

# Studley Parish Council

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

## 1. Chairman declared the meeting open.

### **Present**

Chairman Cllr P Beaman, , Cllr Mrs S Redman, Cllr A Smith, Cllr C Summers, Cllr E Holder, Cllr Mrs M Woodrow, Cllr B Dixon, Cllr Mrs J Beard, Cllr Mrs M Rickhards, Cllr Mrs S Crofts

### **In attendance**

County Cllr C Rickhards, Clerk Mrs L Gailey, Ms Beth Wright – Redditch Standard & 17 members of the public.

## 2. Apologies for Absence.-

Cllr Mrs K Somner – Brown (Illness) District Cllrs J Kerridge & N Moon (holiday)

Asst Clerk Mrs L. Stanton (Annual leave), Cllr J Bacon ( holiday)

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr A Smith, 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.*

- Cllr P Beaman item 14 – payment to Studley Village Hall

## 4. Public Forum

Ms S Werner, 12 Manor Road, Studley spoke for several residents in objection to planning application 15/01683/FUL.

Cllr Holder requested that Council send a card of condolence to a previous member of the Parish Council.

## 7. To Pass minutes of the last meeting

16<sup>th</sup> July 2015 7 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**Proposed Cllr E Holder, seconded Cllr Mrs IJ Beard, voting unanimous for the above minutes to be signed by Chairman as true record of the meeting as published.**

## 8. Matters Arising (for information only)

There were none.

## 9. Items for Discussion

**Min: 42 Proposed Cllr Beaman, seconded Cllr Smith, voting unanimous to accept recommendation from Village Assets Committee to authorise expenditure for repair and replacement to Streetlights situated outside 1 Manor Road and 1 Morgan Close as per quote from GS Adams.**

**Min 43: Proposed Cllr Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Crofts, voting unanimous to accept recommendation from Finance Committee to authorise a Grant request from CAB and procure a printer for use at the CAB Outreach Surgery.**

**Min 44: Proposed Cllr Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Redman, voting unanimous to accept recommendation from Finance Committee to appoint CCLA and to invest**

**in appropriate fund to secure and protect short and long term investments.**

**Min 45:** Cllr Mrs Redman updated Council on progress with Burial Rules review.

- Burial Committee have agreed questions for inclusion in a survey which will be sent to all residents in due course in order to gather views on the administration of the Parish Cemetery.

## **10. Planning Application for consideration**

15/01803/FUL Mr Matthew Clarke, Ricor Ltd, Arrow Works, Birmingham Road, Studley  
Extension to factory to provide storage for tools and creation of hard standing adjacent to it

**Proposed Cllr Beaman, seconded Cllr Dixon, voting unanimous to Support.**

The following comment to be included:-

- Council requests that Officers investigate a tree root preservation zone and TPO for all substantial trees on site

15/01112/REM Mr K Greenall, The Griffin Inn, 1 Green Lane, Studley

Application for approval of reserved matters relating to access, appearance, landscaping,

Layout and scale for the erection of 5 dwellings in association with outline planning

Permission (13/00973/OUT)

**Proposed Cllr Beaman, seconded Cllr Smith, voting unanimous to Support.**

The following comments to be included :-

- Council would prefer fence at south of site to be lower
- Council would like to see developer provide some funding towards investigating a reduction from 40mph to 30mph around the site of development
- Developer to provide a Village Gateway

15/01683/FUL Mr David Bush, Chester House, 91-93 Alcester Road, Studley

Demolition of existing shops and offices and erection of apartment block to consist of

No.6 one bedroom apartments with parking and garden to the rear

**Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Dixon, voting unanimous to Object on the following grounds:-**

- Overdevelopment of site, bulk and mass
- Overlooks adjacent properties
- Contra to Housing Needs Survey 2014 - no evidence of widespread need for 1 bed units, rather for 2/3 bed family homes (Policy Com 1)
- Lack of amenity space contrary to NPPF
- Does not enhance or respect listed building adjacent to site
- Detrimental to street scene
- Three storey building in streetscene which is predominantly two storey buildings. Height of building adds to impression of solid blocks of brick detracting from enhancing the area as require by Policy CS9 section B para 1,2, & 8
- Design is bland and uninteresting
- Reduction of visibility splay makes access to Manor Road difficult
- Proposed planting will further obstruct visibility
- Parking court cramped and poor design will leave a view of 18 household bins, 6 cars and a blank wall

## **11. Planning Decisions Received**

15/01558/FUL Planscapes (Leisure) Ltd, 2-4 Redditch Road, Studley

Demolition of existing industrial and commercial buildings and 2 no. flats; construction of

4 no. houses and 3 no. flats together with creation of new vehicular access, parking area Gardens, erection of new boundary treatments to Redditch Road and installation of Biomass district heating system (resubmission of 14/00665/FUL)

