



**Studley Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Studley Parish Council Meeting**  
16<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 7.00pm  
Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall

**Members present...** Cllr C Summers - Chairman, Cllr M Osborne - Vice-Chairman, Cllr J Beard, Cllr C Britt, Cllr A Clarke, Cllr D Collett, Cllr B Dixon, Cllr P Hencher-Serafin\*, Cllr Penny Hunt, Cllr Phil Hunt, Cllr A Rainbow, Cllr A Smith

**Attending**

- Jan Platt and Studley in Bloom team members
- District council ward members N Edden, P Hencher-Serafin\* (\*same person)
- County council division member J Kerridge
- 5 members of the public
- Clerk/RFO G Lungley, Administration Officers L Rose and K Walters

**Agenda item 1. Chairman's welcome.**

**Min.395** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the two new councillors who were co-opted at the previous council meeting, and the two new members of staff.

**Agenda item 2. To receive apologies from absent Parish Councillors (if any) and the reason for absence**

**Min.396** All council members were present.

**Agenda item 3. Declarations of interest**

**Min.397** Members were reminded to keep their register entries up to date and to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and any Other Registrable Interests (ORI) and any Non-Registrable Interest (NRI) relating to items on the agenda and the nature of those interests. The following were declared:

Cllr M Osborne: DPI in agenda item 8a and {both due payment for work  
Cllr A Smith: DPI in agenda item 8a. {undertaken on behalf of the council

Cllr Phil Hunt: ORI in agenda items 8a (ii) and 8e (ii)  
Cllr Penny Hunt: NRI agenda item 7A (b) (nephew works for applicant)

**Agenda item 4. To consider grant of any dispensation request**

**Min.398** There were no requests for dispensation.

**Agenda item 5. Public Forum. Residents are invited to give their views and ask questions of the Parish Council regarding this agenda or raise issues for future consideration.**

**Min.399****a**

Four members of the public attended to speak about concerns relating to a planning application - agenda item 8A: 21/01379/FUL, 19 Lansdowne Road, proposed erection of detached dwelling (with demolition of detached garage).

Their concerns were listed as:

1. Concerns about highway safety due to the site position on a blind corner.
2. The road is used as a bus thoroughfare meaning there is conflict with on-road parking.
3. Lack of visitor parking space.
4. The road is used as a cut-through, and is not a sleepy back-road but is busy with traffic.
5. During school term-time there is increased traffic as the road is used for school drop-off / pick up.
6. There is concern for all residents' safety when driving in / out of own properties to join the road.
7. No natural drain-away has been proposed, yet the ground has issues relating to saturation.
8. There are concerns about overlooking of neighbouring properties and associated loss of natural daylight.
9. No ecology impact report has been included with the application yet it is known there are brown long-eared bats and pipistrelle bats locally, as well as two different types of newt, & hedgehogs.
10. The loss of substantial mature gardens, which has already taken place, will have a deleterious impact on the presence of local wild birds.
11. The application was difficult to follow due to the use of three different scales.
12. The proposed schematic layout differs markedly from the letter, Design and Access Statement submitted by the agent / applicant. Is the kitchen at the front or the back? Surely they should both 'say' the same thing if they are to be believed as a valid proposal.
13. The gaps on the layout between the buildings are misleading; there appears to be a potential fire hazard and risk of being trapped. There would appear to be a dispute between the actual boundary and that shown on the proposal.
14. The resultant garden would be too small and the proposal does not follow SDC guidance on garden / amenity space.
15. It is not in keeping with the core strategy relating to the climate change checklist.
16. The proposal is not in keeping with the existing street scene.
17. On the plans the gable-end drawings are inconsistent.

The residents were thanked for their presentation and invited to stay to hear the council's comments at agenda item 7A.

**Min.399****Studley in Bloom presentation****b**

Jan Platt, Studley in Bloom, delivered a presentation on the group's recent Silver Gilt award. The silver allocation had been a disappointment to the group and they had resolved to learn from the experience in order to submit for gold next year. One of the lessons learned was to be more explicit about the degree of community engagement and Jan's presentation was based on the improvements to be put in place and how they look forward to working with the parish council with particular regard to the re-wilding of grass verges.

