

Studham Parish Council - Minutes

Planning Meeting – Thursday 26th July 2018

7pm

Present: MP, EP, GS, & AW

- 1 Planning 2 x new applications were considered, responses circulated.
 - CB/TRE/18/00255 – 55 Woodland Rise.
 - CB/18/02558/FULL – 38 Woodland Rise.
- 2 The Clerk advised the Councillors that the application for No. 64 Church Road, Studham. LU6 2QA has been granted permission.
Note Enforcement Officer investigating block work wall on front boundary. (circulated).
- 3 The Meads Footpath – GS has gone to some lengths to seek clarification of ownership, to determine ongoing maintenance etc.
It is now clear that the ownership was passed to the PC, as per the Land Registry. Having accepted this and going forward it must be established whether the hedgerow is in this ownership or not. It was agreed therefore to write to residents of properties adjacent to the footpath to determine whether the vegetation is on their land and they accept liability, if so this needs to be cut back.
- 4 Spindlewood – History of communications relating to the conifer hedge was considered, it is now acknowledged that the PC owns the footpath. (see above) It was decided therefore that a further letter be sent to all properties explaining that any overhang must be cut back within 28 days. If any resident holds the opinion that the hedge does not fall under their ownership should write to the PC accordingly. In this event and in order to preserve the quality of the footpath the PC will assume ownership and arrange for any such hedge to be removed.
- 5 War Memorial – Examination of costs to date, outstanding accounts and anticipated expenditure etc.
It was acknowledged that had we gone out to tender as per original plan the cost was estimated at £22K, we were advised that community labour would enable this to be undertaken within a £5K budget. It is accepted that this is in fact the case, but we need a more detailed breakdown/summary of the invoices provided for audit purposes with clear explanation for clarity. E.g. Socrates, request explanation of two invoices for same value. i.e. was this a deposit of 50% on first invoice with balance on 2nd? Rosethorne invoice needs explanation of the split between labour and materials (clear breakdown). Cheques to be prepared but only posted once this information has been made available.

As the railings have not yet been secured, and possibly dangerous it was agreed that the area should be barriered until completed.

- 6 EP has been approached by and spoken to Mr Thorne regarding the possibilities of developing land at Longyards.
EP explained that PC cannot approve or otherwise, only comment and notify public. PC will certainly not support any proposal whilst the smaller plots remain in other hands.
Suggest all land amalgamated for any proposal to make sense.
- 6 Payments to be raised, cheques signed for July accounts. All to be formally accounted for at September meeting.
- Rosethorne Construction – Installation of granite base. £2,160.00
 - Socrates Services – Railings. £720.00
 - Julie Cooper – July salary. £595.60
 - Studham Sports & Social Club – Contribution towards refurb. of clubhouse. £500.00
 - HMRC – Salary deductions. £163.57
 - Studham Village Hall – Hire fees April to June inc. £144.00
 - Nick Opperman – Various materials. £59.06
 - Bryan Smith – Delivery of War Memorial leaflet. £50.00
 - Chrys Smith – Catering expenses for War Memorial event. £37.30
 - Geoff Shute – Bench refurbishment materials. £27.33
- 7 Memorial event Thank-you letters were signed – Euan Tees (Buglar) & Paul Rushmer (Scouts)
- 8 Website – new proposal as per e-mail circulated and subsequently investigated by GS. Proposer to be invited to September meeting to explain to all Councillors.

Meeting closed: 8.20pm