



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

Monday 3rd April 2023 @ 6 pm

	Councillors Present: Bob Wilkin (BW), Mark Poyner (MP) arrived at 6.09pm, Mo Rashid (arrived at 7.15pm) (MR), Geoff Shute (GS), Chrys Smith (CS), Lynne Smith (LS) & Alan Wright (AW) Also in attendance: Clerk – Sally Harrop (SH) Ward Councillor – Eddie Perry (EP) – arrived at 7.17pm 5 Members of the Public (MOP)
1	Apologies for absence None received. Ward Councillor - Kevin Collins (KC)
2	Declarations of Interest. <i>Personal /or Prejudicial</i> 7) a) i) Church Close – CS 7) b) iii) 40A Byslips Road - CS
3	Public Question Time None received.
4	Matters for the Ward Councillor Councillor Eddie Perry (at 7.17pm) Nothing to report, this is his last meeting for around 35 years as ward, district and parish councillor, he wishes everyone well.
5	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on: i. Monday 6th March 2023 The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting subject to: It was agreed to include councillors' monthly reports with the minutes to make the comments in Sections 9) a) and 10) a) clearer.
6	Report of the Chairman – Councillor Wilkin. a) <u>Parish Council Election – Thursday 4th May 2023</u> – BW is not aware of there being more than seven candidates standing so it is likely there will not be a poll. We should know who the councillors will be by 4th April. If there is a contested election the next SPC meeting (currently scheduled for 9th May) will have to be delayed. b) <u>Studham Common SANG Designation</u> – BW commented that it is unfortunate that there isn't a CBC ward councillor here to discuss this, as the SANG designation came from CBC planning department. BW advised that SPC had received no updates on what had previously been reported apart from some briefing papers having been published on CBC's website. BW would like CBC to give a public presentation, hopefully not long after the forthcoming election in May. In further discussion and in response to various questions raised by MOP's, the following points were made: - KC had advised BW in Nov 2022 that Studham Common was unlikely to be affected by a SANG Designation but that this had changed and SPC became aware of this in late January. - SPC wasn't aware of who exactly had been managing the SANG negotiation and designation process in CBC. - A walk round had taken place at Studham Common on 1 February with Siobhan

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	Vincent (Technical and Specialist Team Leader at CBC), Howard Hughes (Active Lifestyles Manager at CBC) and KC. - The car park sketch in the briefing paper on the CBC website has been taken from a site in Woburn to give an example. - SPC would hope to be consulted appropriately by CBC in relation to any car parking plans flowing from the SANG designation and noted that such plans are expected to need planning consent which could be difficult to obtain particularly in respect of the corner of Kensworth Road. - CBC will be making funding available to meet the cost of the SANG designation and any work associated with it. - The SANG Designation might not attract many more visitors to Studham Common and that could depend on how much effort CBC puts into marketing it. Any meeting with CBC that is arranged will published by email and Facebook, however there is no guarantee such a meeting will take place. 3 X MOP leave at 6.40pm
7	Report of the Vice-Chairman – Councillor Poyner a) <u>New planning applications</u> CB/23/00812/FULL – 8 Church Close, Studham LU6 2PE – Erection of a detached single garage and adaptation of existing shared drive and crossover for off road vehicle parking - An area of grass will need to be converted into hardstanding to enable access; this will need to be agreed by CBC. Having considered this proposal, the Councillors have no material concerns and are happy that CBC Planning Team will determine as appropriate. CB/TRE/23/00096 – 8 Holywell Road, Studham LU6 2PA – Works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation order TOP/1973 - SPC has no material concerns. CBC to decide as appropriate. CB/23/00825/FULL – 34 Woodland Rise, Studham LU6 2PF – Single storey front extension - Applicant attended the meeting, SPC has no material concerns. CBC to decide as appropriate. CB/22/04971/FULL – Valley View, Hemel Hempstead Road, Dagnall, Berkhamsted HP4 1QR – Existing pitch to contain one additional static caravan, parking, hardstanding and associated infrastructure – All councillors are against this application. BW commented that CBC should take legal advice to make sure that the traveller entitlement rules are met including whether such rights have already been exhausted in respect of the previous applications. MP to draft a rejection response and refer to SPC's previous responses. EP arrived at 6.56pm b) <u>Other Planning Matters</u> CB/22/04099/FULL – Barnfield, Hemel Hempstead Road – Planning permission has been granted. Setter Braes, Dunstable Road – MP has been advised the outbuilding on this property was built in 2019, as far as BW is aware CBC Enforcement Team are investigating this. 40A Byslips Road CB/23/00438/VOC – SPC comments on the variation were submitted on 26/03/23. CB/23/00061/FULL - 67 Holywell Road Studham – Construction of a detached dwelling following demolition of an existing dwelling – Amendment to Application SPC previously responded to on 07/02/23. AW has spoken to residents, CBC have asked them to provide other information including a bat survey, which was negative. As this is not contentious SPC has no material concerns, CBC to decide as appropriate. CB/TRE/23/00147 – 35 Woodland Rise, Studham LU6 2PF – Works to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation order SB/82/00003/G48 – Applicant noted on application form that they are unsure which trees at the property are subject to TPO's and would like assistance from CBC to confirm this. As this is not contentious SPC has no material concerns, CBC to decide as appropriate.