**Min.399****Concerns about footpath flooding****c**

A member of the public spoke of flooding along the footpath between Pool Road and New Road that borders the newly built Studley Rose Care Home. This is a well-used footpath particularly for schools' access, and pedestrians should not have to wade through water when using it. The county councillor asked to be involved in discussions.

**Min.399****Stratford District ward members****d****Neil Edden, Studley with Sambourne –**

- Not a great deal to report to this meeting apart from the recent residents' survey had provided some feedback.

**Peter Hencher-Serafin, Studley with Mappleborough Green –**

- With regard to the proposed barrier outside Nisa shop, High Street, the county council are expecting this to be installed during this financial year.

**Min. 399 County Division member, Justin Kerridge**

- f - Report as attached at Appendix A.

**Agenda item 6. Approval of draft minutes from previous council meetings**

**Min.400** The minutes of the council meeting held 19/10/2021 were approved by the majority of members voting.

**Agenda item 7. To comment on Planning Application consultations notified by Stratford District Council.**

**Min.401** It was noted Cllr P Hencher-Serafin, as district ward member, would not be commenting or voting on the following consultations.

- a. **Application 21/03179/FUL:** 19 Lansdowne Road, B80 7RB  
**Proposed:** Erection of detached dwelling (with demolition of detached garage)  
**It was agreed** to object to this application on the following grounds:
  1. It is over-development of the site.
  2. The proposal lacks amenity space.
  3. There is insufficient parking provision relative to the cumulative number of bedrooms (5 bedrooms on this site).And to include the comments put forward by residents at minute 399a above.
- b. **Application 21/02913/FUL:** Arrow House, 21A Alcester Road, B80 7AG  
**Proposed:** Change of use of first floor flat to display area associated with business.  
**It was agreed** to make no representation in respect of this consultation.
- c. **Application 21/03474/TPO:** 4 Riverside, B80 7SD  
**Proposed:** T1 - oak - 20% crown thin, 5metre crown lift. Remove deadwood..  
**It was agreed** to support this application for the following reasons:
  - The proposed work is essential maintenance that will support the health of the tree.
- d. **Application 21/02822/FUL:** Chester House, 91 – 95 Alcester Road, B80 7NJ  
**Proposed:** Change of use to residential use (Use Class C3) to provide three dwellings, including demolition of existing rear building and extensions; internal and external alterations including door, fenestration and fascia alterations.  
**It was agreed** to object to this application on the following grounds:
  - The parish council would generally support the re-use of redundant buildings, especially for housing, however in this instance the plans show the south corner of the existing building, which currently provides a useful highways visibility splay for motorists exiting Manor Road, would be filled in and therefore be detrimental to highways users' safety.
  - The proposed 'tandem' parking arrangements, whilst acceptable on the opposite side of the road, would, if also allowed here, exacerbate highways safety.
  - There is no provision for visitor parking.

**Agenda item 8. Finance - Financial Information**

**Min. 402a To approve schedule of payments**

Cllrs M Osborne and A Smith, having declared an interest, left the meeting for this item.

The schedule had been circulated in advance and was approved for payment by the majority of members voting. List as page 209.

An additional item, to approve the payment of £30 to the Studley Royal British Legion for the poppy wreath laid at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday, was added. Cllr Phil Hunt declared an ORI and left the meeting. This payment was approved.

**To receive and note bank reconciliations to 31/10/2021**

**Min. 402b** The bank reconciliation to 31/10/2021 was received and noted; see page 210, along with the record of ear-marked reserves.

**To receive and note summary budget review to 31/10/2021.**

**Min. 402c** The summary budget review, attached at page 211, was noted.

**To be advised of progress regarding purchase of old youth club building.**

**Min. 402d** The Chairman advised the meeting of an earlier working-party meeting which has agreed to write to the County Council with a firm purchase offer stating the building, sited in the natural heart of the village, is to be for community use.

**Min. 402e To consider and approve applications for grant funding from**

- a) Studley in Business to support the Christmas Comes to Studley event, and**
- b) Studley Sports and Social Club for Remembrance Sunday refreshments.**

Cllr Phil Hunt declared an ORI in both a) and b) and did not speak or vote on this item.

**It was agreed** to pay grant funding of £1,370 to Studley in Business to support the Christmas Comes to Studley event and to pay £250 to Studley Sports and Social Club to support the Remembrance Sunday refreshments and entertainment.

