

	STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER @ 6 PM	
	Councillors Present: Bob Wilkin (BW), Mark Poyner (MP), Mohammed Rashid (MR), Geoff Shute (GS), Chrys Smith (CS), Lynne Smith (LS) & Alan Wright (AW) Also in attendance: 27 Members of public (MOP) Michael Stott (MS) co-ordinating Community Fibre Broadband Project Clerk – Sally Harrop (SH)	
1.	Apologies for absence. Kevin Collins.	
2.	Declarations of Interest. Personal /or Prejudicial 7 a) i) It was noted that several Councillors are clientele of The Bell Pub from time to time 7 b) ii) Land to the rear of 48 Church Road – LS & CS	
3.	Public question time. CB/21/04891/FULL – Chinook, Oldhill Wood, Studham LU6 2NE – Installation of mobile telephone mast. • BW advised that only electors for the Parish of Studham are permitted to put questions to the Council but would nonetheless listen to the comments and views of residents concerning the mast, including those from the Oldhill Wood area in Whipsnade. Studham Parish Council (SPC) has not yet formed its views on the application, but are aware that there are supporters and those that have concerns, including about the coverage it will provide. • MS was asked to give an update - the application will be heard at CBC's Development Management Committee (DMC). MS has looked at alternative sites and has approached some farmers. • The mast will not be able to provide a 5G signal as that uses different technology to 3G/4G. • As the mast will be under the flight path for Luton Airport it might be required to have a light on top of it. • One resident had prepared a handout which illustrates how high the mast will be and a map which shows the coverage the mast will give. There will not be a lot of improvement in the Holywell area. • There have also been discussions with Whipsnade Zoo about the positioning of a mast. • One resident advised that Andrew Selous (AS) had visited her elderly mother recently who is anxious about the mast as it will be very near her house. AS advised them that he has withdrawn his support for the mast and feels that residents should meet to find a good site. • AW asked MS if he had considered withdrawing the application, this would need to be done by The Pegasus Group (agent for the applicant Shared Access Limited). • CBC have confirmed that there have been problems with loading residents' comments to their portal. • EP suggested that if the application goes to DMC, residents must attend the meeting or write in. The mast should serve everyone and CBC should consider everyone's views. EP advised that KC may have called the application in for refusal. EP will not call it in. • MP thought a decision had to be made within 8 weeks, under The Telecommunications Act, MP asked MS to clarify this. John Ellis at CBC told a resident it is 56 days from validation date (approx. 17 Nov). • Whipsnade Parish Council have not decided on their thoughts about the application. • BW draws this discussion to a close and thanks everyone for attending. Residents can write to SPC, although it would be better for them to submit their comments via CBC portal or to the CBC generic planning email address. 21 MOP leave • MOP – advised he went to Kensworth Parish Council meeting regarding a new development which is behind his parents' house. He was impressed at their knowledge of the DMC process and the best way to prepare for such a meeting. He is going to email SPC and would like them to respond advising how they would deal with the next unsuitable development; it would be a good idea to share knowledge and expertise with other local parish councils. 2 x MOP leave	

