

Studham Parish Council

Winter Report 2010/11

Your Parish Council www.studhamparish.co.uk

The Council meets the first Monday of the month in the Village Hall and members of the public are welcome to attend. Your seven Parish Councillors are elected every 4 years and the next election is in May 2011. If you wish to stand as a Councillor, nomination forms are available from Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ Telephone 0300 300 8000 or Contact Customer Services. Forms for this election must be returned to CBC by 4th April 2011.

Parish Clerk: Mrs Carol Stephenson, Brambles, 248 Dunstable Road, Tel: 872231 or e-mail clerk@studhamparish.co.uk

The current Councillors (with their areas of responsibility given in brackets) are:

Des Salmon, Chiltern Lodge, Old Hill Wood tel: 872389
desstudham@btconnect.com Chairman (Finance, Village Hall, Road Safety)

Tony Gatehouse, 29 Bell Cottages tel: 873959 hereisantony@aol.com
Vice-Chairman (Police matters, Planning, Road Safety, Web Site)

Andrea Maxted 32 Church Road tel: 873215 andrea.maxted@fsmail.net
(Parish Link, Public Relations, Planning)

Chrys Smith, 38 Church Road tel: 872989 smithlaws@hotmail.co.uk
(Highways, Street Lighting, Playing Fields, Road Safety)

Geoff Shute, 90 Holywell Road tel: 872732 geoff.shutelu6@talktalk.net
(Friends of Studham Common, Planning)

Mark Poyner, 2 Linney Head tel: 872420 mark.poyner@brasierfreeth.com
(Environment, Planning)

Currently 1 Vacancy

Annual Parish Meeting.

Monday 4th April 2011 commencing at 8.15pm in Studham Village Hall. This is your meeting and your chance to voice any concerns or requests that you have concerning Council business. Please come and join us, there will be light refreshments when the meeting has ended. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Agenda will be:

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Apologies for Absence
- 3 Approve Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting held 12th April 2010
- 4 Matters Arising (**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**)
- 5 Chairman's Report
- 6 Public Question Time (Members are reminded that only electors for the Parish of Studham are permitted to put questions to the Council or make comments and must begin by stating Name and Address.

Useful Contacts:

Highways Help Desk: (highways@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)
0300 300 8049 highway or lighting issues.

Police: 999 or 471212 or 01234 841212

Envirocrime: 0845 849 5972 Noise, fly tipping, anti-social behaviour

Council report

We filled the vacancy which had been outstanding for some time as Mark Poyner joined us in November and we are sure that his expertise will be most useful. We then regained the vacancy as Lola Harris resigned for personal reasons.

Many of you attended the Remembrance Day Service and joined us for the 'March' from the Church to the Memorials. We are attempting to restore the plaque from the Bus Shelter Memorial.

We were informed by Ken France, (our School Representative), that Mr Paul Burrett had been appointed Head Teacher with effect from 1st January 2011.

FoSC have had a grant from the Chilterns Conservation Board to purchase a new re-inforced storage unit to replace the now damaged shed from which tools were stolen earlier in the year.

Central Bedfordshire wrote stating that Church Road was in the '10 worst roads category' and informed us that resurfacing would take place 2011/12, as well as Dunstable Road and Woodland Rise.

It was confirmed that a new Heritage streetlight would be installed adjacent to the signage and bridge on Centre Common. This will improve safety for those who use this area after dark. It was also confirmed that two damaged lamp standards in Dunstable Road would be replaced with Heritage poles

We continue to campaign for road safety, particularly speeding through the centre of the Village, and for a more sensible length of speed limit! We are also lobbying both Bus Companies and School Coach Companies over the damage they are causing to our road verges, particularly Common Road. Central Bedfordshire Council are lending their weight to this campaign.

There have been several burglaries and also an incidence of Domestic Violence. Residents are reminded to ensure that all outbuildings are secure, Smart Water is available throughout the Village via Home Watch.

Building plans were considered, but the final say remains with the Central Bedfordshire Planning Department.

Financial Statement - 9 months to December 2010

31.3.09	Bank Balance	£18,754
Income	Precept	16,145
	Bank Interest	8
Expenditure	Administration	8,674
	Maintenance of buildings, equipment and open spaces.	2,508
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31.12.10	Bank Balance	23,725