**Min. 402f To note the Finance Committee's budget preparation for 2022/23**

Members' attention was drawn to the draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 28/10/2021 which includes a draft budget for 2022/23; this is not yet agreed and members are encouraged to provide comment and suggestions.

**Min. 402g To agree use of the Welcome Back Fund £5,000 via Aunty Jen Productions**

The drama group plans to stage an all-inclusive community event in February 2022 to involve a wide a section of Studley residents and engage local businesses.

**It was agreed** to approve the grant support for this event as the activity falls within the WBF remit and has the backing of the fund's Business Development Manager.

**Agenda item 9. Clerk's Report**

**Updates to previous meetings and other notifications**

**Min. 403a Arrange asset inspections to include the boundary hedge between Brickyard Lane playing field and neighbouring properties**

The Asset Register is currently being updated and when ready will be forwarded to all members taking part in the annual inspection of the council's assets.

**Min. 403b To note office working arrangements and staff cover**

All three members of staff are working for 20 hours each per week and aim to provide office cover each day between 10am – 1pm although work patterns will vary.

Members were notified of the requirement for the Administration Officers to have access to a mobile phone for when working off-site and it was noted the cost of £98 + £11pcm would include two new handsets and one new contract (the existing contract for the mobile phone granted to SISG during covid-19 shutdown will continue).

**Min. 403c Mobile Warm Hub request for space in Studley**

Cllr Phil Hunt updated the meeting stating this group would be making use of Studley Sports and Social Club for an initial 12-week period from next week. Interest in this can then be gauged to see if it could be sited elsewhere.

**Min. 403d Bulky waste collection service 06/11/2021**

Feedback from this was positive, the service is well-used.

**Min. 403e Flooded footpath between Pool Road and New Road**

In addition to the comments made at minute no. 399c above, this matter would be referred to the parish council's Environment Committee.

**Min. 403f Parking issues in High Street**

A business owner has contacted the parish council to see what help can be provided to stop cars being parked on the pavement and double yellow lines. It is hoped the barriers proposed for outside Nisa will reduce the problem

**Min. 403g Freedom of Information requests:** (1) request for seeking information relating to staff (which was refused).

**Min. 403h Work in progress:**

- a) *Studley Village Hall reference insurance cover:*  
The insurance broker advises a particular course of action to be followed.
- b) *Studley Community Library agreement with WCC due for renewal March 2022*
- c) *Sale of un-used router*  
This was put up for auction and attracted a bid of £190.
- d) *Purchase of bench in recognition of covid-19 / thanks to NHS:*  
Members are to advise where this is to be sited.
- e) *Community Speed Watch scheme*  
This is to be delegated to the Community Engagement and Events Committee.
- f) *Return of ATC site to the parish council*  
Cllr Rainbow will progress this item with the property agent.
- g) *Review of play safety report.*  
This is to be forwarded to all for comment and inclusion at the meeting of the Environment Committee.

**The time being 9pm, the Chairman proposed to suspend Standing Order 3x and extend the meeting by an additional 30 minutes. This was agreed.**

**Agenda item 10. Committees**

**Min. 404 To receive draft committee meeting minutes and approve matters arising therefrom as follows:**

- a **Finance Committee** meeting held 28/10/2021  
Draft minutes were received and noted.

- b **Staffing Committee** meeting held 01/11/2021  
Draft minutes were received and noted.

**Min. 404 Members' reports from other meetings**

**B**

**a) Christmas Comes to Studley – event 26/11/2021**

Cllrs C Summers, J Beard and Phil Hunt had attended the meeting on 15/11/2021 with the event's planning team.

Volunteers are being sought to deliver 5000 flyers around village homes.

Members voiced concerns that since the village hall will be closed to the public during this event due to its use as a vaccination centre by the NHS, there will be no access to toilets. It was suggested to issue a request to the village hall management asking them to make the toilets available, the PC will arrange for them to be cleaned afterwards, but if that was not possible then to arrange for portable toilets to be installed nearby to be paid for by the village hall management as they are in receipt of funds from NHS which is the block to use of the hall for the event.

**b) Remembrance Sunday Parade – 14/11/2021**

Members reported this had been very well attended. The use of professional traffic management companies (Headway TM on the day and Beaumont TM for the advance notices) had helped the volunteers to feel safer and was welcomed.