4.	Matters for the Ward Councillor – Eddie Perry • EP would like to pass on his thanks to Des Salmon as he has stood down as Chairman of Village Hall. CS to be congratulated on being the new chairman and LS as deputy. • Covid is rising again, we must take it seriously. Encourage everyone to do what is being asked of them. BW mentioned that SPC has received email asking for volunteers which will be publicised. • ‘Zoom’ highways meeting which was helpful. Buckwood Road towards the Herts border, pothole there will be tackled. Church Lane should have been started today. • It isn’t clear yet when Mile End Farm will go to DMC. MP liaised with Lauren today, our comments will be submitted tomorrow, so this won’t be in the December DMC meeting. • Clements End Road Equestrian Centre. EP said CBC and the Ward Councillors had received FOIA requests and a response was being prepared. EP commented that in his case there was little information to provide since he did not have contemporaneous notes of conversations.	
5.	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on: Monday 1st November 2021 Monday 15th November 2021 – Planning Meeting The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meetings. The following matters were arising therefrom: • AW asked if the letter has been sent to CBC re the hedges on Dunstable Road from Linney Head to Longyards. It has not been sent, BW walked down this path recently, the issue is now the footpath when you cross over and go up Bell Hill, this is now impassable. This matter will be deferred to the January meeting. • CS has told Nick Opperman he can hire cherry picker for the day to repair the war memorial and SPC will cover the cost.	
6.	Report of the Chairman – Councillor Wilkin. <u>Bank Account Signatories and Online Access</u> – 2nd signatory completed on three forms - SH has also signed and will send to Lloyds Bank. <u>Precept 2022-23</u> – Setting in January, BW has put notes round in terms of where we are. Need to give thought to this, could any comments be made by the end of this week to BW and SH. After BW and SH have met to discuss this, it will be circulated in advance of January meeting and then signed off.	
7.	REPORT OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN – Councillor Poyner <u>New Planning Applications.</u> CB/21/04790/FULL & CB/21/04847/FULL – The Bell Inn, Dunstable Road, Studham, LU6 2QG – Listed Building: Construction of single storey building with rooms in roof space to rear of The Bell PH to provide 5 guest bedrooms. After discussion MP/SH to respond that SPC are happy for CBC to determine this renewal planning application, noting that there could be an issue with parking in the future if any of the current spaces are lost or removed. CB/TRE/21/00586 – 25 Oakway, Studham, LU6 2PE - Works to an oak tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order. Following deliberation, the councillors have no material concerns. <u>Other Planning Matters –</u> CB/21/01831/FULL – Clements End Farm – MP is chasing Lauren Rance at CBC Planning re conditions including Highways, no other update. CB/21/01361/FULL – Land to the rear of 48 Church Road, Studham APPEAL REF -APP/P0240/W/21/3278516 – Erection of two dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping. SPC will respond advising they want the appeal to be dismissed, MP will draft a response. CB/21/04891/FULL – Chinook, Oldhill Wood, Studham LU6 2NE – Installation of mobile telephone mast. Already discussed in Public Question Time. Councillors will meet virtually to discuss this further. Neighbourhood Plan - MP met with Mike Dowd, he will provide costings by the end of the year. Mile Barn Farm – MP has drafted response, any comments to him by lunchtime tomorrow.	
8.	REPORT of Councillor Rashid- 4 instances of crime in the last month, 2 harassments, 1 burglary and one vehicle break in. At January meeting we can discuss if any matters need to be put forward to the Police for their 3 monthly reviews.	
9.	REPORT OF Councillor Shute. <u>Public Footpaths</u> – See notes provided. Salt Bin situation - parish owned bins not topped up although CBC owned ones have been. GS has sent reminder off.	
10.	REPORT OF Councillor C. Smith. <u>Car Parking</u> – CS will chase In January.	

	b) <u>Highways</u> – Information circulated re traffic including request to CBC for monitoring equipment to be installed in Byslips Road.	
11.	REPORT OF Councillor L. Smith. Nothing to report	
12.	REPORT OF Councillor Wright. a) <u>Defibrillators</u> – New cabinet still on order. VETS scheme telephone number set up, during testing it was discovered you can't have 'call waiting' if you are a volunteer. AW to test all other volunteers' numbers. Leaflets can go out, volunteers will be needed to deliver them. AW has asked for next year's costs.	
13.	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (relating to November 2021) Accounts payable were approved for payment.	
14.	BUDGET STATEMENT PERIOD 6 (Distributed) The financial statement of income and expenditure for the year to 30 th November 2021 was approved. BW advised spend so far is on course to where we should be. Out of the £1,500 'unexpected contingency' only £9 has been spent. This is a better position than last year and there could be a reserve at the end of the financial year. Nothing spent on Neighbourhood Plan so far. Expenditure expected to commence next year; cost to complete could possibly be £8/9,000. We have £1,200 ring fenced for Platinum Jubilee. LS advised sports and social club will come to meetings for the Platinum Jubilee, this was also mentioned in parish link (no response received). MR is our PC representative. Scouts will also join any discussions.	
15.	CORRESPONDENCE. a) <u>Chiltern Society</u> – It was agreed SPC should be members - SH to deal with.	
16.	REPORT OF CLERK.	
17.	REVIEW ONGOING ACTIONS LIST. BW updated this and circulated, comments to BW	
18.	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT PARISH LINK. Dec and Jan joint issue so nothing this month.	
19.	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA. Platinum Jubilee, Insurance.	
20.	DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS. Monday 10 th January 2022 @ 7pm Monday 7 th February 2022 @7pm	

Meeting closed 7.53pm