

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 21st October 2014 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 E Holder, Cllr P Beaman & Cllr M Redman, Cllr T O'Hanlon & Cllr J Bacon,

In attendance

Parish Clerk, Mrs L Gailey, Assistant Clerk Mrs L Stanton, County Councillor C Rickhards, Ms Connie Osborne, Standard Reporter & 15 members of public.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Mrs M Woodrow & District Cllr 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.

None

4. Public Forum

- I. Mrs Simons spoke against the planning application 1462239/FUL. She would like Council to consider her concerns.
- II. Mr Summers of No: 5 Holt Road would like to know how the consultation was carried out prior to the new rules and regulations at the cemetery being published. Chairman informed Mr Summers that the Clerk will write to him on his query. Mr Summers expressed his concerns on the inaccuracy of the press release in the local paper.
- III. Mrs Karen Somner-Brown informed Council that a total of 432 people have signed up to the Group Facebook page against the rules and regulations of Studley Cemetery. A total of 957 people have also signed their petition and she is hoping to get 1000 signatures before she presents the petition to the Studley Parish Council. She would like the Council to reconsider their vote on the new rules and regulations.
- IV. Mr Dixon expressed his concern that a member of the public who spoke at the Public Forum on the 2nd April 2014 was not a resident of Studley. He urged the Chairman to use his discretion to allow other members of the public who are not residents of Studley to be allowed to speak at Public Forum on their concerns regarding the cemetery rules and regulations.
- V. Mrs Beard spoke against the Studley Cemetery rules & regulations. She read out a statement to the Council and a copy of the statement was handed to the Chairman.

VI. Mr Ian Taylor- Hughes handed 2 sets of photographs to the Chairman that he had taken at Studley Cemetery. He does not understand why the Parish Council have not written to the owners of the untidy graves in the photographs. He would like Council to consider allowing non – residents to be allowed to speak on their concerns of the cemetery rules and regulations. He would like to thank Cllr Eric Holder for his support given to the ‘Studley Residents Against New Graveyard rules group’.

5. To Pass minutes of the last meeting

- 16th Sept 2014
- 7th Oct 2014

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Redman, voting for 8 and 2 abstentions for the minutes of the 16th Sept. to be signed by Chairman as true record of the meeting as published.

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Redman, voting unanimous that the minutes of the 7th October 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: 114 Parish Plan

Cllr P Beaman informed Council that he had hoped to have the first draft of the proposed Parish Plan ready but due to the additional work load of on the Councillors and Clerks this has not been possible. Due to insufficient resources the Parish Plan Committee will now need to assist with the draft.

Min: 115 Electoral Reviews of Warwickshire County Council Draft Recommendation.

County Cllr C Rickhards informed Council of the following;

- A reduction of County Councillors from the present 62 Councillors to 57 Councillors after the 2017 elections.
- There will be 2 District Wards instead of 4 as at present.
- Studley with Samborne & Studley with Mappleborough Green.
- In addition to the 2 wards above County Division will include Kinwarton, Coughton, Great Alne, Little Alne and the whole of Aston Cantlow.

Min: 116 Street Naming & Numbering- Development of Bell Lane, Studley

Parish Councillors will consider some names to be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

Min: 117 Dunstall Allotments Matters

Cllr E Holder would like Council to consider installing a mirror on the lamp post opposite the entrance to the allotment to assist with visibility.

Proposed Cllr E Holder, seconded Cllr P Beaman, voting unanimous to obtain permission from Highways for the installation of a mirror.

Min: 118 Parish Meeting:-

- **Does the Parish Council want Chairman to Chair a Parish Meeting if one is held?**

The Chairman gave his view on not chairing the Parish Meeting.

Proposed Cllr M Redman, seconded Cllr A Smith, voting 7 in favour and 3 abstentions for the Chairman & Vice- Chairman to not chair the Parish Meeting.

- **Discuss rules of funding any Parish Meeting**

Clerk to provide guidance notes to Mrs Karen Somner- Brown. The Parish Council will pay for the rental of a room if the 'Studley Residents Against New Graveyard Rules Group' chooses to organise the Parish Meeting.

