the Alcester Road.

## 5. To Pass minutes of the last meeting

- 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr A Smith, voting 8 for and 1 abstention for minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 to be signed by Chairman as true record of the meeting as published.**

- 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Redman, voting 9 for and 2 abstention for the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 to be signed by Chairman as true records of the meeting as published.**

## 6. Matters Arising (for information only)

**Min 176:** Update on CCTV footage skate park graffiti

Due to bad weather conditions on the evening of the incident there was no clear footage on the SDC CCTV. SDC has agreed to reposition the camera to face the skate park. This can be done remotely.

## 7. Items for Discussion

**Min: 183** Committee allocations

Cllr J Ingram suggested to Council that the Committee & Working Parties allocations will be decided by the new Chairman and Vice- Chair when the new Council is in place after the elections. Council interest will be taken into account for the various Committees & Working Parties. Committee and Working Parties leadership will also be allocated by the Chairman

**Proposed Cllr Mrs M Rickhards, seconded Cllr A Smith voting unanimous for Committees & Working Parties allocation to be decided by the new Chairman.**

### **Min: 184 Update on Cemetery – Rules & Regulations**

Clerk read out the following statement by the Chairman.

“The Burial Ground Working Party has sat for the last four months and agreed a set of proposals to put to Full Council. The essence of this is bound by the development of a public consultation group to be formed which aims to ensure citizens needs and expectations are considered by the Burial Ground Committee of the Council.

Council will seek citizen representatives to express the views of parishioners and represent matters pertaining to the Parishes burial Ground. This will ensure that parishioners concerns are debated with the Burial Committee and will help form proposals for changes and developments to Council.

It is expected there will be 4 parishioners forming the public consultation group who will meet on a regular basis with the Council’s Burial Ground Committee; this will likely be made up of either 2 or 3 Councillors. The formation of these new governance arrangements will be proposed (if accepted) by the new Council to be formed after the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015”

## 8. Planning Application for consideration

None

## 9. Planning Decisions Received

15/00335/FUL: Mr Michael Wright, Land Adjacent to Chadwick Croft, Green Lane, Studley  
Single storey dwelling with pitched green roof and associated parking

**Decision: Refusal**

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

There were none

## 13. District, County Council & Delegate Reports.

## **County Cllr C Rickhards report:**

### **i) Road & Traffic Improvement**

- Provision of certain road and traffic improvements has been set aside within the budget of £32.6k per year over two years.
- There are to be vehicle activated flashing signs either side of the road at the following points; Alcester Rd between Manor Rd and Castle Rd Bromsgrove Rd or Node Hill in the area of the Jubilee crossroads & Station Rd. The precise locations are yet to be determined.
- Drainage work in Sambourne and speed reduction signage on Sernal Lane has also been agreed. The money budgeted covers the whole division not just Studley Parish.
- Under separate funding there is to be road resurfacing along the 'central' section of Alcester Rd.
- Under a separate funding there should be parking restrictions on the dangerous section of New Rd near to the Alcester Rd T junction.
- There is also going to be some provision of 20 mph restrictions at locations near to schools in Studley. Cllr C Rickhards will provide precise details and times in later report
- There have recently been consultations on Sunday am only parking restrictions on Station Rd, Kiln Close and Brickyard Lane. There were only two objections this time and so these measures will proceed.
- Cllr C Rickhards did pursue the possibilities of either lights or a reconfiguration of the pavement at the Jubilee crossroads but in both cases this would have swallowed up the whole two year budget and left nothing for anything else.

### **ii) Studley Centre**

- Negotiations are proceeding between the Church of England and the County Estates Officers with a view to a purchase to convert the Studley Centre in to a coffee bar with facilities for youths and food bank, amongst other things.

### **iii) Old Fire Station- Bell Lane**

- The Parish Council will shortly receive details of planning application for 6 extra care units at the old fire station on Bell Lane

### **District Council report.**

There were none.

### **Delegate Report**

- Cllr E Holder circulated SSSC minutes to all Councillors

## **12. Committee Reports.**

Approval of Notes of Committee Meetings & Working Party

- 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015- Burial Working Party
- 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015- Grants Committee Meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 – Finance Committee Meeting

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Redman, voting unanimous for notes of the Working Party Meeting & Committee Meeting to be signed by the Chairman as true record of the meetings.**

### **13. Correspondence**

NALC- Legal Topics Notes

**Min: 185** LTN 15- Legal Proceeding

**Min: 186** Section 137

**Min: 187** Local Government Act '72

**Min: 188** LTN 79- Staff Pension

### **14. Approved Accounts for payment.**

21 <sup>st</sup> April 2015				
	GS Adams	Street light maintenance- March	699	551.65
		Install new LED lantern & re-align lamp	699	114.00
		Replacement Street light 11 Station Road	699	1179.60
	Excel	Telecom	700	102.08
	Redditch Skip	Skip hire	701	188.40
	Ian Geddes	Website	702	31.88
	HMRC	HMRC	703	864.16
	Wages	Wages	DD&704 & 705	2489.47

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Redman, voting unanimous that schedules of cheques to be approved and signed.**

**15. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

**Meeting closed: 8:35 pm**