

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 20th August 2019, at 7:30pm

1. Chairman declared the meeting open.

Present

Chair Cllrs C Summers, Vice Chair Paul Beaman, M Fox, A Smith, Mrs J Beard, Mrs S Crofts, M Osborne, P Hencher-Serafin, Miss Z Tolley & B Dixon

In attendance

Assistant Clerk, Mrs L Stanton, District Cllrs N Edden, P Hencher-Serafin, 3 members of public & 1 member of press.

2. To receive Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs S Redman, County Cllr C Rickhards & Parish Clerk L Gailey

3. To consider acceptance of Apologies

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

4. 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.**
- Cllr P Beaman- item 11 Notes of Finance Meeting – ORI- Contract of work awarded to employer
- Cllr M Osborne- Item: 8 – Station Road plot holder- Horticultural Awards
- Cllr Mrs S Crofts- Item: 8 – Spouse to plot holder on Station road- Horticultural Awards
- Cllr Mrs J Beard- Item:8 Horticultural Awards- Garden Frontage category.
- **Proposed Cllrs M Fox, seconded B Dixon, voting unanimous to accept declaration of interest from Cllrs P Beaman, M Osborne, Mrs S Crofts & Mrs J Beard.**

5. Public Forum

There were none.

6. Update from The Studley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Cllr P Beaman informed Council that the survey has now been returned, and the various groups will be analysing the survey.

7. To pass minutes of the last meeting.

- 16th July 2019
- 6th Aug 2019

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

8. Matters Arising (For Information only).

There were none.

9. Items for Discussion

Min: 27 Approval of allocation of new Councillors onto PC Committee.

Cllr P Hencher-Serafin does not wish to be a representative for the Parish Council for Studley in Business.

Proposed Cllrs Mrs S Crofts, seconded A Smith, voting unanimous to approve the allocation of new Councillors onto PC Committees.

Min: 40 Approval of Horticultural Awards

- Dunstall Allotment – Best Overall Plot- Awarded to Mr & Mrs Jones- D42 A & B
- No runners up cup or J'O Brien Cup (New Beds) were awarded this year as none of the plots meet the standards.
- Certificate of Commendations-
- Mr & Mrs Hewins- Plot- D14A & D15A
- Mrs Lisa Nash- Plot- D34 A

- Station Road Allotments- Best Overall Plot – joint winners Mrs Ann Pill- Plot C7B & Mr Gerald Goodman- Plot C8B & C9B
- No runners up cup was awarded this year as none of the plots meet the standards.
- Certificate of Commendations-
- Cllr Mike Osborne- Plot C10A & C11A
- Mr Paul Crofts- Plot C9A
- Best Ladies Plot- Mrs Margaret Smith- Plot – C10B

Proposed Cllrs M Fox, seconded B Dixon, voting 7 for, 2 abstentions to approve the Horticultural Awards for Dunstall & Station Road Allotments.

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded M Fox, voting 9 for, 1 abstention to award the following Best Garden Frontage, Runner up and Certificates of Commendation

- House 1 were awarded the Best Garden Frontage
- House 4 were awarded the Runner's up
- House 3 & 6 were awarded were awarded Certificates of Commendations.

Min: 41 Reminder for submission of nomination for Village Awards by 20th August 2019
Nomination will be discussed at the next Council meeting on 3rd September 2019.

Min: 42 Request for raffle bottle hamper for Awards Evening by 20th August 2019

10. Planning Applications for Consideration

- 19/015594/FUL: Mr Sam Hands, 26 Crooks Lane, Studley, B80 7QX
- Proposed: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 nos. semi- detached houses.
- **Proposed Cllrs P Beaman, seconded M Fox, voting 9 for, 1 abstention to Object based on the following reasons;**
- **Over development of the site**
- **Issue with tandem parking which is crossing on to the footpath which is heavily used by school children**
- **Loss of Heritage Building. Council understand that the cottage to be demolished is possibly a listed building.**
- **The adjacent house recently built is very close to the footpath.**
- **The pair of houses for this application appears to be positioned forward of the building line.**
- **On bin collection day the bins will have to be placed on the footpath which could force pedestrians including school children on to a very busy road.**

11. District, County Council & Delegate Report.

- **District Cllr N Edden reported the following;**
- The Propose Site Allocations Plan (for 5 year housing supply is ever challenged or fall short) is out for public consultation. Details on: www.stratford.gov.uk/siteallocations.

