

	STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2022 @ 7 PM	
	Councillors Present: Bob Wilkin (BW), Mark Poyner (MP), Geoff Shute (GS), Mohammed Rashid (MR), Chrys Smith (CS), Lynne Smith (LS) & Alan Wright (AW) Ward Councillor – Eddie Perry (EP) Also in attendance: Mandy Roberts (MRS) and Richard Hodge (RH) – Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Clerk – Sally Harrop (SH)	
1.	Apologies for absence. Kevin Collins – Ward Councillor PC Jack Hollands	
2.	Declarations of Interest. <i>Personal /or Prejudicial</i> 8 b) iv) Land to the rear of 48 Church Road - LS & CS	
3.	Local Policing – PC Jack Hollands PC Jack Hollands was unable to attend due to work commitments.	
4.	Public Question Time - None	
5.	Matters for the Ward Councillor Eddie Perry– - DEFRA Landscapes Review Response – DEFRA is running a public consultation for 9 weeks to 9th April (see https://consult.defra.gov.uk/future-landscapes-strategy/government-response-to-the-landscapes-review/) concerning the powers and role of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Separately, it has been suggested that Chilterns AONB could become a National Park. BW suggested that at some point SPC should hold a separate meeting and inviting speakers to advise what National Park benefits would give. A National Park could have its own planning department and could avoid having to deal with both Chilterns AONB and CBC having their own design guides. - An update on the latest Covid-19 figures, total cases 75902, in the last seven days 3686. - Buckwood Road repairs, no work has taken place yet. CS advised an email has been received, the work has been put back until end of this month. Noted that potholes are very deep. Across the Dacorum border, holes have all been marked ready for repair. - There will be a planning application on A5183 for vehicle charging points and a solar farm either side of Horse and Jockey pub. This is in Caddington.	
6.	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on: i. Monday 10th January 2022 The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meetings. There were no matters arising therefrom.	
7.	Report of the Chairman – Councillor Wilkin. a) Mobile Telephone Mast Update – Application by Shared Access (SA) has been withdrawn, there has not been a formal statement as to why. It is understood there is not sufficient water pressure for the Fire Service and there could be problems installing the electricity supply to the mast. SA have entered into discussions with Whipsnade Zoo. SPC want to interact with SA to assist then with finding a suitable location, which would not cause huge opposition amongst residents. BW and MP advised they would like SA to provide a map illustrating locations where there would be a good signal. SA have stated the Ideal location would be within 600 metres of Common Road and Clements End Road junction. b) Fibre to the Property Project – Announced in October 2021, bringing advantages of more reliable and faster broadband. BW briefly explained how project would work. Money has now been allocated, Open Reach setting up project, will take 4-5 weeks. There will then be a 3 month period for residents to sign up, need 64% to do so. Michael Stott has been working on getting people to assist with the sign up. Confirmed this covers Whipsnade and Studham and this has been amalgamated into one project. MRS & RH leave at 7.33pm	