The sound system had worked well and there was praise for the flugelhorn player who played the Last Post and Reveille. The Chairman is to write to all volunteers with thanks for their input.

The post parade event at the Sports and Social Club had been most enjoyable.

**Min. 404 Appointments to other bodies**

**C**

**The following appointments were agreed**

- i. Allotment Association: Cllrs M Osborne, A Smith.
- ii. Studley Local Network Group: Cllr M Osborne.
- iii. Parish Lands charity: Cllrs J Beard, P Hencher-Serafin.
- iv. Studley in Bloom: Cllrs J Beard, B Dixon.
- v. Studley in Business: Cllr Phil Hunt
- vi. Studley Christmas Lights group: Cllrs C Summers, J Beard, Phil Hunt
- vii. Studley Community Library: Cllr C Britt
- viii. Studley Fairtrade: Cllr M Osborne
- ix. Studley Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr A Smith is already a director; Cllr A Rainbow to be the parish council's representative.
- x. Studley Sports and Social Club Management Committee: Cllrs C Britt, A Smith
- xi. Studley Sports & Social Club Trust: Cllrs A Rainbow, C Summers are already trustee representatives + Cllrs A Clarke and Penny Hunt.

**Agenda item 11. Items for discussion and / or decision**

**Min.405 To consider support for a youth worker in Studley**

- a County Council division member Justin Kerridge had asked for parish council support to provide youth provision in Studley whereby the parish council would be the organising body for the project with funding via WCC grant. In essence the request stated:

We would like the parish council to consider being the organising body for the project. To be blunt, someone has to employ the prospective youth worker. The money would come from a WCC grant into a dedicated account and cover any pension/health contribution etc. as well as the wage.

I envisage a subcommittee which volunteers could join and process any reporting paperwork. I know of another parish council that does just this so I could get more details at a later date of how to go about it. But it does show it can be done.

The volunteer group, with assistance from WCC youth team, are at the point where we are going to the community to find out what facilities/ activities/ volunteers etc are available for when the project starts. And are ready to start the process of applying for a grant with a view to start in early 2022 if possible.

Justin Kerridge added there will be some administration costs that will come within the grant.

**It was agreed** to support the provision of youth provision.

**Items relating to**

- b. Open day for residents
- c. Parish Council newsletter
- d. Team building

were deferred to the next parish council meeting.

***Agenda item 12. Other correspondence/circulation***

**Min. 406** Email correspondence to the council is copied to council members and they are asked to comment on anything of interest.

***Agenda item 13. Members to raise items for consideration at the next meeting***

**Min. 407** None put forward.

***Agenda item 14. To agree date and time of next council meeting(s).***

**Min. 408** The next full council meeting will be held on 21/12/2021 at 7pm.

***This meeting closed at 9.30pm.***

**Signed: .....**  
**Chairman, Studley Parish Council**

**Date :.....**

<b>Min. 402a – payments for approval</b>			<b>£</b>		
<b>V #</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
115	Adrian Smith	Water Pipe Repair, Allotments	55.00	0.00	55.00
116	DM Payroll Services	Payroll	132.00	0.00	132.00
117	Biffa Waste Services	Waste Collection Redditch Road	82.20	16.44	98.64
118	Biffa Waste Services	Bulky Waste Collection	1,412.91	282.58	1,695.49
119	Arden Pest Control	Vermin control, Allotments	240.00	0.00	240.00
120	Cllr M Osbourne	Postage for allotment invoices	66.00	0.00	66.00
121	Aqua Aid	Sanitization	20.00	4.00	24.00
122	Boxer Enterprises	IT Support	90.00	18.00	108.00
123	G S Adams	Street light maintenance Oct 21	461.61	92.32	553.93
124	G S Adams	Street Lantern St Judes Avenue	383.00	76.60	459.60
125	Parish Council Websites	Website Deposit	625.75	125.15	750.90
126	Lyreco	Stationery	19.38	3.88	23.26
127	P A Janes	Litter picking	480.00	0.00	480.00
128	Boxer Enterprises	Website hosting & Maintenance	50.00	10.00	60.00
129	Inty	Microsoft 365	9.40	1.88	11.28
130	Jon Vale	Mowing	1,111.25	222.25	1,333.50
131	DTH Churchyard & Cemetery Services	Grave digger (2 interments)	150.00	0.00	150.00
132	CTKT Ltd	Grounds maintenance, Oct 21	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00
133	CTKT Ltd	Grass strimming and trees cemetery at cemetery Sep 21	600.00	0.00	600.00
134	Lamberts	The Bungalow, letting fee	85.00	17.00	102.00
135	Excel Tele Comms	Phone, broadband at library	25.83	5.17	31.00
136	Excel Tele Comms	Phone, broadband at PC office	70.40	14.08	84.48
137	Southern Electric	Street light energy costs	1,038.27	211.61	1,296.57
138	Warw/shire pension fund	November 2021 payment	1,131.85	0.00	1,131.85
139	SPC	Payroll 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 21	3,280.31	0.00	3,280.31
140	HMRC	Month 8 ending 5 Dec 21	876.35	0.00	876.35

