

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on
Tuesday 21st January 2020

1. Chairman declared the meeting open.

Present

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

In attendance

Clerk, Mrs L Gailey, District Cllrs N Edden & P Hencher-Serafin, County Cllr C Rickhards
& 4 members of the public.

2. To receive and consider apologies for absence

Cllrs M Fox & Miss Z Tolley. Assistant Clerk Mrs L Stanton

**Proposed Cllrs P Beaman, 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.
- Cllr P Beaman – Item 15 payment to employer
Cllr M Osborne – Item 13 letter from Chair of Allotment Assoc
- Proposed Cllrs C Summers, seconded B Crow, voting unanimous to accept the declarations
of interest

4. Public Forum

None

5. Presentation of cheque to Studley in Bloom – Parish Council Grant

Gill Platt, Gill Liebthal and Barbara Campbell on behalf of Studley in Bloom received the cheque in
the sum of £1,500 from Cllr Summers.

6. Update from The Studley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Cllr P Beaman reported that a reply from Localities has been received the content of which
would need to be discussed with Council before continuing to develop the Plan.

7. To pass minutes of the last meeting.

- 17th December 2019
- 7th January 2020

**Proposed Cllrs C Summers, seconded Mrs S Crofts, 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: 74 Precept 2020-21

This matter was deferred until after the Finance Committee Reports at Item 12 on the agenda
had been discussed. Following the acceptance of the Finance Committee Report dated
2nd December 2019 **It was proposed by Cllrs C Summers, seconded Mrs S Crofts, voting
unanimous to approve the Precept for 2020-21 at £180,700 as presented.**

10. Planning Applications for consideration

- 19/03596/FUL: Mr & Mrs Nigel Smith, 3 Holyoake Cottage, Hardwick Lane, Studley, B80 7AD
- Proposed: Demolition of existing detached garage and replacement.
- **Proposed Cllrs A Smith, seconded B Dixon, voting 9 for and 1 abstention to record No Representation for this application.**

11. District, County Council & Delegate Report.

District Cllr N Edden reported the following;

- Climate Change Emergency approach has now been approved by Cabinet and will include things such as a “Shut the Door” campaign for local businesses (to keep doors closed to maintain heat and cut energy consumption).
- It is likely that there will be more lobbying of government for changes around planning regulations.
- Orbit – I have arranged to meet with Orbit and one of the topics I aim to discuss is whether they may open up a recognised channel from the Parish Council in terms of local concerns, in particular around safeguarding or health and safety issues – trying to open up a channel of two-way communication as often the PC are the “people on the ground” who get to know of issues first.
- Studley Leisure Centre – The £600k investment has again been re-approved by Cabinet. Previous planning applications have been objected to before. Obviously any new applications will be considered on their merits.

District Cllr P Hencher-Serafin reported the following;

- Update regarding the Travellers site on the Redditch Road -The Case Officer has informed me that the matter would come before Committee on either 5th or 19th February.
- Update regarding Railway Bridge on Green Lane – I handed in a petition to Save our Bridge to Stratford District Council and it will be debated at Full Council on 24th February. I am still awaiting a reply from the Leader of Redditch Borough Council in response to questions I have raised.

County Cllr Clive Rickhards reported the following;

- BUDGET – The Corporate board are recommending a 2% tax increase plus an extra 2% social care levy. Warwickshire share of 1bn. Additional social care funding in each year of this Parliament is £7.9 m every year.
- COUNCIL PLAN 2020 to 2025 - Outlines some challenges
70+ age group to increase by 14% and 85+ to increase by 22% by 2025.
Including in care home residents estimated as 20% 2019 to 2025.
Faster broadband and pilot of 5G provision. Additional 9% of school places required.
Meet dementia demand 17% increase by 2025.
WCC are in process of replacing the Needle Close road sign.

Delegate Reports – there were none

12. Committee Reports- Notes for Approval

- Notes of Finance Committee Meeting - 2nd December 2019
Proposed Cllrs Mrs S Redman, seconded A Smith, voting unanimous for the notes to be signed as a true record of the meeting except Item 6f Awards evening which was deferred to Confidential Session.
- Notes of the meeting regarding the issue of the Grounds Maintenance Tender 2020-23 - 9th December 2019
Proposed Cllrs P Beaman, seconded Mrs S Redman, voting unanimous for the notes to be signed as a true record of the meeting.

13. Correspondence

Min: 75 WALC – Nomination for attendance at Royal Garden Party 2020

Proposed Cllrs Mrs IJ Beard, seconded P Beaman, voting 9 for and 1 abstention for Cllr C Summers to be nominated.

Min: 76 Email correspondence from Matthew Troth requesting re-instatement of Basketball Court adjacent to the closed Studley Centre

Council instructed Clerk to write to Matthew Troth and thank him for his request and inform him that reinstatement of the the basketball court is not within Parish Council ownership and therefore Council have no powers to grant permission. Council agreed that they would actively look for a new location as a long term project as funding would have to be secured.

Min: 77 Letter from Chair of Studley Allotment Association – re Dementia Project at Dunstall Allotment site

Proposed Cllrs Mrs S Redman, seconded Mrs IJ Beard, voting 9 for and 1 abstention to forward letter and Environment Committee report to VASA and ask for their response.

Min 78: SDC Planning – 19/03112/Ful 77 Nailers Cottage – request for PC to review their decision

Proposed Cllrs Mrs S Redman, seconded P Beaman, voting 9 for and 1 abstention to respond as follows; In view of the fact Highways have made no objection to the proposed changes the PC make no further objection.

Min 79: SDC Planning – 19/02762/FUL Doric Works – request for PC to review their decision

- **Proposed Cllrs P Beaman, seconded B Dixon, voting 9 for and 1 abstention to respond as follows; The PC maintain their objection on the following grounds;**
- The parking provision is against SDC policy
- The Planning report is inaccurate and misleading
- The parking proposed by the applicant is not in their ownership to be able to delegate
- The PC did comment originally that the proposal is overdevelopment of the site and if it was redesigned and parking put within the curtilage of the site it would resolve the parking issue.

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14. Approve Accounts for payment.

Proposed Cllrs Mrs S Redman, seconded Mrs S Crofts, voting 9 for and 1 abstention for the schedule of the cheques to be approved and signed.

Date	Supplier	Description	Chq no	£
21 st Jan 2020				
	Alcester Town Council	Civic dinners	800	60.00
	D Homer	Grave Digging fees for January 2020	801	520.00
	Excel Telecommunications	Telecom Charges for Dec 19 & Jan 20	802	105.47
	Vale Fire & Security	Cost of supply and installation of alteration to CCTV system	803	3870.00
	WALC	Training for Cllr M Fox	804	30.00

15. To consider excluding press and public from the next item and move into Confidential Session.

Proposed Cllrs Mrs S Crofts, seconded Mrs S Redman, voting unanimous, due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed Council move that, pursuant to Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public be excluded from the remaining business of the meeting in view of the fact that the nature of the proceedings will be such that, if the public were present, there would likely be disclosure to them of exempt information under Paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the said Act (as amended).

Confidential session commences at 8.40pm.

16. Proposed Cllrs C Summers, seconded Mrs S Redman, voting unanimous for Council to move out of closed session at 9.25pm.

17. Date of next meeting 4th February 2020.

Meeting closed 9.26 pm