

STUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 4th April 2011

Present: Councillor : Mr Des Salmon(Chairman)
Councillors: Mr Tony Gatehouse Mrs Andrea Maxted, Mrs Chrys Smith,
and Mr Mark Poyner.

In attendance: Central Beds Councillor : Mrs Marion Mustoe (Part Meeting)
Mrs Carol Stephenson (Clerk)

ACTION

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Shute.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (Personal and/or Prejudicial) (Parish Councils. (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007)

2.1 Cllr Salmon declared an interest in Agenda item 12, as a member of The Friends of Studham Church

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3.1 There were no members of the public present.

4 POLICE MATTERS

4.1 There were no police in attendance and no report had been received.

5 MATTERS FOR THE CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS

5.1 The receipt of the Conservation Area Map was reported to Cllr Mustoe.

5.2 Councillors warmly thanked Cllr Mustoe for all of the work which she had carried out on the Parish Council's behalf during her tenure as the Central Bedfordshire Councillor for Studham.

(Cllr Mustoe left the meeting at this point).

6 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 In minute 8.4 "John" was altered to "Len". It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the corrected minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2011 were a correct record and were signed by Cllr. Salmon.

7 MATTERS ARISING (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

7.1 (a) Agenda Item 7.1 **Good Neighbours**. This would progress as soon as a person has been confirmed to lead the group.

(b) Agenda item 7.1 **Replacement of paving slabs**. A quote for £150 had been accepted.

(c) Agenda item 8.1 **Village Map**. Permission was being sought to hang

this in the committee room.

(d) Agenda item 17.1 **Matters outstanding**, Barwythe Hall. This matter would be raised with the new Central Beds Councillors.

8 **REPORT OF CHAIRMAN**

8.1 Cllr Salmon thanked Cllr Gatehouse for standing in for him, during his absence. He thanked the Parish Councillors and Clerk for their work during the year and was pleased to note that all Councillors were standing for re-election.

8.2 Cllr Salmon confirmed that if elected and proposed as Chairman, he would stand down as Chairman after 2 years, having completed 4 years in the post.

8.3 Cllr Salmon had received positive reports on the recent newsletter.

Request for financial assistance towards the cost of over-seeding part of St Mary's churchyard was discussed. (See 12.1).

9. **NEWSLETTER**

9.1 The deadline for distribution of the next Newsletter was discussed.

10. **REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

10.1 **(i) Highways**

(a) Trees for removal in Holywell have been inspected and marked, where appropriate.

(b) A picnic in celebration of the Royal Wedding will be held on the afternoon of Friday 29th April, hosted by Studham Sports & Social Club on Studham Playing Field. **CS**

(c) The roads would be inspected by a Central Beds contractor to determine necessary repairs.

(ii) Special Projects

The car park lighting was due to be completely shortly.

(b) War Memorial Plaque

There was no report.

(iii) (a) Studham Common

No report in Cllr Shute's absence

(b) Roe End Lane

There was no report.

(iv) Playing Fields

The AGM is to be held on 26th May.

(v) Village Hall

(a) The broken water heater will soon be replaced.

(b) Cllr Salmon will arrange an updated list of bookings.

11 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 11.1 The latest correspondence was handed to the Chairman
- 11.2 Following an earlier request to Central Bedfordshire, a Conservation Area Map had been received.
- 11.3 The Clerk was asked to write to BRCC to enquire about a rural transport mobility grant CLS

12 **ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD "TRU GREEN" PROJECT**

- 12.1 A request for payment for reseeded of the area was discussed and it was agreed that the Church should make a contribution as the very substantial cost of clearing the area had been donated. The requested amount could be paid if urgently needed, but deducted from the provision in the 2011/12 precept. The Clerk was instructed to reply. CLS

13 **WEBSITE UPDATE**

- 13.1 There was no website report this month. The Clerk would get statistics on website usage. CLS

14 **PLANNING**

Notice of Planning Applications (Town and County Planning Act 1990)

- 14.1 The Studham Planning Committee approved:

CB/11/00529/Full

Land Surrounding Gade Plas, Hemel Hempstead Road, Dagnall, Berkhamsted, HP4 1QR

CB/11/00910/Full. 5 Woodland Rise, Studham, LU6 2PF

CB/11/00676/Full. 51 Woodland Rise, Studham, LU6 2PF

CB/11/01101/Full. 2 Linney Head, Dunstable Road, Studham, LU6 2QQ and the following Tree pruning applications :

CB/TPO/11/00044 5 Oakway, Studham, LU6 2PE

CB/TPO/11/00065 : 24 Oakway Studham, LU6 2PE

- 14.2 It was noted that the papers received by the PC for planning applications have become inconsistent and erratic.

15 **MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

- 15.1 It was agreed that no changes were necessary

16 **ACCOUNTS** (Local Government Act 1972)

- 16.1 The following accounts were submitted and approved for payment:

<u>April</u>	£
LLATV 2011 subscription	50.00

G Shute	8.00
M Poyner	27.45
C Patton	229.25
Amey LG Ltd	4262.64
CL Stephenson – clerks salary/reimbursing expenses	590.09
Total	5167.43

17 **BUDGET STATEMENT PERIOD 12**

17.1 The Income and Expenditure statement for the Parish Council for the period ending March 2011 (period 12) was presented.

18 **REPORT OF CLERK**

18.1 There was nothing to report that had not been discussed elsewhere.

19 **ITEMS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

19.1 (a) Unauthorised, excessive signs – review of procedure

(b) Action on the loss of Mobile Library service.

20 **ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE “PARISH LINK” & WEBSITE**

20.1 It was agreed that Cllr Maxted should insert the following items in the May “Parish Link” and on the Parish Website :

Annual Parish Meeting
Mobile Library
Clearing of trimmings

21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

21.1 The next Parish Council meeting, the Annual Council Meeting, will be held at 7.00p.m. on Monday 9th May 2011 in Studham Village Hall.

21.2 The following Parish Council meeting, will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 6th June 2011, in Studham Village Hall.

The Meeting ended at 7.55 pm