- **Whether Parish Council will participate in organising any meetings and if so identify a representative of the Group with whom Parish Council will work with.**

Cllr P Beaman informed Council that it would be counterproductive for the Parish Council to organise and set the agenda for the Parish Meeting based on the following reasons;

- The Parish Council has supported the regulations from the start.
- There is no evidence that all the residents in Studley is against the rules & regulations of the cemetery.
- If the Council could see sufficient evidence from the petition that a large amount of residents are against the rules the Council can reconsider.

Proposed Cllr J Bacon, seconded Cllr E Holder, voting 8 in favour and 2 abstentions in order to achieve a fair and democratic membership of the committee he (Cllr J Bacon) will be resigning at the end of tonight's Council Meeting (21st October 2014). The two vacancies gives a chance for 2 members from the Group to be co-opted on to the Parish Council to take part in the committee which will be fair and democratic and allow a fair and democratic solution to be achieved. Parish Council to inform the Studley Residents Against New Graveyard Rules Group of the two vacancies and ask them to nominate 2 members from the Group to be co-opted on to the Council. The Committee will consist of the following;

- 2 new co-opted Councillors and 2 present Councillors
- 2 members of residents for and 2 members of residents against.
- 1 member of the clergy

- **Discuss options for a Village Poll for changes to the Cemetery Rules to determine Village feeling.**

Proposed Cllr Mrs S Redman, seconded Cllr P Beaman, voting unanimous if the offer is not taken up by the Group after the resignation of Cllr J Bacon a Parish Poll will take place to resolve the matter.

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Redman, voting unanimous that if a poll takes place then the question to be asked is cleared by the SDC Monitoring Officer.

- **Suggestions from Council for addressing appropriate representation over the matter of changes to the Burial Grounds.**

The above options have been discussed and voted on by Full Council.

8. Planning Applications for consideration

14/02239/FUL: Mr D Hartle, 37 High Street, Studley B80 &HN

Proposed retrospective permission for the erection of 2 air- conditioning units and associated screening.

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Crofts, voting unanimous to object based on the following;

- **Amenities objection**
- **Listed Building**
- **Impact on nearby residents**

14/02634/FUL: Mr & Mrs John Downie, 27 Toms Town Lane, Studley, B80 7QG

Proposed two storey rear extension- single storey side extension

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Crofts, voting unanimous to have No Representation.

14/02139/FUL: Arden Construction Ltd, Unit 6 & 7 Poplar Industrial Estate, Redditch Road, Studley.

Proposed single storey monopitched linked extension to unit 6 & 7 to provide 220 sq. meters of additional floor space for light industrial use.

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr E Holder, voting unanimous to support based on the following;

- **Jobs for the area**
- **Site maintain present workforce**

9. Planning Decisions Received

13/00973/OUT: Mr D R Sanders, The Griffin Inn, 1 Green Lane, Studley, B80 7HD

Change of use of land from A4 (Public House) to C3 (Dwellings) demolition of existing public house and erection of 5 dwellings (Outline application with all matters reserved)

Outline Permission

10. Notification of Planning Appeals & Planning Committee Meeting

There were none.

11. District, County Council & Delegate Reports.

County Councillor C Rickhards reported on the following:

County Council Member's Grant

- Consideration of the Grant will take place on the 10th November 2014
- So far there has only been 2 grant applications; Studley Christmas Light Committee & Parenting Project from the Children's Centre.

Fire & Rescue

- The changes to the original plan for savings were approved by Full Council.
- Alternative crew arrangements and redundancies through natural wastage are the main ways to save £2.379 million by 2018.
- The Alcester Station have 24 hours cover with the operation of the Day Crew where arrangement will be made with the staff to remain on call at the station. A provision of £200,000 to improve the facilities at the station for overnight stay.

Studley Centre

- County Council has not made any decision to use the Centre for children with emotional and behavioural difficulties. Churches Together will have the first option to utilise the Centre if County Council decide not to use the centre.
- There is now the possibility of some Anti-Social Behaviour money becoming available from SDC.

Redditch Local Plan Hearings

- County Councillor C Rickhards has been attending the hearings in June & September on behalf of Studley Parish Council. Cllr Rickhards spoke on concerns regarding the A435 development at Mappleborough which will impact the traffic on the A435 and the closing of the gap between Studley and Redditch. The Inspector at the hearing agreed to visit the A435 area.

Road Safety

- Following the meeting between local residents and Road Safety from County there is a possibility of progress for a school crossing patrol and extension of the railings outside the Infant School. Some parking issues have also been discussed.

