

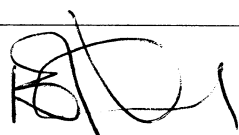
STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2019 @ 7 PM

	<u>Councillors' Present:</u> Eddie Perry (EP), Andrea Maxted (AM), Mark Poyner (MP) arrived 7.30pm, Geoff Shute (GS), Chrys Smith (CS), Alan Wright (AW). <u>Also in attendance:</u> 2 members of the public. Julie Cooper (Clerk)	
1	Apologies for absence. Melissa Newland, Kevin Collins & Richard Stay.	
2	Declaration of Interest. (Personal and / or Prejudicial) None	
3	Public questions. There were no questions raised.	
4	Matters for Central Bedfordshire Councillors (7.30pm) The councillors were unable to attend.	
5	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2018. The minutes of the meeting were APPROVED as distributed. Matters arising therefrom: a) AW questioned whether parishioners who raise an item ought to be named in the minutes? Following discussion, it was agreed that unless specific permission is given that they remain anonymous. An addendum could be added to the minutes if necessary. Notify residents of this via The Link.	
6	Chairman's report. a) Filming and recording of public meetings. The Councillors decided against pursuing the possibility of meetings being recorded. b) Emergency Plan – deferred to February meeting. c) Christmas hospitality evening was very successful, a letter of thanks has been sent to Phil at The Bell for providing a lovely spread for attendees. d) EP advised all councillors that nomination forms to stand for re-election will be available from 1st March. e) EP is keen to pursue a previous suggestion of preparing a 3-year plan to include the objectives and aspirations of the Parish Council. f) EP requested a Councillor 'take on board' the Christmas Lunch in order to begin planning in advance. g) Reminder to all to take part in the CBC budget planning consultation. h) Annual parish Meeting – date/venue must be agreed as main hall not available on 1st April. i) Enforcement notices are becoming more regular and it is important that PC remain informed. j) Mr. Winston advised that Martin Grant Homes have taken an option of the land to the rear of Longyards and may put in an application for housing. EP requested they contact the PC to assist with a Public Meeting.	
7	Report of the Vice Chairman. a) The following new application has been received and was considered; • CB/18/04394/FULL – 85 Holywell Road, Studham. LU6 2PD In response to CBC it was acknowledged that the application included very comprehensive plans and the Councillors have no material concerns. b) Other Planning matters: • 106-126 Dunstable Road, Studham. No decision made by CBC as yet. It was noted that a number of trees have been removed. • Work continues on the draft NP this month. • MP is still trying to arrange a site meeting at Clements End Road. • An onsite meeting regarding the installation of mast has been held. Further 'sweep' to establish signal area coverage due to be undertaken.	

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8	Urgent Matters from Portfolio Holders. a) The Village Hall trustees wish it to be clear that all quotes must be dealt with by French & Partners who are managing the project to ensure the remedial works are considered as a whole and a simple floor replacement is not acceptable. • The trustees would like the PC to begin looking at the options available for the long term rebuild / replacement of a fit for purpose building. MP to begin the process. • EP offered thanks to those responsible for the hall looking so festive for the Christmas period. b) MN was unable to attend. c) GS circulated a report in advance of the meeting. • He is concerned that the Clock memorial and the bus shelter are both still waiting for replacement roof to be completed. • The Gardeners contract has been updated and will be forwarded to the Clerk in order that this may be formally signed by the current incumbent, acknowledging it has been read and understood. • The Church Road/Church Mead link footpath fence is still awaiting remedial works. It was agreed that three councilors would meet on site to decide on requirements of repair / replacement and obtain quotes as appropriate. • The amateur 'rifle range' on the east common has been cleared away. GS has been chasing for updated signs. • It was reported that remains of a dog had been excavated from a 'burial site' on the common, probably by a fox. A request to go into the Link to request people refrain from burying pets in this way. d) CS has made a request for salt bins to be refilled as appropriate, reported pot holes etc. • Drain refurbishment is in abeyance until a road closure is in place. e) AW nothing to report until the solar powered defibrillator becomes available.	
9	Website. This is now in the hands of the designer, waiting for training dates.	
10	Correspondence a) DS has sent thanks for Christmas hospitality evening. b) With both residents happy to proceed with a mirror CS will contact CBC to initiate installation.	
11	Accounts for Payment. A request for payment of accounts relating to December 2018 was presented and approved for payment.	
12	Budget Statement Period 9 The budget statement and bank reconciliation were presented and approved as an accurate account of the current financial position.	
13	Precept Application 2019/20 The precept as proposed at December meeting was approved to be submitted.	
14	Items for the Parish Link. GDPR – parishioners names in minutes, pet burials on the common, reminder of elections.	
13	Report from the Clerk. No matters of concern.	
14	Items for the next agenda Website, Emergency Plan.	
	Date and time of next meetings. Monday 4 th February 2019 @ 7pm Monday 4 th March 2019 @ 7pm	
Meeting Closed at 9.06 pm		

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