**Min. 402b To note bank reconciliation to 31/10/2021**

<b>Studley Parish Council Current Year</b>			
<b>Bank - Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 31 October 2021</b>			
<u>Confirmed Bank &amp; Investment Balances</u>			
<u>Bank Statement Balances</u>			
31/10/2021	Current Account	25,847.63	
31/10/2021	Deposit Account	106,010.59	
31/10/2021	Unity Trust Bank	123,279.41	
30/09/2021	Petty cash	0.00	
31/03/2016	CCLA	0.00	
31/10/2021	Charity Account	830.44	
			<b>255,968.07</b>
<u>Other Cash &amp; Bank Balances</u>			
			<b>0.00</b>
			<b>255,968.07</b>
<u>Unpresented Payments</u>			
			<b>-78.53</b>
			<b>256,046.60</b>
<u>All Cash &amp; Bank Accounts</u>			
1	Current Account	25,847.63	
2	Moneymaster Account	106,010.59	
3	Parish Lands Account	123,357.94	
4	Petty Cash account	0.00	
5	CCLA	0.00	
6	Charity Account	830.44	
	Other Cash & Bank Balances	0.00	
	<b>Total Cash &amp; Bank Balances</b>		<b>256,046.60</b>

**And earmarked reserves to 31/10/2021**

2021		<b>Studley Parish Council Current Year</b>		Page 1
<b>Earmarked Reserves</b>				
<u>Account</u>	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Net Transfers</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>	
320 EMR - Parish Lands	380.00		380.00	
321 EMR - Recreation	2,965.00		2,965.00	
322 EMR - Burial Account	45,000.00		45,000.00	
323 EMR - Allotments	0.00		0.00	
324 EMR - SSSC	0.00		0.00	
325 EMR General Admin	4,500.00		4,500.00	
327 EMR CIL	9,760.00	587.00	10,347.00	
328 EMR - NDO	28,885.50	-16,670.00	12,215.50	
329 EMR - Scouts	1,500.00		1,500.00	
330 EMR - NHW	0.00	754.22	754.22	
331 EMR - VE Day contribution	0.00	20.00	20.00	
332 EMR - Fairtrade funds	0.00	84.21	84.21	
	<b>92,990.50</b>	<b>-15,224.57</b>	<b>77,765.93</b>	

## Min. 388c Summary of budget to 31/10/2021

### Studley Parish Council Current Year Summary Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/10/2021 Cost Centre Report

