

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 18th June 2019 at 7:30pm

1. Chairman declared the meeting open.

Present

Chair Cllrs C Summers, Vice-Chair P Beaman, Mrs J Beard, B Dixon, M Fox, A Smith
Mrs S Redman & P Hencher-Serafin

In attendance

Parish Clerk, Mrs L Gailey, County Cllr C Rickhards, District Cllr P Hencher- Serafin, 14 members of the public & 1 member of the Press (Redditch Standard).

2. To receive Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs S Crofts and Assistant Clerk Mrs L Stanton

To consider acceptance of Apologies

Proposed Cllrs M Fox, seconded Mrs S Redman, voting unanimous to accept apologies.

3. Declarations of Interest.

- To receive declaration of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda.
- To receive written request for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interest (if any)
- To consider any request for dispensations as appropriate.

None declared

4. Public Forum

Mrs L Bewley – Planning Application 19/01191/FUL

5. Update from The Studley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

- The Business Survey has been finalised and is awaiting distribution. It will also be available on the Parish Council website. Survey return date 26 July 2019.

6. To pass minutes of the last meeting.

- 28th May 2019
- 4th June 2019

Proposed Cllrs P Beaman, seconded M Fox, voting unanimous for the minutes to be signed as true record of the meetings.

7. Matters Arising (For Information only).

There were none

8. Items for Discussion

Min: 15 Long Service Award – Eric Holder, Retired Councillor

Cllr C Summers presented E Holder with a glass tankard in recognition of 12 years of service to Studley as a Parish Councillor. E Holder served from May 2007 to May 2019 when he retired from the Council.

Min: 16 Update on development and use of land, Redditch Road, Studley

The Clerk reported that a planning application has been received by Stratford on Avon District Council and a Planning Enforcement case has been opened for the matter to be investigated accordingly.

Min: 17 School Crossing Patrol – Station Road, Studley

The Clerk reported that the vacancy for a school crossing patrol at this site has been advertised.

Min: 18 To Agree Cheque Signatories and Sign Revised Bank Mandate

Proposed Cllrs C Summers, seconded A Smith, voting unanimous

- that cheque signatories should include all members of the Finance Committee, the Clerk and Assistant Clerk
- that Cllr Mrs IJ Beard be added as a signatory
- that the Revised Bank Mandate be signed by the Chairman and Clerk

Min:19 Investment Strategy

Proposed Cllrs Mrs S Redman, seconded A Smith, voting unanimous to approve the Investment Strategy for 2019-20.

Min:20 Risk Register – Finance

Proposed Cllrs Mrs S Redman, seconded B Dixon, voting unanimous to approve the Finance Risk Register 2019-20.

Min:21 Risk Register – Assets

Proposed Cllrs Mrs S Redman, seconded P Beaman, voting unanimous to approve the Asset Risk Register 2019-20.

Min:22 Annual Internal Audit Report 2018-19

Proposed Cllrs Mrs S Redman, seconded M Fox, voting unanimous that the content of the Internal Audit Report was reviewed by Council and found to be satisfactory. Clerk to produce an action plan to address the 2 points raised regarding whether the latest WALC Standing Orders & Financial Regulations would better suit Council. The report commented that the Clerk and Assistant Clerk are very competent. Council thanked the Clerks.

9. Planning Applications for consideration

- 19/01191/FUL: Mr & Mrs P R Robinson, Unit 2, 32 Crooks Lane, Studley B80 7QX
- Demolition of existing B1 factory and erection of four dwellings with ancillary parking
- **Proposed Cllrs M Fox, seconded A Smith, voting 7 for and 1 abstention to Object to this application for the following reasons:**
- Overdevelopment of site
- Lack of amenity space
- Safeguarding issue with regard to school children being overlooked in classrooms due to the proximity of the development to the adjacent High School.
- Storm Culvert which has been in place for many years at rear of site which protects school from flooding but from plans it appears that proximity of building work will encompass the culvert and cause flooding problems.
- Curtilage within development is not clearly defined and neither is ownership of site.
- Application proposes to fell trees which are not in developer's ownership and not on developers land. Possible Tree Protection Order (TPO) concerns as trees likely to be owned by SDC. If not TPO Council would want a root preservation zone around the trees.
- Positioning of refuse bins will cause problems with collection as they will need to be moved onto public footpath on Crooks Lane for collection. School children use this footpath to access the High School and cars already park on the footpath when dropping off and collecting children. The effect of this will be that the footpath will be difficult for children to navigate on bin collection days. The location of the bin storage on the development is much closer to 30B Crooks Lane than the houses on the development.

