



COMMITTEE MINUTES REMAIN DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED  
AT THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETING

## Studley Parish Council Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021, 7.00pm Council chamber, Studley Village Hall

**Committee members present** Cllrs P A Hunt (Chairman), J Beard, B Dixon

... not present Cllrs C Britt, P Hencher-Serafin

**In attendance** Justin Kerridge, for min no EC14  
1 member of the public  
Mrs G Lungley, Clerk; Mrs K Walters, Administration Officer

**Min #EC10** **Agenda item 1 – Chairman’s Welcome**  
Cllr Penny Hunt welcomed all to the meeting.

**Min #EC11** **Agenda item 2 - Apologies**  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Britt

**Min #EC12** **Agenda item 3 - Declarations of Interest**  
There were none.

**Min #EC13** **Agenda item 4 - Grant of dispensation following DPI / ORI declaration**  
There were none.

**Min #EC14** **Agenda item 5 - Public Forum**  
Justin Kerridge, county councillor for Studley Division, has been investigating traffic calming in the parish specifically along High Street, but pointed out that any scheme here would mean losing parking space. It would appear the speed data gathered to date does not indicate any obvious problem with speeding traffic in Station Road or elsewhere in the parish.

**Min # EC15** **Agenda item 6 – To note this committee’s Terms of Reference.**  
The committee’s terms of reference were noted.

**Min # EC16** **Agenda item 7 - To agree the minutes of the previous Environment Committee meeting held 08/06/2021**  
The minutes were approved as a true record and signed.

**Min # EC17** **Agenda item 8 – Review of items previously discussed**

- a) **Gateways on to Nature Reserve:** a date is to be arranged to visit the site.
- b) **Repair to skate ramp:** this would be actioned.
- c) **Siting of memorial bench:** earlier in the year the parish council had agreed to purchase a bench to commemorate the support provided by NHS workers during the covid-19 pandemic but no decision had yet been made on siting. It was agreed to replace the bench on Castle Road, subject to approval by Highways Authority.

- d) **Identification of areas for traffic calming:** the Community Speedwatch group is to receive training and will be looking at cover for Station Road in the new year. With regard to Bromsgrove Road it is believed that Sambourne Parish Council is keen to see the speed limit reduced, but this is not supported by the speed data that has been gathered and it would appear that traffic flows along this road at an appropriate speed for the road conditions.

**Min # EC18    Agenda item 9 – Items for discussion and / or decision**

- a) **Local environment awareness initiative**  
Mr Bill Acres was attending to talk about plans for a fortnight “Environmentally Studley” in 2022 when Studley residents and businesses will be encouraged to focus on environmental matters. During these two weeks of environmental awareness, between 18<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> July, local organisations will be invited to run an environmental event. The dates have been picked to span the summer solstice and will start after the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee event and before the annual Studley Festival.
- b) **Annual play inspection report**  
The report would be re-drafted to show recommendations.
- c) **Arrangements for asset inspection**  
The asset register has been redrafted. Council members would each receive instructions for reviewing the assets.
- d) **Flooding footpath to rear of Studley Rose care home**  
The county council’s officers are aware of this problem and taking steps with the building contractors on Pool Road/New Road site to reduce the nuisance.
- e) **Village untidiness**  
Responsibility for clearing up untidy spaces was questioned. Stratford District Council would be asked to comment on responsibilities for street scene, litter picking and hedge cutting. Some areas could be identified as being in need of intervention.  
It was noted the parish council arranges a bulky waste collection every month for which council members could attend on a rota basis. It was agreed each member needs to wear a named hi-viz jacket when attending.
- f) **County Council’s highways verges cutting regime**  
It was noted that Studley in Bloom has an interest in this matter and would be invited to attend the next meeting. If it is thought this would provide a benefit then areas where wild flowers could be encouraged would be identified,.
- g) **Committee budget requirement for 2022/23**  
i. It was suggested that a tree survey would be required for which £5000 would be added to the budget along with a contingency for emergencies.  
ii. To improve the footpath, part of the Arden Way, from Studley Castle to the village with possible support from Warner Leisure and Heart of England Forest.  
iii. The hedge on the open space opposite the Railway Inn would need attention.  
iv. The cost of play equipment inspections is to be increased to accommodate the increased number of inspections during the year.

- v. CIL funding is available and could be used for teenage recreational facilities eg a teen shelter, and for recreational facilities to be more user-friendly for girls.

**Date of the next meeting: 02/03/2021.**

**Meeting closed: 8.50 pm**

Signed .....  
Chairman, Environment Committee

Date .....