



Minutes of the Studham Parish Council General Meeting
Held at Studham Scout HQ,

Tuesday 1st July 2025 at 7.00 pm

	<u>Councillors Present:</u> Lola Harris (LH), Jason Jackson (JJk), Chris Morrell (CM), Susan Holliman (SH), Jennifer Rushmer (JR) <u>Also in attendance:</u> Clerk – Brian Mew (BM) Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) Ward Councillor – Kevin Collins (KC) 11 Members of the Public (MoP)
	<u>Public Participation</u> MoP spoke re: planning application. MoPs spoke re: memorial bench on Holywell Green. MoP spoke re: condition of footways in Holywell.
48/202526	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Councillor - Mo Rashid (MR) Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) Ward Councillor – Vicky Malone (VM)
49/202526	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u> None.
50/202526	<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 3rd June 2025 were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.
51/202526	<u>REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN</u> LH reported that a new principal Highways officer at CBC was now dealing with Highways proposals for the village. LH reported that following the resignation of Councillor Jacoby, CBC had issued a Notice of Vacancy. LH reported that it was intended for the Community Payback team to carry out work in the parish again, focusing on repainting the War Memorial railings and benches, and churchyard maintenance.

52/202526	REPORT OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS Councillor Holliman – <u>Defibrillators</u>; <u>Community Governance Review</u>; <u>Planning</u> SH reported that a replacement battery had been received for the Holywell defibrillator. SH would request refresher training and an annual service for all defibrillators from Community Heartbeat. Councillor Jackson - <u>Playing Fields/Studham Sports and Social Club</u>; <u>Planning</u>. None Councillor Morrell - <u>CBC Grass/Verge maintenance</u>; <u>Studham, Kensworth, and Whipsnade Good Neighbours (SKAW)</u>; <u>Welcome Packs</u>; <u>Planning</u>. CM reported that all verges had been cut last week, although the triangle at the top of Valley Road appears to have been missed. The number of cuts had been reduced. There was a brief discussion regarding the responses on, and the effectiveness of, the CBC FixMyStreet system. Councillor Rashid – <u>Crime</u>; <u>Village Hall</u>; <u>Planning</u>. None Councillor Rushmer – <u>Footpaths</u>; <u>Rights of Way</u>; <u>Studham Common</u>; <u>Planning</u>. JR had attended the well attended Friends of Studham Common (FOSC) AGM on 30th June. FOSC had received some SANG funding for the purchase of equipment. KC to investigate process for obtaining SANG funding from CBC.
53/202526	REPORT OF WARD COUNCILLORS KC gave an update on the Community Governance Review. CBC General Purposes Committee had agreed to formally commence process, consultation likely to commence next week. Regarding preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan, KC commented that it was an opportune time to be undertaking this as it coincides with the preparation of the new CBC Local Plan.
54/202526	PLANNING APPLICATIONS – To review and comment on new planning applications received from Central Bedfordshire Council. i. CB/25/01775/FULL – 50 Holywell Road, Studham, Dunstable, LU6 2PD - Replacement of existing side dormer with first floor side extension, first floor rear extension with Juliet Balcony, two storey front extension, replacement of pitched roofs on ground floor level with parapet roofs, alterations to windows and doors, and change of materials Central Bedfordshire Council Planning Pages SPC decided to formally OBJECT to planning consent being granted. SPC did not consider that the proposed increase referred to in the planning statement is within planning guidelines, and it is difficult to compare the existing survey with the hand drawn proposals. SPC also considered that the design is detrimental to the surrounding area and had concerns about the potential loss of light to the neighbouring property ii. CB/TRE/25/00194 - Tall Trees, Church Road, Studham, Dunstable, LU6 2QA - Works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order: SB/85/00016 Reduction of a Cherry tree leaning towards house and fell others in poor condition. Replant same species TP Online Pages SPC was happy for the CBC Planning Team to determine as appropriate. iii. CB/25/01938/FULL - 53A Church Road, Studham, Dunstable, LU6 2QD - Replacement roof to first floor front elevation and garage Central Bedfordshire Council Planning Pages SPC was happy for the CBC Planning Team to determine as appropriate.
55/202526	MEMORIAL BENCHES SPC considered an update regarding the proposed memorial bench on Holywell Green. CBC had confirmed that they owned the green and would respond regarding the process for installing a bench.
56/202526	COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW Item deferred. CBC was yet to formally launch the Community Governance Review consultation.
57/202526	UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND AND RURAL ENGLAND PROSPERITY FUND COMMUNITY GRANT FUND Item deferred.
58/202526	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT It was RESOLVED to approve accounts for payment for June 2025.
59/202526	BANK RECONCILIATION It was RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliation for the year to 30th June 2025 was verified as correct and duly signed.

60/202425	BUDGET STATEMENT It was RESOLVED to approve the financial statement of income and expenditure for the year to 30 th June 2025.
61/202526	CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence circulated to Councillors prior to meeting was received: Beds Connected – PCSO Engagement Sessions Beds Connected - News CBC – Town and Parish Council Update and Forum CBC – Local Plan Update Chilterns National Landscape – Nature Recovery Plan Chilterns National Landscape – Chilterns Boundary Review Friends of Studham Common - News Open Spaces Society - News
62/202526	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT PARISH LINK Item deferred.
63/202526	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA Item deferred.
64/202526	DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS General Meetings Tuesday 5th August 2025 at 7.00pm Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at 7.00pm Both at Studham Scout HQ Clements End Rd, Studham, Dunstable LU6 2NG
	Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed by Presiding Chairman