

STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONDAY 4TH MARCH 2019 @ 7 PM

	Councillors' Present: Eddie Perry (EP), Mark Poyner (MP) arrived 7.06pm, Geoff Shute (GS), Chrys Smith (CS), Alan Wright (AW). Also in attendance: 8 members of the public. Julie Cooper (Clerk)	
1	Apologies for absence. Andrea Maxted, Melissa Newland, Richard Stay & Kevin Collins. A letter of resignation was received from Andrea Maxted. Best wishes were offered by all.	
2	Declaration of Interest. (Personal and / or Prejudicial) CS – Church Road markings. Item 10 d) CS – Scouts & Playing Fields request for funding assistance. Item 11.	
3	Public questions. Is Studham a drone free area? Advised that there are rules and regulations online. EP suggested an item in The Link to deter nuisance drones and advise that people follow the rules.	CS
4	Matters for Central Bedfordshire Councillors Ward Councillors were unavailable to attend on this occasion.	
5	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2019. The minutes of the meeting were APPROVED as distributed. Matters arising therefrom: a) Valley View 10 b) – see item 6 b) Blind spot mirror 5 g) – see item 10 d) c) Emergency Plan 7 – now ready for submission.	
6	Chairman's report. - Valley View to be considered at DMC on Wednesday. MP summarized the background & recent plans. - Notices on board regarding election, nomination forms to arrive with Clerk soon. - Senior Citizen Lunch, requests for help on Facebook. To be hosted by SiGNS. - Health Hub – all surgeries have now written to their patients. - Kensworth PC are installing a new speed camera. - Open meeting regarding the mast will be held as part of APM 1st April at Methodist Chapel. - EP to ask KC or RS to advise on status of all outstanding Enforcement Notices.	EP
7	Emergency Plan. MN will e-mail completed version to all Councillors. All to respond asap if in favour.	MN
8	Website. AW advised almost ready, dummy site will now be forthcoming 7-10 days. An additional page was required therefore an additional cost incurred. Total now £1523 plus VAT. AW PROPOSED this be accepted, EP SECONDED all in favour. RESOLVED.	
9	Report of the Vice Chairman. a) The following new application has been received; CB/19/00312/FULL – Heathwood House, Buckwood Road, Studham. Defer to separate meeting, date tba b) The following applications were considered on 18th February and reported within the minutes, as distributed; CB/19/00145/FULL – The Hangar, land to the west of Mansgrove Farm, Common Road. & CB/19/00148/FULL – Clements End Farm, Clements End Road. MP to copy response to Kevin McBride, developer and the Clerk to send copy to resident as requested. c) Matters Arising – & Other Business; Flower Box & welcome sign on Valley Road verge, it was agreed that the PC request retrospective permission for it be there on the proviso that it must be maintained. d) Other Planning matters: see minutes for full details, including;	

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	Valley View, 21 Common Road, Dunstable Road additional speed signage, Common Road VAS sign, Telecommunications Mast consultation, Portaloo for groundwork crew, Nursery development. e) NP met on 19 th will now hire professional to write plan. Call for sites ongoing complying with CBC.	
10	Reports from Portfolio Holders. a) The Village Hall trustees are confident that despite concerns the temporary boarding is safe. EP & MP are looking to hold a site meeting with Des Salmon. Major works to the exterior wall required before floor replacement. Having problems achieving the minimum three quotes. MP suggest that it might be sensible to replace the floor as a temporary measure due to the time taking to do full works. b) MN nothing to report on the school. c) GS circulated a report in advance of the meeting. - The Gardeners contract is due to be delivered to the Clerk with Insurance documents. - Portable toilets have been organized for payback team and bin bags have been received. - Updated photos for wall display in small room, still outstanding. d) CS was requested to organize the gulley team clear drain at Hedgeside. - Church Road planning notices have been posted to put in place full time parking restrictions from No.48 to No.32 to include Yellow lines and an additional drop kerb. A resident spoke to Charlotte at CBC and whilst safety of children is priority, they do not want lines. EP & GS to organize a meeting with two departments at CBC. AW expressed concern that meetings held between Councilors & CBC have not been minuted. GS advised that minutes were taken by CBC which they promised to send us copy of, but not yet received. Going forward it was agreed that CS not to be involved due to her personal interest. PC to inform CBC no yellow lines just mirror. Clerk to forward copies of householder approval to having the mirrors sited on their land to Councilors, for clarification. AW stressed that in future all meetings casual or formal should be confirmed in e-mail. - Several pot holes to be filled have been requested. - Playing Fields & Sports & Social Club have met, nothing major to report. New membership cards. e) AW still nothing to report.	CS EP/G S
	3 mop's left the meeting at 8.27	
11	Correspondence. a) Letter – Follow up to request for financial support. A very full and detailed response was submitted, following discussion EP Proposed £2,000 MP Seconded, all in favour. RESOLVED. A MOP present expressed a wish to also donate, advised to contact Paul Rushmer directly. GS advised Cubs & Scouts supported FoSC making nesting boxes which was much appreciated. 2 mop's left the meeting at 8.37pm Letter – John Bassil, Playing Fields request for financial support. EP PROPOSED £500, MP SECONDED. Approved by all. RESOLVED. CS advised that new baby swings were vandalized and replaced again. Currently working through RoSPA report	
12	Accounts for Payment. A request for payment of accounts relating to February 2019 was presented and approved for payment. A new mandate was also signed in respect of the new rate paid to the gardener from March 2019	
13	Budget Statement Period 11 The budget statement and bank reconciliation were presented and approved as an accurate account of the current financial position.	
14	Items for the April Parish Link. Drone rules & regulations, Elections & APM. Andrea's resignation.	
15	Report from the Clerk. Refreshments for APM were approved. – Both meetings that evening to be held in Methodist Chapel.	Clerk /CS
16	Items for the next agenda. Drones.	
	Date and time of next meetings. Monday 1 st April 2019 @ 6.pm (Methodist Chapel) followed by APM at 8.15pm Monday 13 th May 2019 @ 7pm	
	Meeting Closed at 9.55 pm	

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