- Insufficient space within site to turn delivery vehicles around.
 - Access & Egress to site does not give clear line of sight.
 - Has proper notice of the planning application been give to adjacent land owner, Studley High School?
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- 19/00730/FUL: Mr & Mrs David Wright, 39 Crooks Lane, Studley B80 7QX
 - Demolition of small single storey rear extension; construction of new two storey rear extension; Construction of new facing brick plinth to visible perimeter; application of unifying render finish to existing walls above plinth
 - **Proposed Cllrs M Fox, seconded Mrs IJ Beard, voting 7 for and 1 abstention to record No Representation.**

10. District, County Council & Delegate Reports.

District Cllr N Edden reported the following:

- It is expected that a developer will challenge the 5 year housing supply over the coming months. SDC are slightly below target, but those targets are expected to be surpassed with upcoming larger developments such as Long Marston.
- Committee passed a motion to accrue CIL payments into a reserve of £750,000 before the process for allocation and spend is undertaken. It will not affect the distribution of the relevant allocations to Parish and Town Councils or the use of the 5% CIL administration fee by the Council
- Redditch Eastern Gateway - the routing strategy document appears to have been finalised. I am seeking clarification on whether the version presented to myself and Cllr Hencher-Serafin is indeed the version that will be put to the planning committee. I've also raised a couple of technical questions with Alice Cosnett (planning officer) around traffic modelling and restrictions that are being enforced for traffic joining the site from the South (which is, to my mind, unclear within the document but not actually omitted from the planning condition related to the need for HGV routing strategy) along with SDCs standpoint on the planning "harm" caused by moving traffic from one AQMA area (A435) to the border of another (A448).
- There is a Gypsy and Traveller accommodation assessment been commissioned to inform planning decisions and policy development in housing and planning, notably the emerging SDC Gypsy and Traveller Plan expected around September 2019.
- Thanks - It has become incredibly clear to me the great job that SPC do in terms of feeding good quality information and decisions into the planning process. I would just like to pass on my thanks to you for your professionalism and considered & informed decision making, to that end. It has really helped me get to grips with my new role.

District Cllr P Hencher-Serafin reported the following:

- Eastern Gateway – I endorse report made by Cllr N Edden and add that there was no proper road infrastructure before planning was approved.
- Car Wash located at Studley Sports Club on Alcester Road – Planning permission was granted the main reason being that Mappleborough Green Parish Council lodged their objection too late and that the previous District Cllr for Mappleborough Green made no comment. Had objections been filed in time then the matter would have gone to Committee.

County Cllr C Rickhards reported the following:

School Crossing Patrol - Station Road/High Street. WCC have applied their criteria which the site has achieved. It's now a question of finding someone to perform the role.

Roads- Last week Cabinet adopted proposals to use the government Major Routes Network money. They prioritised sites in Nuneaton, Rugby and Kenilworth. The A435 was in the next section not to be actioned until after 2025 (although meetings with stakeholders would begin early next year).

The A435 is top of that second list. I argued for the prioritisation to be reviewed. The Leader of the Council then called for a Members seminar to look in detail at the schemes and I am hopeful that Studley and District can be moved up the order.

Any schemes outside of this such as Average Speed cameras can still be financed under a separate CIF Fund. A scheme for the A435 is still well to the fore of thinking on such a scheme.

Eastern Gateway

A Steering group on which I am a representative has not met for over 6 months. It is supposed to determine traffic diversion arrangements. I have protested.

Proposed Cllrs P Beaman, seconded M Fox, voting unanimous that the Clerk would write to the appropriate officer at SDC to ask why the steering group has not met, an update and ask for a meeting to be arranged/

11. Committee

- Burial Committee Notes – 26th April 2019
- **Proposed Cllrs B Dixon, seconded P Beaman, voting unanimous that the notes be signed as a true copy of the meeting.**
- Street Lighting Notes – 22 May 2019
- **Proposed Cllrs P Beaman, seconded M Fox, voting unanimous that the notes be signed as a true copy of the meeting.**

12. Correspondence

- **Min: 23** Council had received a thank you card from Mrs J Charlton in respect of the naming of a new development Charlton Place in memory her late husband who had made a significant contribution to Studley over many years.
- **Circulation** - There was none.

13. Approve Accounts for Payment

18 th June 2019	HMRC	Paye & N/I	665	1031.75
	Warwickshire Pension Fund	Contributions	666	1130.86
	Lyreco Ltd	Stationery	667	153.20
	Studley Allotment Association	Annual Subscriptions	668	255.00
	Excel Communications Ltd	Telephone & Internet	669	100.52
	Grenade Grafix Ltd	Signage	670	458.47
	Stratford District Council	Licence Fee – Path at Studley Nature Reserve	671	350.00
	AquAid	Annual Water Cooler rental	672	92.88

Proposed Cllrs Mrs S Redman, seconded M Fox, voting unanimous to approve accounts for payment.

14. Date of next meeting 2nd July 2019

Meeting closed 8.35pm