

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 15th October 2019, at 7:30pm

1. Chairman declared the meeting open.

Present

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

In attendance

Clerk, Mrs L Gailey, District Cllrs P Hencher-Serafin, N Edden, County Cllr C Rickhards , 15 members of the public & 1 member of press- Mr Ross Crawford Paul- Redditch Standard

2. To receive and consider apologies for absence

Cllrs Mrs S Redman & Ms Z Tolley.

Proposed Cllrs C Summers, seconded M Fox, 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.**
- Cllr C Summers & M Osborne- Item 9 – Planning application- 19/02752/FUL- neighbour
- **Proposed Cllrs P Beaman, seconded Mrs S Crofts, voting 8 for & 2 abstention to accept declaration of interest from Cllrs C Summers & M Osborne**

4. Public Forum

- Mr Steve Tominski- 16 St Martin Avenue & Mr Simon Kirkland – 69 Green Lane spoke regarding the bridge at Green Lane. They both have concerns that Redditch Borough Council proposed to demolish the bridge in Green Lane without consultation with the residents in Studley. Redditch Borough Council have indicated that the bridge is not safe, and it costs too much to repair the brick work on the bridge. Mr Tominski & Mr Kirkland would like the Parish Council to write to Redditch Borough Council to request for a copy of the survey on the bridge.

5. Update from The Studley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Cllr P Beaman informed Council that there is no update as officers from Localities have been drafted off to deal with Brexit.

6. To pass minutes of the last meeting.

- 17th September 2019
- 1st October 2019

Proposed Cllrs P Beaman, seconded A Smith, 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: 57: Green Lane, Railway Bridge

Proposed Cllrs P Beaman, seconded M Fox, voting unanimous to write to Redditch Borough Council to question their ability to make decision to demolish the bridge in Green Lane without proper consultation with Studley Parish. To invite the leader and officer of Redditch Borough Council to attend the next Parish Council meeting. To request for a copy of the survey for the

bridge

Min: 58: Bus Shelter for the 202 School Bus on Crooks Lane, opposite The Grove in Studley.

Proposed Cllrs A Smith, seconded M Osborne, voting unanimous that Parish Council will not Assume responsibility for a new bus shelter in this location due to ongoing maintenance issues, disproportionate funding. Bad location for the propose bus shelter.

Min: 59 Representative on WALC Committee- Cllr P Beaman

Cllr P Beaman is standing down as SPC representative on WALC Committee. Council would like to thank Cllr P Beaman for being the representative for so many years. Other Parish Councillors are not able to be a representative for SPC due to their work commitments.

Min: 60 Update Co-op site & Marble Alley

Proposed Cllrs P Beaman, seconded M Fox, voting unanimous for Clerk to write to SDC for an update on the Co-op site and the shops in Marble Alley.

9. Planning Applications for consideration

- 19/02617/ADV: Mr Stuart Billington, Studley Castle, Castle Farm Road, Studley, B80 7AJ
- Proposed: 2 nos. free standing signs at the entrance to the site to replace existing signage
**Proposed Cllrs P Beaman, seconded A Smith, voting unanimous to Support this planning application based on the following reason;
Aid to Highway safety.**
- 19/02699/FUL: Mr & Mrs Edwards, 26 Holt Gardens, Studley, B80 7NU
- Proposed: Rear extension together with replacement of existing flat roof and low level sloped roof with new pitched roofs to front and side/rear.
- **Proposed Cllrs P Beaman, seconded B Dixon, voting 9 for, 1 abstention to have No Objection to this planning application.**
- 19/027521/FUL: Mr & Mrs P Clarke, 10 Orchard Way, Studley, B80 7NZ
- Proposed: A replacement roof, two front extensions and changes to the existing front elevation.
- **Proposed Cllrs B Crow, seconded P Beaman, voting 8 for 2 abstentions to Object to this application based on the following reasons;**
- **Forward projection of garage**
- **Increase in height of building, over masking on this site.**
- **Impact on street scene. Reduce openness on street.**

