



Minutes of the Studham Parish Council General Meeting
Held at Studham Scout HQ
Thursday 5th December 2024

	<u>Councillors Present:</u> Jane Jacoby (JJ), Chris Morrell (CM), Susan Holliman (SH), Jason Jackson (Jk) & Jennifer Rushmer (JR) (Chair for meeting) <u>Also in attendance:</u> Clerk – Brian Mew (BM) 1 Member of the Public (MoP)
	<u>Public Participation</u> None
131/202425	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Councillors Lola Harris (LH) & Mo Rashid (MR) Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) Ward Councillor - Vicky Malone (VM)
132/202425	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u> None
133/202425	<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 5th November 2024 were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.
134/202425	<u>REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN</u> None
135/202425	<u>REPORT OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u> <u>Councillor Holliman</u> – <u>Defibrillators</u>; <u>Planning</u>: SH reported on recent incident involving defibrillator last week. BM to further check status of defibrillators with the Ambulance Service. <u>Councillor Jacoby</u> – <u>Salt Bins</u>; <u>Playing Fields/SSSC</u>; <u>Village Hall</u>; <u>Planning</u>: Salt bins – locks had been removed. Additional volunteers had come forward in the Holywell area. JJ had attended Carbon Literacy course last week. No dates currently indicated for Village Hall Committee meetings. <u>Councillor Rushmer</u> – <u>Footpaths</u>; <u>Rights of Way</u>; <u>Welcome Packs</u>; <u>Studham, Kensworth, and Whipsnade Good Neighbours (SKAW)</u>; <u>Planning</u>: Mike Pitton is new chair of SKAW. JR would attend SKAW AGM on 16th December. <u>Councillor Morrell</u> - <u>CBC Grass & verge maintenance</u>; <u>Friends of Studham Common (FOSC)</u> <u>Liaison</u>; <u>Planning</u>: Grass cutting and verge maintenance works carried out by CBC contractor were incomplete. CM to meet CBC officers in New Year. CBC to be written to regarding overhanging edges and foliage. <u>Councillor Jackson</u> - <u>Playing Fields/Studham Sports and Social Club Liaison</u>; <u>Planning</u>: Nothing to report. <u>Councillor Rashid</u> – <u>Crime</u>; <u>School Liaison</u>; <u>Planning</u>: None

136/202425	REPORT OF WARD COUNCILLORS None
137/202425	PLANNING APPLICATIONS – To review and comment on new planning applications received from Central Bedfordshire Council. i. CB/TRE/24/00525 – 26 Oakway, Studham, Dunstable, LU6 2PE - Works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order: T01 - Oak - Remove deadwood. Remove stem growth to first main branch and thin out crown by 10% T02 - Oak - Reduce by 3 metres to reduce the stress on the base and encourage veterinisation. TP Online Pages SPC was happy for the CBC Planning Team to determine as appropriate ii. CB/24/03243/FULL - The Hangar, Land to the West of Mansgrove Farm, Common Road, Studham, Dunstable, LU6 2NL - Change of use to dog day care centre, during daytime hours. Central Bedfordshire Council Planning Pages SPC decided to formally OBJECT to planning consent being granted. As the proposal is for a change of use from very occasional weekend use to much more intensive weekday use, SPC was concerned about the transport implications of a much larger number of vehicle movements accessing the location via a small country lane. SPC also has concerns regarding further future development of the site. iii. CB/24/03268/FULL - 42 Holywell Road, Studham, Dunstable, LU6 2PA - Two and single storey rear and side extensions. Garage conversion, insertion of front dormer window and internal re-design Central Bedfordshire Council Planning Pages SPC was happy for the CBC Planning Team to determine as appropriate within planning guidelines, subject to checking to ensure that the proposal does not exceed the 60% increase in original dwelling footprint Green Belt rule as per CBC's Design Guide. iv. CB/TRE/24/00584 - 53 Woodland Rise, Studham, Dunstable, LU6 2PF - Works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order: SB/82/0003 T1 - Red Oak tree at front of house reduce by 25-30%, approximately 2 -2.5m off lateral growth & 3 - 3.5m off height and remove dead wood.T2- Oak tree in the back garden to reduce to previous pruning points approximately 25%, 2m off the canopy. T3 - Oak tree behind building to reduce by 25%, approximately 2-3m off crown. These trees have been previously pruned and this is for regular maintenance of the trees as some are situated near the house and block light. TP Online Pages SPC was happy for the CBC Planning Team to determine as appropriate
138/202425	SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS It was agreed that the CPRE The Countryside Charity subscription would be renewed at the new rate, and that no additional donation would be made to the Open Spaces Society Legal Action Appeal.
139/202425	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT It was RESOLVED to approve accounts for payment for November 2024.
140/202425	BANK RECONCILIATION It was RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliation for the year to 30th November 2024 was verified as correct and duly signed.
141/202425	BUDGET STATEMENT It was RESOLVED to approve the financial statement of income and expenditure for the year to 30th November 2024.
142/202425	CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence circulated to Councillors prior to meeting was received: Beds Connected - News Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) – Town and Parish Council Update CBC – Draft Revenue Budget CBC – Brownfield Call for Sites Chilterns National Landscape - News Chilterns Society - News Friends of Studham Common (FOSC) – Newsletter National Association of Local Councils (NALC) – Newsletters & Events Open Spaces Society - News

143/202425	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT PARISH LINK To be determined at the next meeting.
144/202425	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA - Parish Council Budget and Precept 2025/26 - CBC Budget Consultation - Carbon Neutral Policy - Neighbourhood Planning - Emergency Plan
145/202425	DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS General Meetings: Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 7.00pm Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 7.00pm All at Studham Scout HQ Clements End Rd, Studham, Dunstable LU6 2NG
146/202425	EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC It was RESOLVED that in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, and as extended by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted.
147/202425	LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT AND CLERK'S SALARY 2024/25 It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.
	Meeting closed at 8.19pm.

Signed by Presiding Chairman