

	Studham Parish Council Minutes Monday 5th March 2018 @ 7.00pm	
	Councillors' Present: Eddie Perry (EP), Andrea Maxted (AM), Melissa Newland (MN), Mark Poyner (MP) (from 7.10), Geoff Shute (GS), Chrys Smith (CS) & Alan Wright (AW). In attendance: Ward Councillor Kevin Collins. (7.10pm to 8.40pm) 1 Member of the public + 7 members of public (7.55pm to 8.40pm) Julie Cooper (Clerk)	
1.	Apologies for absence. Richard Stay.	
2.	Declaration of Interest. <i>(Personal and / or Prejudicial) Parish Councils (model code of conduct) Order 2013</i> CS & AM re footpath on Church Road. EP – re Neighbourhood Watch. EP – Friend of Studham Church / Parochial Church Council CS – Playing fields committee	
3.	Public questions. (from 8pm) Christine Goldsmith's daughter attends Studham School and her only choice is to cross the road on a blind bend which is unacceptable and feels it is important to offer safe crossing for all the children. A footpath from the bus stop on Church Road to the top of the school hill is a suggested proposal. Tom Goldsmith advised he has instigated similar schemes in Hertfordshire. Paul Burrett, Head teacher, advised that the school supports this proposal but does acknowledge some safety measures have already been put in place with PC support. Helen Aleeson, also a parent from the school, supports Christine. Joan Bailey, Chair of School Governors, requested information on the process to be followed to enable instigation as fully aware that Common Land has special rules. EP related some background information regarding the rules about common land and how difficult it is to make any changes. To use any common land alternative land must be supplied. Question whether the verge land is common, CS confirmed it is, hence why there are no kerb stones. This proposal could take upwards of five years to put in place. EP explained other circumstances within the village where land exchange has been investigated previously. A Councillor suggested an alternative solution would be to provide a 'lollipop' person for one hour per day, estimated cost £1,5560pa, allowing parents and children to cross safely and be able to monitor poor parking and put out signs already purchased. Paul Burrett suggested that the cost would actually be much higher than this estimate plus he has spoken to Nigel Young at CBC who advised that the crossing zone is not suitable as there is no direct line of sight. KC advised however that this would not be within Nigel Youngs portfolio. EP feels however that even a footpath would bring its own problems. KC wondered whether is there any type of surface which would be suitable for pushing pushchairs which would be acceptable to the keepers of the common. BRCC may be able to offer advice or Chilterns Conservation Board. GS will communicate with CBC commons team and report back to next meeting. Another suggestions was to look at the possibility of having a speed limit imposed around the school site of max 20mph. MP requested from KC a name of representative at CBC who is responsible for school safety. CS & GS will arrange a meeting with Highways representative. EP reiterated the PC are taking this seriously and will take it forward. Will notify Joan Bailey if any news earlier than next month. JB happy to attend a meeting if that would be helpful. MP feels we must now write to Richard Carr at CBC stating a deputation attended our meeting to raise their concerns, we also need to establish who at CBC is responsible to ensure this matter is dealt with promptly. Clerk to propose draft for MP approval. Copied in to Joan Bailey. All the other options will still be investigated.	GS KC CS/G S Clerk
4.	Ward Councillor's Report. Waste consultation – with old contracts coming to an end status quo is not an option, encourage feedback. EP passed on his thoughts that CBC provide a very good service. Gritting teams exceeded number of trips this year.	
5.	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2018. The minutes of the meeting were approved as a correct record of the previous meeting.	



	d) Friends of Studham Church – request for funding. Defer until visit from reps in June. e) Playing Fields – request for funding. Approved for payments in March.	
13.	The Link Date of next meeting. Thanks to the grit spreaders, Heartbeat training, ideas for 16th June and details of agenda so far, discarded dog poo.	
14.	Items for the next Agenda. Councillors allowance. Footpath to school.	
15.	Date and time of next meetings. Monday 9th April 2018 – 6 pm Followed by Annual Parish Meeting @ 8.15pm Monday 7th May 2018 – 7pm (AGM) Meeting Closed at 10.10 pm	