- Several communal grass and hedge maintenance issues have come forward and are in the process of being resolved. DCs now have a Councillor “hotline” email address, which has proven quite effective for dealing with Orbit and we now have firm contact at DC who can assist with shared ownership queries.
 - Cllr N Edden has received clarity on the current situation with Priory Square from the Officer in charge, of the back of 2 potentially interested parties in the Youth Club and/or former Medical Centre: “ There are no firm plans in place for this part of Studley, SDC purchased the former Medical Centre with the potential for it to be used as a business start-up centre but the funding and demand for this have not yet been forthcoming”.
 - “The former Youth Centre is owned by Warwickshire County Council; I understand that they are interested in disposing of the building and I am sure that they would welcome approaches from interested parties
 - Attempts to oppose the routing strategy from the REG by Cllr P Beaman, Cllr P Hencher- Serafin and N Edden (along with virtually everybody from the Steering Group) have proven unsuccessful with the proposed strategy approved by SDC, Redditch and Bromsgrove. Redditch is more likely to have opposition to it due to similar highway infrastructure concerns.
 - The Climate Change Emergency strategy is being worked on and we will likely see some output from that in the very near future.
- **District Cllr P Hencher-Serafin Report :**
 - He has been talking to Green Lanes residents who have concerns with noise of generator and dogs continuous barking from the travellers’ site. Residents from the site have been caught on CCTV on residents’ properties on Green Lane. Cllr P Hencher-Serafin has reported the residents concerns regarding the noise to SDC Environmental Health. Cllr P Hencher-Serafin has also been keeping in touch with the officer in charge of the site for updates.
 - He has also been visiting residents on his Ward to introduce himself and to discuss any concerns that the residents may have.
- **County Cllr Clive Rickhards report:**
 - Members’ Grant- Grants awarded this year;
 - Studley Allotment Association- £500
 - Studley Local History Group- £550
 - VASA- Studley Dementia Gardens for repairs - £300 (This project has been notified to make a progress report)
 - Studley Scouts Group- £2000 for refurbishments.
 - The balance of the £6000 is divided (in continuation of a development last year) between the Parenting Project and VASA Community activities. Several Councillors’ allocations are pooled together to fund the above.
 - Cllr C Rickhards apologised for the delay in the construction of the Puffin Crossing on the Alcester Road. It should be in operation very shortly.
- **Delegate Report**
 - Studley in Bloom circulated to all Councillors
 - Cllr B Dixon informed Council that he attended the Rural Crime Presentation at SDC and found the presentation very helpful and informative.
 - The Clerks have concerns that the Chair of the Christmas Market Committee will not be producing any minutes of meeting.
 - **Proposed Cllrs M Fox, seconded B Dixon, voting unanimous that Assistant Clerk to write to the Chair of Studley in Business/ Christmas Market Committee that minutes of meeting must be produced for any meeting held which the Parish Council support financially and has direct involvement of Parish Council resources.**

12. Committee Reports- Notes for Approval

- Notes of Finance Meeting- 16th July 2019
- Notes of Environment Meeting- 23rd July 2019
- Notes of Finance Meeting- 31st July 2019
- Notes from meeting with SPC, SDC & McCarthy & Stone- 17th July 2019

Proposed Cllrs Mrs J Beard, seconded M Fox, voting 9 for, 1 abstention to approve the notes of Meeting.

13. Correspondence

Min: 43 Studley Castle- Invitation for a familiarisation tour of Studley Castle- Cllrs have agreed that they are available on 4th September 2019 at 7 pm. Assistant Clerk to check with the General Manager if this date is suitable for him.

Min: 44 Marble Alley update- The solicitors that are acting for the buyers have informed PC that the sale of the property will be completed shortly. Once the buyers have completed, they will commence works which include clean up and any other further works.

Min: 45 SDC- Future of High Street Fund- Studley has not been successful for the fund.

Min: 46 Email- Mr Kevin Betts- Puffin Crossing near Castle Road, Studley. Assistant Clerk read out his email complaint regarding the new installation of the Puffin Crossing. He is not happy that the new Puffin Crossing has made it very difficult for him to park outside Tesco Express to collect post sacks and make cash delivery to the Post Office.

Proposed Cllrs P Beaman, seconded M Fox, voting unanimous that PC will write to the manager of the sorting office in Redditch that the Parish Council is appalled by the delivery staff's attitude for putting his convenience before the safety of pedestrians crossing that stretch of the A435. Double yellow lines have always been in operation outside Tesco Express, the driver has committed an offence by parking outside Tesco.

Min: 47 SDC – UBUS- Support for Community Transport Service have requested funding for the service.

Proposed Cllrs C Summers, seconded Mrs J Beard, voting 9 for, 1 abstention that the Parish Council is not able to provide funding for the service but is able to help promote the service through the PC website, Facebook and notice boards.

Min: 48 Rural Community Energy Fund

Cllr Mrs S Crofts has forwarded the details on to Parish Land.

- **Circulation**

Min: 49 NALC- Summer 2019 Magazine

14. Approve Accounts for payment.

Date	Supplier	Description	Chq no	£
20 th Aug 19				
	HMRC	PAYE & NI	703	1031.75
	Warwickshire Pensions	Pensions	704	1130.86
	SDC	Annual fee for emptying 4 dog bins	705	536.93
	SDC	Administration of the uncontested Parish Council Election for Studley Parish	706	200.00

Proposed Cllrs P Beaman, seconded M Fox, voting unanimous for the schedule of the cheques to be approved and signed.

15. Date of next meeting 3rd September 2019.

Meeting closed 8.40pm