**Permission with Conditions**

15/01562/COUQ Mr William Green, Holt Farm, Alcester Road, Studley  
Notification of change of use and conversion of an agricultural building to a single dwelling with associated cartilage (including associated building operations) under Parts Q (a&b)

**Prior Approval Refused**

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

There were none

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

**County Cllr C Rickhards report:-**

- Diamond Bus Service No.67 will be calling at hospital again from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015.
- County Council Ruling Group plan a series of cuts in Housing related support services. An example is the provision of red alarms in accommodation for the elderly. Opposition parties presented some alternatives. Awaiting decision from Cabinet regarding taking proposals to Full Council.
- County libraries running 4 to 11 year old Reading Challenge (includes Studley Library)
- Period for applying for Member Grants has commenced.
- There is to be a Warwickshire Police Citizen's Academy in the autumn.
- County considering the possibility of using a part of the closed Studley Centre for some kind of activity for dementia sufferers.
- Cllr Rickhards to issue monitoring forms to residents on A435 re volume and speed of HGV's
- Vehicle Activated Signs on Alcester Road, The Slough/Bromsgrove Road and Station Road should be installed in next few months. Funding has been provided.

**District Cllr J Kerridge & Cllr N Moon joint report:-**

- Redditch/Bromsgrove joint Local Plan currently proposed land behind Alex and along A455 in Mappleborough Green for development has had serious setback. The Inspector asked for a lot of new work to be done including more on the sustainability appraisal.
- Inspector noted other strategic sites around Studley were correctly NOT brought forward for further analysis and has given the Councils an alternative option of going back to drawing board. He also questioned their 5 year housing land supply and required proof they have one.
- An options study is now commissioned by SDC on the Co-op site including land values, potential development options and the legal case for compulsory purchase.
- Stratford's Core Strategy debated in Council. Many changes. Increased housing numbers and locations for new housing but no changes for Green Belt Policy or Studley Policy, housing numbers etc. The revised Core Strategy approved at Council of 20<sup>th</sup> July will shortly go out to consultation. No changed implications for Studley.
- Enforcement Officer to follow up on builders debris in High Street and signage outside HSBC bank. Also Roy's Bikes site being discussed with developer.

**Delegate Reports**

There were none

**14. Committee Reports.**

Approval of Notes of Committee

9 June - Project Working Party - **Proposed Cllr Mrs S Redman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Crofts**

9 June - Village Assets - **Proposed Cllr Mrs S Crofts, seconded Cllr Mrs S Redman**

2 July - Finance - **Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Redman**

2 July - Village Assets - **Proposed Cllr B Dixon, seconded Cllr P Beaman**  
 7 July - Correspondence from developer - **Proposed Cllr Mrs S Redman, seconded Cllr B Dixon**  
 7 July - Emergency Planning - **Proposed Cllr E Holder, seconded Cllr P Beaman**  
 14 July – Staffing – **Proposed Cllr Mrs M Rickhards, seconded Cllr Mrs M Woodrow**  
 14 July - Parish Plan – **Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs M Rickhards**  
**voting unanimous to approve the above Committee reports**

## 15. Correspondence

**Min: 46** Letter from Mr P York regarding parking at Dunstall Allotments – a response noting his comments to be sent

**Min: 47** Concerns raised by residents to Cllr Mrs IJ Beard :-

Mrs C Stanton – issues with grass cuttings over headstone and dislodging of headstone at cemetery.

Mr & Mrs Daffin – removal of Solar lights in cemetery and grass cutting at Railway Green.

Mr A Morgan – matters concerning Cemetery.

Mrs J Parker – Grass scattered over headstones.

Parish Council have noted the concerns raised which will be monitored.

## Circulation

**Min: 48** Alcester North SNT Newsletter

**Min: 49** Clerks & Councils Direct publication

**Min: 50** The Clerk publication

**Min: 51** LCR publication

## 16. Approved Accounts for payment.

21 <sup>st</sup> July 2015			Cheque no	£
	WCC Pension funds	Pension	759	833.71
	Salary	Salary	760	142.97
	HMRC	HMRC	761	825.96
	Studley In Bloom	Annual Grant	762	750.00
	Studley Village Hall	Annual Grant	763	750.00
	Redditch Skip Hire	Skip Hire	764	188.40
	Biffa	Bulky Waste Container – June	765	507.60
	SDC	Annual charge for emptying dog waste bin	766	122.24
	Ian Geddes	Website Update	767	39.85
	Excel Ltd	Telephone & Internet Charges	768	103.54

**Proposed Cllr E Holder, seconded Cllr Mrs S Crofts, voting 9 in favour and 1 abstention that schedule of cheques to be approved and signed.**

## 17. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 4 August 2015

**Meeting closed: 9:10 pm**