

STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Monday 2nd July 2018 @ 7.04 pm

Councillors' Present:

Eddie Perry (EP), Mark Poyner (MP), Melissa Newland (MN), Geoff Shute (GS), Chrys Smith (CS), Alan Wright (AW).

In attendance:

One member of the public (7pm to 7.10pm)
Julie Cooper (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence.

Andrea Maxted, Richard Stay & Kevin Collins.

2. Declaration of Interest.

CS – Church Road footpath.

EP & CS – 9 (a) Playing Fields / Sports & Social Club.

MP – 13 (a) & 1 (3b) – Mansgrove Farm.

3. Public questions.

EP welcomed Helen Aleeson and invited to speak to the meeting regarding the proposal to build a new footpath on the common from the Church Road Bus Shelter to the School corner. EP was able to update as follows, informed CBC nothing forthcoming at this time although they did suggest traffic calming, Councillors have visited school governors and agreed to arrange an open meeting with the school representatives concerned and local people. MP expanded to clarify, Common Land is extremely difficult to manage. HA requested clarification of the definition of 'Highways' as it had been suggested that this was dependent on whether kerb stones are present or not? Suggest we go back to the person Richard Carr's PA referred to for a response to our earlier letter. No one solution apparent.

HA Left the meeting at 7.14pm

PC are concerned and feel CBC should be responding. For the record however, it was noted that the past 51 days has been dry, the relevant section of common is hard and dry and perfectly useable as an unofficial path but has not been used as such.

4. Matters for Central Bedfordshire Councillors.

Neither were able to attend this meeting.

5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2018.

It was not possible to approve the minutes at this time, defer to next meeting.

Matters arising:

- 7f - 64 Church Road, current planning application in play. It is noted that a block work double wall has been built on the front boundary line, does not appear to be in line with current application, therefore Councillors request referral to the Enforcement team for investigation.

6. Report from the Chairman.

- Certificate received from The Royal British Legion.
- Mayfair went well and raised a lot of money.
- NW – residents of Holywell are looking for support with CCTV due to several burglaries. Following discussion, the consensus was this should be funded by a resident's association not the PC.
- EP attended G&T focus group meeting last week, we are very fortunate compared to other local villages, but we must not get complacent. The next CBC meeting is on 14th July where a number of forum members will speak.



7.	Report from the Vice Chairman. a) New Applications to be considered: CB/18/02165/VOC – 35 Church Road, Studham. LU6 2NW – No comment. CB/18/02336/FULL – Mansgrove Farm, Common Road, Studham. LU6 2NL (conversion of double garage to single dwelling with front porch extension and rear extension for boiler / utility cupboard.) No material concerns, welcome additional accommodation of this type. b) Other planning matters. The following applications were considered on Monday 25th June, full commentary on responses made to CBC as distributed: • CB/TRE/18/01943 – The Bell Inn, Studham. LU6 2QG • CB/18/02046/FULL – 64 Church Road, Studham, LU6 2QA • CB/18/02144/FULL – 2 Kensworth Road, Studham. LU6 2QF • CB/18/02092/AG – Mansgrove Farm, Common Road, Studham. LU6 2NL • CB/TRE/18/00207 – Littern Oldhill Wood, Studham. LU6 2NE (No comment as in Whipsnade Parish) c) Confirmation of annual insurance renewal. d) Village Hall – MP will make initial contact with Nicola Darcy CBC to consider the future options for the Village Hall before moving forward. e) Luton Airport – consultations ongoing, still looking to double in size. f) Neighbourhood Plan ongoing, meeting held 12 June, all policies in place. g) Parish Plan – keep in mind – possibly set in March of each year. – to use any planning related money. EP suggests Councillors also keep in mind future projects to be considered for expenses to be allowed for in Precept ahead of decision making in December.	MP
8.	Portfolio Holder reports. a) AM – Village Hall, report APPROVED as distributed. b) MN – School, report APPROVED as distributed. • War memorial rededication event – EP thanked Melissa for being the lead in such a tremendous event. MN suggested a formal ‘thank you’ to all those who contributed. c) GS - Common & Gardener – report APPROVED as distributed. MP has offered to undertake an annual maintenance on sign, boards and benches with assistance from GS. AW requested placement of a bench on The Green at Holywell. CS Suggests those requesting it write to PC and make request. MP feels we should then contact adjacent residents to ensure they have no concerns. Hard standing would need to be put in place for it to sit on. d) CS - Highways – Everything requested has been completed. GS reported lights not working on Church Road, towards the church. MP reported drains blocked bottom Linney Head. • Playing Fields – AGM 10th July • S&S Club – AGM 27th July Memberships are being chased. e) AW – Defibrillator, Nothing to report.	
9.	Correspondence / items for the Clerk a) Funding request from Sports & Social Club for improvement works to the clubhouse including energy efficient heating. Proposed, Seconded & Approved. £500 b) Notice of AGM – Village Hall c) Fracking, email circulated Lyn Moxon will keep watch on our behalf.	
10	Accounts for Payment. • The request for payment of accounts as distributed in relation to June 2018 were presented for payment and subsequently approved.	
11.	Budget Statement Period 3. The budget statement and bank reconciliation as distributed were approved as an accurate account of the current financial position.	
12	Items for the Parish Link. / Autumn Surgery. • Items were approved for inclusion in the September edition of The Link. • The surgery will focus on forward planning for rebuild / refurbishment of the Village Hall along with discussion regarding the proposal for a new school footpath. • Surgery flyer to include advert for website assistance If no response from Link by end July.	

21	Report from the Clerk. • Parish Link - £30 allocated in Precept budget, propose include this in September payment requests. • Armed forces covenant trust, application not proceeded as we don't fulfil criteria requirements. • The encrypted external hard drives for back up storage are now being used. Reimbursement for cost of these which was previously approved is included in the above payments. • The replacement laptop has not yet been delivered, new stock anticipated 12th July. EP PROPOSED payment be reimbursed between meetings rather than delaying to September. SECONDED by MP and subsequently APPROVED.	
d) 22	Items for the next agenda Invite Des to next meeting to discuss VH prior to 29 th September Surgery. November remembrance service.	
	Date and time of next meetings. Monday 3 rd September @ 7pm Monday 1 st October @ 7pm	Meeting Closed at 9.30 pm



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