10. District, County Council & Delegate Report.

- **County Cllr C Rickhards Report**
- **Speeding on Station Road in Studley-** WCC Traffic Officer will be attending the Parish Council meeting on the 5th November to discuss the speeding issue.
- **A435-** It is still the subject of a bid for Capital funds for Average Speed Cameras.
- **School Crossings-** Work will commence just before Christmas to install 2 crossings near to Mappleborough Green School.
- **Review of Permit Based Resident parking only scheme-** WCC has passed a motion on 15th October 2019 for a charging scheme for Resident Parking.
- **Adult & Social Care Committee-** The Committee has asked the CCG & NHS to attend a meeting to provide full details of reconstructing of 4 alternative providers of Medical Services in North Warwickshire. As part of this there is a demand for details of provision being put in place to ensure that primary care services are accessible to residents. This enables some discussion of the criteria for GP closure, not only in the north of the County, but generally as in the situation that occurred here in Studley.
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- **District Cllr P Hencher-Serafin Report;**
- **Travellers' Site-** The Chief Planning Officer has not yet given a date for the planning application to be determined.
- **Green Lane Railway Bridge:** The leader of Redditch Borough Council informed Cllr Hencher-Serafin that Redditch Borough Council is responsible for the maintenance of the bridge even though the bridge is in the Parish of Studley. The of officer of Redditch Borough Council has indicated to Cllr Hencher- Serafin that he is willing to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss any concerns regarding the bridge. It appears now that the leader of Redditch Borough Council has been advised by the officers of RBC to not attend a meeting at the Parish Council until RBC submit a planning application for the bridge. Cllr Hencher- Serafin has inspected the bridge and in his opinion only a small amount of repair is needed. The construction of the bridge will last another 100 years. The walkway over the bridge is used by many people and should be retained.
- **District Cllr N Edden report;**
- **Co-op/ Marble Alley-** There is still no update from the SDC Head of Services on both sites.
- **Railway Bridge Demolition-** Up for further discussion at Studley PC meeting but Sambourne PC have fed their views into the debate around the proposed demolition by RBC- especially based on Cllr C Rickhards' revelation that the bridge may actually fall under WCC's ownership. Sambourne have suggested that getting listed status for the bridge may well be a good way of protecting it. Cllr P Beaman has suggested that this may be a viable way forward, but also his concerns that the road could be used as a cut through by HGVs if the bridge is removed which Cllr Edden agrees. Cllr Edden said that this should be highlighted as part of the discussion.
- **Green Bins-** Proposed changes to the service are now out for public consultation. Decision will be made in December.
- **BT Payphone removal consultation-** Decision will be made in December.
- **Delegate Report**
- **Studley Christmas Market Meeting Notes – 9th September-** circulated to all Councillors by email.
- **Studley in Bloom report-** circulated to all Councillors by email.

11. Committee Reports- Notes for Approval

- 13th August 2019- Strategic Planning Meeting
- **Proposed Cllrs P Beaman, seconded M Fox, voting unanimous for the notes of the meeting to signed as true record of the meeting**
- 17th September 2019- Notes of the Finance Meeting
- **Proposed Cllrs A Smith, seconded, P Beaman, voting unanimous for the notes of the meeting to signed as true record of the meeting**
- 19th September 2019- Fairtrade Meeting
- **Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded A Smith, voting unanimous for the notes of the meeting to signed as true record of the meeting.**
- 25th September 2019- Finance Meeting
- **Proposed Cllr A Smith, seconded P Beaman, voting unanimous for the notes of the meeting to signed as true record of the meeting.**

12. Correspondence

There were none.

- **Circulation**

Min: 61 Clerk & Council Direct.

13. Approve Accounts for payment.

Date	Supplier	Description	Chq no	£
15 Oct 19	Mr K Ward	Toastmaster Services – Awards	747	100.00
	N Fowkes Photography	Photography Services – Awards	748	55.00
	Studley Community Library	Half yearly Rent	749	2600.00
	GS Adams Ltd	Monthly streetlighting maintenance	750	553.93
	Play Inspection Co	Annual Recreation Equipment Inspection	751	156.00
	Excel Telecommunications Ltd	Telephone & Internet costs	752	99.07
	LITE	New Xmas Lights and Brackets	753	2427.60
	Npower	Energy costs Streetlights Jul-Sep 2019	DD	3422.37
	Alcester Town Council	Civic Event	754	15.00

Proposed Cllrs P Beaman, seconded Mrs S Crofts, voting unanimous for the schedule of the cheques to be approved and signed.

Cllr C Summers thanked all the Councillors for their generosity during the Awards Dinner 2019. The amount raised was £2266.59

14. Date of next meeting 15th November 2019

Meeting closed: 8:37 pm