	c) <u>Bank Account Signatories and Online Access</u> – All councillors are now signed up and several payments have been made. d) <u>Luton Airport</u> – Paperwork received today about a public consultation. There will be various meetings including Wednesday 16th Feb 3pm-8pm at Markyate Village Hall. BW will put up written notices and add to Facebook Group/Parish Email. EP advised that it is his understanding that the flight path cannot be changed. e) <u>Asset Register</u> – Need to itemise fixed assets on AGAR (Annual Governance & Accountability Return), currently there is one amount with no information as to what the assets and their values are. Agreed that clarification of assets was needed for the purposes of the AGAR. In addition, the insured assets would be reviewed and the need to add Meads Path to liability insurance was noted.	
8.	REPORT OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN – Councillor Poyner. a) <u>New planning applications</u> i. CB/TRE/22/00032 – Two Beeches, Swannells Wood, Studham LU6 2QB – Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order SB/84/00014 – Following discussion SPC has no material concerns. ii. CB/TRE/22/00038 – Silverthorne, Swannells Wood, Studham LU6 2QB – works to trees protected by a preservation order SB/84/00014 – Following discussion SPC has no material concerns. b) <u>Other Planning Matters</u> iii. CB/21/01831/FULL – Clements End Farm – BW sent round an email update to councillors earlier, this included three letters which will be issued once they have been reviewed. MP advised that a special meeting will be called. Two residents have also been updated and advised that their concerns are being addressed. iv. 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 – No material update, MP has had no contact from planning team. v. Mile Barn Farm CB/21/01017 – EP and MP went to DMC. MP impressed with meeting, there was a good discussion/debate. Application was rejected 7-5. Developer needs to come up with exceptional very special circumstances and a good design. Richard Stay has contacted MP on behalf of the applicant and has been advised that while SPC did not support the plan as currently presented, its commentary was positive and had identified those matters which, if adequately addressed, would result in SPC's support. Likely they will appeal, MP advised Richard Stay to discuss with SPC. No real debate about offices on the application. vi. Barnfield CB/21/05250 – SPC approached by applicant after SPC January Meeting. Applicant advised by CBC to withdraw. MP and BW held a zoom call with applicant, no further update. c) <u>Other Matters</u> i. Section 106 money and possible balances available – updated schedule from CBC circulated this week, needs to be reviewed. BW advised that GS is putting a list together of what monies could be used for. MP suggested we should have a rolling document that is reviewed annually, and items graded as to urgency/priority. BW suggested a separate zoom session to discuss in March. ii. Neighbourhood Plan – no update iii. SKAW meeting – MP attended. SKAW have helped a lot of residents; many have been on a regular basis. Insurance has increased, this covers 3 parishes and the cost should be split equally. BW noted that the CBC's draft Strategic Plan shows which areas that have a good neighbour scheme.	
9.	REPORT of Councillor Rashid. a) <u>Crime</u> - 3 instances: 1 vehicle theft of a van; attempted vehicle break-in in Oldhill wood; and activity caught on CCTV with Fiesta type car and a someone looking into gardens. b) <u>Platinum Jubilee and May Fair</u> – BW has circulated note of planning in hand for the Platinum Jubilee. Focus of activities could be at S&S club and playing fields to differentiate from the May Fair. Planting trees - FOSC discussing at meeting next week. Suggestion of creating a marked Jubilee Walk linking footpaths around Studham. Church Services will be held on the Sunday of that weekend in all 3 parishes. Next meeting Monday 21st February at 7pm.	
10.	REPORT OF Councillor Shute. a) <u>Public Footpaths</u> – Had a meeting with CS and new CBC footpath team. GS has shared info with them re section 106 monies. See report circulated prior to the meeting. b) <u>Bridleways</u> – looking into possibility of linking these up.	
11.	REPORT OF Councillor C. Smith. a) <u>Car Parking</u> – Email sent to Steve Halton to remind him that a meeting is required. b) <u>Highways</u> – Had a reply from Mark Horton re Bell Hill. Heritage light on unofficial car park not yet repaired. See report circulated prior to meeting.	

	c) <u>Pegasus scheme</u> - for helping communication with those with learning disabilities/epilepsy. Information to be added to notice boards and SPC emails.	
12.	REPORT OF Councillor L. Smith. a) <u>Village Hall</u> – Des Salmon has handed over bookings to LS. Cracks in walls have now been repaired by contractor. Ceiling tiles repaired and now have spares. b) <u>Welcome packs</u> – none delivered.	
12	REPORT OF Councillor Wright. a) <u>Defibrillators</u> – New cabinet fitted by Red Lion. Testing on VETs scheme has finished today. Volunteers available to deliver leaflets. Also, SPC should now receive one invoice with the same renewal date. b) <u>Website</u> - all archived and invoice received.	
13	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (relating to January 2022) Accounts payable were approved for payment and schedule signed.	
14	BUDGET STATEMENT (Distributed) The financial statement of income and expenditure for the year to 31st January 2022 was approved.	
15	CORRESPONDENCE. None received	
16	REPORT OF CLERK. HM Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire - Invite to church service for HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 8 th May. Discussed, SH will advise that we do not have anyone who can attend on this date.	
17	REVIEW ONGOING ACTIONS LIST. BW has updated and will circulate next month.	
18	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT PARISH LINK. Welcome Pack requests to LS/Clerk, planning for Platinum Jubilee, Fibre to Premises sign up could open within next month, speeding along Dunstable Road has increased.	
19	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.	
20	DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS. Monday 7 th March 2022 @ 7pm Monday 4 th April 2022 @6pm – Parish Council Meeting Monday 4 th April 2022 @ 8.15pm – Annual Parish Meeting	
		Meeting closed 9.20 pm