



Minutes of the Studham Parish Council General Meeting
Held at Longrove Scout Site

Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 7.00 pm

	<u>Councillors Present:</u> Chris Morrell (CM) (from 7.25pm), Tejinder Dhaliwal (TD), Jason Jackson (JJ), Jennfer 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.
141/202526	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Lola Harris (LH), Mo Rashid (MR), Susan Holliman (SH) Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) Ward Councillor – Vicky Malone (VM)
142/202526	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS TD declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Item 145/202526 v.
143/202526	APPROVAL OF MINUTES It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 4th November 2025 were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.
144/202526	REPORT OF WARD COUNCILLORS None.

145/202526	PLANNING APPLICATIONS – To review and comment on new planning applications received from Central Bedfordshire Council. i. CB/25/03556/FULL - 126 Dunstable Road, Studham, Dunstable, LU6 2QL - Installation of natural swimming pond, landscaping and access. Retrospective. Central Bedfordshire Council Planning Pages SPC decided to OBJECT to planning consent being granted on the following grounds. SPC considered that the unauthorised development that has already taken place in respect of this retrospective application represents an unacceptable harmful intrusion into the site's National Landscape and Green Belt setting, as outlined by CBC's Tree and Landscape Officer, and agreed that the site should be reinstated to its former landform, landscape character and site profile. In addition, SPC also commented that if any development were to be permitted, a condition should be placed within any approval stating that the new track is for ancillary use only for the dwelling of 126 Dunstable Road and shall have no other use including for future development to the rear. ii. CB/25/02528/FULL - Baroona, Swannells Wood, Studham, Dunstable, LU6 2QB - APPEAL Erection of a ground floor rear extension with flat and pitched roof, first floor rear extension with pitched roof and replacement of garage roof (revision of application CB/24/02989/FULL) Note: As this appeal is proceeding under the Householder Appeals Service, there is no opportunity for further comments to be submitted, but previous representations forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate could be withdrawn. Central Bedfordshire Council Planning Pages SPC decided not to withdraw previous comments. iii. CB/25/03287/FULL - 44 Church Road, Studham, Dunstable, LU6 2QA - Erection of a single storey side, and two storey rear extensions, new windows Central Bedfordshire Council Planning Pages SPC was happy for the CBC Planning Team to determine as appropriate 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/25/03089/FULL - The Cedars, 39 Oakway, Studham, Dunstable, LU6 2PE - Demolition of the existing garage and erection of a side extension and ramp to be used as a self-contained annex. Internal alterations and external alterations, installation of new windows and doors and the construction of an external sloped access ramp. A perforated brick façade to the front elevation Central Bedfordshire Council Planning Pages SPC reiterated its previous comments on this revised application and was happy for the CBC Planning Team to determine as appropriate within planning guidelines, subject to the following: - The proposal does not exceed the 60% increase in original dwelling footprint Green Belt rule as per CBC's Design Guide. - The proposal does not break the 45 degree rule from the next door property ensuring that light is not affected. - Ensuring that the multi-coloured bricks are in accordance with the CBC design guide. - Checking that the proposed annex is in accordance with fire and safety regulations regarding safely exiting the building. Note: TD left meeting 7.25pm. CM arrived 7.25pm and advised that he would be making an audio recording of the meeting.
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	v. CB/25/03509/FULL - Tanglewood, 16 Oakway, Studham, Dunstable, LU6 2PE - Erection of a single storey front extension, with new front door Central Bedfordshire Council Planning Pages SPC was happy for the CBC Planning Team to determine as appropriate 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. - Ensuring that the recommendations of the CBC Tree and Landscape Officer are followed. Note: TD returned to meeting 7.30pm
146/202526	BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2026/27 It was RESOLVED to approve the proposed Budget for 2026/27 and a Precept request for 2026/27 of £29,998. This was an increase of £3,001 or 11.1%. This equates to an increase in the Parish element of Council Tax of 11.9% - £4.71 from £39.47 to £44.18 for a Band D property.
147/202526	GRANT REQUEST – FRIENDS OF STUDHAM COMMON (FOSC) SPC agreed not to award a grant to FOSC at this time in respect of contributing to an equipment replacement fund. SPC was open to receiving grant requests for funding specific equipment in the future.
148/202526	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT It was RESOLVED to approve accounts for payment for December 2025.
149/202526	BANK RECONCILIATION It was RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliation for the year to 31st December 2025 was verified as correct and duly signed.
150/202526	BUDGET STATEMENT It was RESOLVED to approve the financial statement of income and expenditure for the year to 31st December 2025.
151/202526	CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting was received: Beds Connected – News Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) – Town and Parish Council Environment Forum; Christmas & New Year services; Leighton Buzzard Household Waste site. Chilterns National Landscape – News Chiltern Society – News CPRE Bedfordshire – News FOSC – News Open Spaces Society - News
152/202526	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT PARISH LINK - Next meetings - Budget and Precept
153/202526	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA - Facebook and Social Media - Neighbourhood Plan update
154/202526	DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS General Meetings Tuesday 3rd February 2026 at 7.00pm Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 7.00pm At Longrove Scout Site, Byslips Road, Studham, Dunstable LU6 2ND
	Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed by Presiding Chairman