		Actual Year To Date	Current Budget	Variance	Funds Available	% Spent
<b>Burial Ground</b>	Income	16,513	16,280	(233)		101.4%
	Expenditure	7,718	16,280	8,562	8,562	47.4%
	Net Income over Expenditure					
		8,795	0	(8,795)		
<b>Allotments</b>	Income	423	3,950	3,527		10.7%
	Expenditure	585	4,150	3,565	3,565	14.1%
	Net Income over Expenditure					
		(162)	(200)	(38)		
<b>Street Lighting</b>	Expenditure	10,977	30,000	19,023	19,023	36.6%
<b>Recreation, Open Spaces</b>	Income	(364)	0	364		0.0%
	Expenditure	8,706	24,720	16,014	16,014	35.2%
	Net Income over Expenditure					
		(9,070)	(24,720)	(15,650)		
<b>Grants, non-s137</b>	Expenditure	1,900	11,500	9,600	9,600	16.5%
<b>Office Rental &amp; Overheads</b>	Expenditure	10,816	14,144	3,328	3,328	76.5%
<b>Salary, NI &amp; PAYE</b>	Expenditure	61,814	69,800	7,986	7,986	88.6%
<b>General Administration</b>	Income	206,924	202,271	(4,653)		102.3%
	Expenditure	42,467	51,307	8,840	8,840	82.8%
	Net Income over Expenditure					
		164,456	150,964	(13,492)		
	<u>plus</u> Transfer from EMR	16,670				
	less Transfer to EMR	691				
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve					
		180,435				
<b>Gen Maintenance – Lengthsman</b>	Expenditure	5,954	0	(5,954)	(5,954)	0.0%
<b>S137 Grants</b>	Expenditure	0	600	600	600	0.0%
	Grand <u>Totals:-</u> Income	223,496	222,501	(995)		100.4%
	Expenditure	150,938	222,501	71,563	0	71,563 <u>67.8%</u>
	Net Income over Expenditure	72,558	0	<u>(72,558)</u>		
	<u>plus</u> Transfer from EMR	16,670				
	less Transfer to EMR	691				
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	88,537				

Minute no. 399f.

Report from County Council division member, Justin Kerridge

**Average Speed Cameras.**

A contractor has been identified to do the work and should be installed summer 2022.

**Automatic Numberplate recognition cameras. Redditch Gateway.**

Installed and working. Amazon is operating and first month's data should be with District and or County council soon.

**Cycle Routes.**

Sustarans commissioned by WCC to do a study of possible cycle routes from Redditch to Alcester. Could involve Heart of England Forest. Underway

**Flooding.**

Various flooding sites in Studley reported and being investigated. Notably the junction of Crooks Lane and Littlewood Green.

The footpath by Studley Rose is not a WCC maintained FP but IS a public Right of Way and has been reported to that department. I will however continue to see what the Highways flooding team can do with respect to the potentially blocked culvert leading towards westmead avenue. And any other help they can give. If anyone has information on progress, please cc me in correspondence so i know what is happening.

**Road safety.**

Long term project 1: I am looking at ways to improve safety and the feeling of safety on High Street. The narrow pavement especially. I am asking engineers if there is a way to widen it or put in a chicane to keep vehicles away from it, slow traffic, create a single lane only passing point etc.

This may not be possible without loss of significant parking which itself would be undesirable. SO a balanced decision probably, even if anything is possible.

Long term project 2: introduction of 20mph zone withing Studley (Similar to Alcester and parts of South Birmingham). Eventually covering most of Studley excluding the Bromsgrove road.

**Road network changes**

Quick wins

Since 2016 WCC have been considering the idea of reducing traffic volumes on the A435, especially HGV's.

Warwickshire cabinet agreed in principle to support such projects that would further this aim if funding became available in the knowledge that they would have to part fund it to some extent. This was a big step forward. Much is dependent on external funding awards for individual projects nowadays as opposed to from council tax but doing the ground work studies and preparing designs means we are ready when funds come.

The latest stage in this work is a study, already commissioned, to look at the Sernal Ash, Barley Mow, Washford and Dog Junctions/islands to improve them.

I am hoping....

any change at the Washford junction would create safe pedestrian and cycle use.

any change at Sernal would make the use of A448 Bromsgrove road less congested.

any changes at the Barley mow would reduce congestion.

any changes at the Dog would make the island safer and potentially reduce congestion.

Public consultation on the results of these studies and possible options is due around Autumn 2022.

#### Long term on the Major Road Network (Studley and Redditch)

At the same time work with Worcestershire is restarting looking at longer term ideas for the Studley/Redditch major roads network and reducing HGV and traffic flows through Studley and Mappleborough Green. We are looking at lots of work and many years down the line and very large amounts of money from DfT for this. 6 years plus: If people keep pushing for it (I doubt I'll be a councillor then). One to keep the pressure on and hand on in the future.

#### **THE HEDGE!**

the WCC hedge on Station road has been trimmed for safety (i.e. so it doesn't encroach onto the pavement) but not for aesthetics (or weeds)

This is WCC policy and i think the long term solution for this and the weeds nearby may lie best with the PC on this one. Both the clerk and I have reported this and i will continue to try and somehow get an aesthetic cut on an ongoing basis but, oh dear.