



Studley Parish Council Community Engagement & Events meeting 15th December 2021, 7pm Council chamber, Studley Village Hall

Committee members present Cllrs Andrew Clarke, Chairman;
Jill Beard, David Collett, Phil Hunt

...and not present Cllr Penny Hunt

In attendance Bill Acres, Janet Platt
Justin Kerridge, County Councillor for Studley division
Gill Lungley, Clerk
Liza Rose and Katharine Walters, Admin Officers

Min #CE23 Agenda item 1 – Chairman’s Welcome
Cllr Andrew Clarke welcomed all to the meeting.

Min #CE24 Agenda item 2 - Apologies
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Penny Hunt.

Min #CE25 Agenda item 3 - Declarations of Interest
There were none.

Min #CE26 Agenda item 4 - Grant of dispensation following DPI / ORI declaration
Not required.

Min #CE27 Agenda item 5 - Public Forum
Bill Acres spoke of the proposal put forward by a 4-member steering group for Studley to host a fortnight of activities between 18th June and 2nd July 2022 focussing on environmental issues that will enhance the Studley locality. The event to be known as ‘Environmentally Studley’. The parish council was asked to support and promote the event by encouraging local groups and organisations to be involved. Mr Acres had already presented the idea to the Environment Committee and is seeking support from this committee to help with promotion and community involvement.
Cllr A Clarke and Janet Platt offered to join the steering group.

Janet Platt spoke of Studley in Bloom’s change of direction towards greater community involvement; the group continues to promote sustainability and eco-friendliness in Studley whereby they will work over time to improve the village appearance and meet sustainability standards.

Justin Kerridge spoke of the Studley youth project whereby the parish council has agreed to be the organising body and hire a youth worker as requested by a 4-member steering group which has applied for funding of £5,000 from the county council. He recommended a parish council sub-committee is established to include members who are not parish councillors which will sort out the job-specification and

terms of hire for a fixed-term contract, and advertise the position; organise a budget, and adopt appropriate policies (examples of which are available via CAVA). Proposed start date is February half-term. Free training is available and volunteers will be needed to support the youth worker with links into the local network of youth groups. The application for funding detailed the benefits of the post which would reduce anti-social behaviour, knife crime and drug misuse. The applied-for funding will only support a youth worker for one year and the steering group is looking for funds to make the position permanent.
Justin Kerridge left the meeting.

Min #CE28 Agenda item 6 – Approval of draft minutes of meeting held 17/11/2021
The minutes of the committee meeting held 17/11/2021 were approved as a true record and signed.

Min # CE29 Agenda item 7 – Review progress of items from previous meeting.

a) **Proposed Environment Matters event**, presentation from Mr Bill Acres; as above.

b) **Summary review of issues discussed previously:**

- i. **Remembrance Sunday** debrief: Cllr Ph Hunt advised he had met with the two other main organisers of this year's event for the debrief and had agreed the road closure support had worked well and would be welcome again in 2022.
- ii. **Christmas Lights** debrief: this had already taken place and was attended by Cllr C Summers. The main comment today was to request more marshals are enrolled for the 2022 event with increased patrol along Alcester Road due to possible overspill from Co-op car park when the tree lights are switched on in advance of the main High Street lights.

It was noted that both the Remembrance Sunday and the Christmas Lights events had been very well supported by the Studley community.

- iii. **New parish council website:** an early version of the new website was shown to the meeting for comment. Although some changes were needed, it was generally welcomed as a fresh start towards access compliance.
- iv. **Facebook update:** the council's Facebook page is now live and posting news items and updates.
- v. **Community Speedwatch:** a Studley group has been set up and is to receive training in the new year. It was noted the existing speed orders on A435 between Studley and Alcester are to be revoked and replaced by 'average speed' orders. The speed limits will remain as now.
- vi. **Studley Local Network Group:** Cllr M Osborne had attended the recent meeting and had circulated supporting information.
- vii. **SPC corporate image:** Cllr Clarke undertook to provide brochures of what is available eg hoodies, tabards etc. The council should be celebrating forward progress and promoting what it is doing on Facebook, the website and the local media.
- viii. **Links with local councils:** Cllr Clarke will contact neighbouring councils.

Min # CE30 Agenda item 8 - Events to progress

a) **The Story of Studley, immersive family event February 2022.**
Jen Stone had sent apologies for not being able to attend due to prior engagement.

b) **Chairman's Awards Evening.**
This had been diarised for February 2022, but with the covid pandemic being so unpredictable it was agreed to defer to later in the year.

- c) **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 2 – 5th June 2022**
Cllr Ph Hunt advised the meeting that the Sports and Social Club is organising an event with Studley in Business for the 3rd June. It is likely the parish council will join in with the Beacon Lighting on the evening of 2nd June from Crooks Lane rec.
- d) **Events for later in the year:**
 - i. Remembrance Sunday parade on 13/11/2022. It was noted the group is already committed to organising this event.
 - ii. Christmas Market 25/11/2022.
- e) **Promotion of information**
Cllr Clarke is keen to promote information to Studley residents relating to what's going on, important matters, adult education classes, local sports spotlight, environmental matters, new shops/featured shops, road works, local businesses, school news etc. This can be issued via the website's new function of a weekly email round-up which residents sign up to, as well as a newsletter publication that is delivered via a cascade system. Sponsorship could be requested. Village events could be promoted via the parish council's website calendar which is to act as the central online point for local information with links to the organising bodies.

Min # CE31 Agenda item 9 – to consider for adoption a Community Engagement policy
Two examples of council policy had been circulated along with the strategy example that had been circulated at the previous meeting. Cllr Clarke would review for the next committee meeting. It was agreed the council needs a mission statement to support the strategy and policy.

Min # CE32 Agenda item 10 – Members to raise items for consideration at next meeting.
This committee can appoint up to 3 non-councillors as members and possible new members would be considered at the next committee meeting.

Min # CE33 Agenda item 11 – Date and time of next meeting
It was agreed to meet on 09/02/2022, 7pm.

Meeting closed : 8:35 pm

Signed
Chairman, Community Engagement and Events Committee

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