Diversions and Resurfacing

- Cllr Rickhards has met with representative of County Highways and Balfour Beatty to discuss recent traffic chaos in Sambourne to see what measures could be taken to ease problems for upcoming resurfacing in Studley.

Primary School Places

- There is a clear pressure on these places which is now producing various schemes for extensions of existing schools.

District Cllr Mrs H Wright's report has been circulated by email to all Councillors

Cllr Mrs H Wright report;

Examination of the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No 4

- Inspector's post hearing note
- Michael Hetherington the inspector appointed to conduct an examination in public of Borough of Redditch Local Plan No 4 has issued an interim report. Whilst the report is sympathetic to the case argued locally, it cannot be assumed that this will be his final conclusions. He has considered in light of the relevant representations the A435 ADR the sites of most concern to Studley and Mappleborough Green and to which there was opposition.
- In Interim Report the Inspector shared some of the views expressed by the objectors.
- Specifically he felt that there had been insufficient exploration of the landscape character or visual quality of the land.
- The role of the land has not been robustly assessed in maintaining the setting of Redditch's urban area or providing separation between the urban area and its surroundings.
- The Inspector refers to site 211 and the proposed employment allocation IN 82 and concludes indivisibility between the urban area and the A435 is limited
- The Inspector noted that there would be increased employment land that is proposed at Winyates Triangle therefore the removal of site IN 82 would make no difference. From a Studley perspective if this site is removed it would imply less traffic and retain a clearer division between an urban and a rural settlement
- Deletion of the middle part of site 211 for housing he felt would not affect the 5year land supply for Redditch Borough Council.
- After further consideration the Inspector may in the final report come to different conclusions.

- It was interesting to note it was Studley Councillors C Rickhards and Cllr Mrs H Wright who went to the enquiry to give evidence. Cllr P Beaman had submitted written evidence.

Stratford upon Avon Core Strategy

- Inspector Mr. Peter Drew has now been appointed to lead the public enquiry into the Core Strategy. The target date for completion is April 2015, although a start date has not been announced.
- Written evidence over a period of years has already been submitted by Cllr Mrs H Wright and Cllr P Beaman. This contributed hugely to the recommendations. It is our intention to defend our stance at the examination as we have done on many occasions in the Council.

State of the District

- It has been shown that Stratford upon Avon is the only district for deaths to exceed births. Clearly there are long term challenges to address. Cllr Mrs H Wright is not sure what this means for Studley.
- Cllr E Holder informed Council that attended Anti- Social Behaviour training for District Councillors.

Delegate Report.

Cllr E Holder informed Council there are only 2 plots available on Dunstall allotments for rent.

12. Committee Reports.

- General Purposes Committee Notes

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr A Smith, voting 8 in favour and 2 abstentions that the notes Committee meetings to be signed by Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

13. Correspondence

Min: 119 Resignation letter from Cllr M Roskell. The resignation letter was read out by the Clerk.

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr T O'Hanlon voting unanimous for Clerk to write Mr M Roskell to thank him for his service to Studley Parish Council.

Min: 120 SSAFA- Col Tony Ward (Worcestershire Branch) Letter of thanks was read out by the Clerk.

Min: 121 WALC- AGM, Tuesday 4 November 2014, 7:30pm at Shire Hall.

Min: 122 3 Numbers of letters from 'Studley Residents Against New Graveyard Rules'. The 3 letters were read out by the Clerk. The letters will be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

For Circulation

There were none

14. Approved Accounts for payment.

21 st Oct 2014				
	SDC Cemetery Rates	Cemetery Rates	DD	£78.00
	PWLB	Skatepark Loan	DD	£2651.63
	NPower	Streetlights	DD	£5644.31
	Clarity	Photocopying	DD	£174.14
	Severn Trent	Dunstall Water	DD	£800.00
	Biffa Municipal	Bulky Waste	581	£507.60
	Redditch Skip	Skip Hire	582	£188.40
	Excel Telecommunication	Telecom	583	£99.13
	TRBL	Poppy Wreath	584	£18.50
	HMRC	HMRC	585	£777.69
	Salaries	Salaries	SO 586 587	£2299.86

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr M Redman, voting unanimous for the schedule of cheques be approved and signed.

15. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 4th November 2014

Meeting closed 9:15 pm