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	vi. 50 Holywell Road – SPC has received an email from a planning consultant - MP has suggested they make their application to CBC which SPC can then review. MOP left at 7.11pm 1 X MOP arrived at 7.18pm
8	REPORT OF Councillor Rashid. a) Crime – see notes already provided, attached. Trail Biker reported on East Common.
9	REPORT OF Councillor Shute. a) Public Footpaths – See notes already provided - attached, nothing to add. b) 69 Holywell Road -overgrown hedge, Emma Kines (Principal Highways Officer at CBC) advised it should be cut back. c) Meads Path – Gardener to be advised work needs to start here as soon as possible.
10	REPORT OF Councillor C. Smith. See notes already provided – attached. a) Highways – See notes already provided – attached. b) Playing Fields – See notes already provided – attached. c) Warm Hub – PCSO Laura Tuck attended last one on Tuesday 28th March at the Methodist Chapel. Warm Hubs are now finished, although Methodist Chapel will continue to offer 1 coffee morning a month.
11	REPORT OF Councillor L. Smith a) Village Hall – New doors have been installed. New Table Tennis table has been delivered.
12	REPORT OF Councillor Wright – a) Website and email – all running well. b) Defibrillators – all running well.
13	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (relating to March 2023) Accounts payable were approved for payment and schedule signed. Payments were authorised by MP on 30/03/23.
14	BUDGET STATEMENT (Distributed) The financial statement of income and expenditure for the year to 31st March 2023 - to be sent to councillors Tuesday 4th April to review by email. SPC has underspent for the year.
15	CORRESPONDENCE. Community Payback – no need, SH to respond. Sports and Social Club Pool Table – the repair work has been carried out BW proposes that this is paid – agreed. Coronation Party – still awaiting quote from Sports and Social Club.
16	REPORT OF CLERK. Debit card – has arrived and been used to purchase the coronation flag. Coronation Flag – has been delivered and passed to BW.
17	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT PARISH LINK. Welcome packs for new residents. Sign up for parish council emails. Thank you to councillors standing down. A meeting re SANG designation has been requested from CBC.
18	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA. Annual Parish Council Meeting & Forms of office etc to be completed. Trees in Church Close and update in the meantime.
19	DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS Tuesday 9th May 2023 @ 7pm (exceptionally, this meeting will be held in the Methodist Chapel) Monday 5th June 2023 @ 7pm – At the Village Hall Meeting closed at 7.50 pm

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Report from Geoff Shute for Studham P C for Monday April 3rd 2023

FOSC - and the Common

The last work party was wet so work was mainly restricted to working in the woods on West common.

The common has been inspected by the judge who decides if we are to be awarded a Community Green Flag for 2023-24. Result expected in August 2023.

We have a report of a trial bike being used on a common and this is on Face book – anyone with information that may assist in identifying the perpetrator please report and send any **large file size photos** to – use 101 to log this to the police community team and

opmeteorinbox@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

Village centre Car Park

Two issues still be resolved - a muddy area has developed rendered a large area unsuitable to use unless wearing boots - CBC reports that as the area is not official car park it cannot repair the surface.

The silver van that has been parked there for many 18 months - is untaxed and has no current MOT and will not/ cannot be removed by the land owner CBC. Note - the van is within the conservation area for the village which might give greater weight for getting it removed. Breathe holding not recommended.

The police have been advised although no acknowledgement as yet and unlikely as the van is not on the highway

Footpaths Studham Lane

I have yet to hear if the fallen tree has been removed from the Whipsnade end – It was partially cleared to allow walkers to pass safely by our RoW.

Dirty street furniture

The street furniture on the main roads has been cleaned, just leaving the street signs to be wiped over soon.

I think we need to update the No cold Calling signs as some are missing and some invisible to cold callers.

Hedge at corner Holywell Road Oakway no 69

Over grown the footpath so you have to use the road and also reported to CBC v

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Report for PC Meeting Monday 3 April 2023

HIGHWAYS

New

Several faults have been entered on fix my street. I am monitoring these, however I cannot post updates/comments to them on line as can only be done by original reporter. Still awaiting highways reponse ref the 2 lights (Linney Head and Common Car Park).

Held over:

The paving slabs in Dunstable Road are being monitored.

CLEANING OF PAVEMENT FOOTPATHS.

Email sent requesting schedule works for Studham during coming year.

SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Return to normal opening 4-9pm Monday to Friday. 12-9pm Saturday and Sunday. Good Friday and Easter Monday will open at 2pm. Following refurbishment of table, Pool evening will be held on Tuesdays.

PLAYING FIELDS

Work on carpark commenced. Completing forms for grants re maintenance of football pitch.

Village Centre CAR PARK

No detail yet from CBC, although recent comments are concerned about Conservation Area.

WARM HUBS

Now closed for Summer. Methodist Chapel have decided to continue 1 coffee morning per month (2nd Tuesday) commencing 9th May.

Cllr. Chrys Smith

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