

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 1st April 2008 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Mrs A Wade, J. Vale, Mrs M. Woodrow, C. Rickhards, E. Holder, Mrs H. Wersocki, W. McCarthy, Mrs M. Bell, Mrs S. Redman.
District Councillor M. Weddell.
3 members of the public.

3. Apologies for Absence

Vice Chair J. Bacon.

4. Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare personal interests in any item on the agenda.

Members are reminded that the Code of Conduct which took effect from 8 March 2002 provides that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interest at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is prejudicial they should withdraw from the room and not seek improperly to influence a decision about that matter.

None.

5. Public Forum

Cllr Mrs Wade: 'Planning Information Day' to be held at Redditch Town Hall in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 10th April 2008. Planning talks including WMRSS (West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy) throughout the day. Useful if Councillors attend.

Tony Gennoe: Alternative Therapy Business, re planning application 1 York Close. Could be a problem with additional cars parked. Already a busy area, potential accident with kids on bikes. When looking at plan, will Parish Council consider parking problem.

What action is the Parish Council going to take to protect facilities if the library moves to the Village Hall. Falls into the same category as Fire Service closure. Perhaps need to take action.

Lottery bid for library failed. Preliminary discussions only have taken place. At this stage nothing to discuss. If residents wish to support the library could do so. Need to wait until we have something in writing. At this stage no plans to move the library. Needs to go through WCC first. No intention of closing library and there will be funding implications before going forward.

PACT meeting on Thursday not advertised enough, need to get more people there. Notices on boards and on website.

All that appears to happen is that there is a meeting.

It is up to residents to come for discussion not up to the Authorities.

Parish Council should take a lead and attend PACT meeting.

Most residents are satisfied otherwise they would come. Unfortunately they cannot be forced to come. In future proposed to advertise in every Newsletter.

Jim McDermott Evans re Allotments: Thanks to Parish Council for support.

- Main problem is that some ploholders are not abiding by agreement.
- Letters are sent out giving 30 day's notice. Allotment Association needs to know what happens next to get some support.
- Three letter process, first asking if help is needed because of injury/illness,

second giving 30 day's notice and then final termination letter.

- If they leave who pays for the rubbish to be removed and the plot to be cleared? Can lose 12 month's cultivation.
- Maybe have a deposit system. Something for the Association to decide.
- Huge improvements have been made on Allotments.
- Report given by Cllr McCarthy to be discussed at next meeting. Drainage problem, spoke to Ray Lamb for maps but unavailable. Continuous water problem. Ditch could be the answer.

6. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

Min 418 Cllr Vale re Public Footpath Order, AL146a. Query concerning the decision of no objection to Order. Advised Cllr Vale that decision was made last October.

7. Items for Discussion

Min 1 Parking Restriction Changes, High Street affecting businesses, would like same restrictions as on Marble Alley. Clerk asked if Parish Council will support increase in waiting time from 45 minutes to 2 hours no return for 2 hours. Increase to 2 hours could impinge on other businesses. Co-op car park now has a 2 hour waiting period. Planning records have been searched and nothing was put in writing that the Co-op is a public car park just a gentlemen's agreement. Concern that cars get vandalised in Pool Road car park. Await deputation from businesses.

Min 2 Cllr Mrs Bell: Alcohol in the Village. Looking for information, previously mentioned alcohol ban. As we are approaching summer is this something that could now be enforced. Understanding is that there should be documented evidence from the Police to push forward. Could be brought up at PACT meeting. Clerk to invite Sgt Bob Shaw to Parish Council meeting. Could be a good idea to have Alcohol Restricted Zone on Parish Council Owned Land.

Min 3 Cllr McCarthy: Mr Draycott, Crooks Lane – many residents want speed humps. Need to approach WCC and then ask residents. Ask WCC for costs as would probably have to be paid for by Parish Council. Tried for 20mph speed limit, still in system. Station Road made negative response to humps when suggested some years ago. Could be discussed at PACT meeting. Clerk to put forward to WCC.

Min 4 Cllr Beaman: Annual Parish Meeting
Deferred to next meeting.

8. Planning Applications for Consideration (Cllr Beaman refrained from Voting)

08/00587/FUL Mr & Mrs Johnson, 1 York Close, Studley.
Proposed single storey side extension and proposed conservatory at rear.

Objection for the following planning reasons:

- 1. Disproportionate size of extension, not in sympathy with surrounding properties in line with DEV 1.**

Comment that should not be used for business purposes as parking and highway safety a problem.

08/00623/FUL Mr Mark Webster, 34 Lansdowne Road, Studley.
Single storey rear extension and porch.
No representations.

08/00696/FUL Mr Lawrence, 136 St Judes Avenue, Studley.
Erection of conservatory.
No representations.

9. Planning Decisions Received

08/00117/FUL Mr C Preen, Field Farm Cottage, Castle Road, Studley.
Front boundary wall & gate to previously approved house.
Permission with conditions 11th March 2008

10. Correspondence

SDC

- Min 5 Invitation to Chairman of Parish Council to attend Chairman's Civic Service on Sunday, 4th May 2008 at 3.00pm Holy Trinity Church, Stratford.
- Min 6 Bulky Waste Collection should continue until July but not sure if it will continue when Verdant take over the contract for waste collection. Will enquire nearer the time. Very useful service.

WCC

- Min 7 Waiting Restrictions, Marble Alley, copy of letter to Cllr Helen McCarthy received. One objection and six for waiting time to 2 hours with no return within 2 hours Monday – Saturday 8.00 am – 6.00pm. Matter has been resolved and proposal going forward.
- Min 8 Warwickshire Gold Offers Scheme. Exciting opportunity to help boost a Tourism related business, free using WCC tourism website www.EnjoyWarwickshire.com Advertising will direct people to Gold Offers web page and they will be able to view all attractions, accommodation and eating establishments etc. Pass to SIP (Studley Improvement Partnership).

Other

- Min 9 Age Concern Warwickshire – Handyperson Information Day Friday, 11th April 2008 from 10.00am held on the Market Site, Rother Street, Stratford. Will give chance to meet the Care & Repair Team.
- Min 10 Audit Commission. Confirmation that Clement Keys has been appointed as external Auditor for Studley Parish Council for financial years 2007/08 – 2011/12.
- Min 11 Notification of increase in landfill tax prices therefore there will be an increase in the charge for skip hire to £146.50 + VAT.
- Min 12 Notification for Clerk and Chairman to attend Forum Meeting of Alcester Town Council Monday, 14th April 2008.
- Min 13 E mail from Allan Parsons a Parish Councillor in rural Cambridgeshire. Seeking support for the petition placed on 10 Downing Street website concerning the increasing mountain of bureaucracy for Parish Councils to bear. Councillors can visit the website if they wish to respond.

Min 14 Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy notice of withdrawal of Preferred Options. New timetable to be issued. The previous Strategy had been prepared incorrectly and on advice from the Planning Inspectorate the Secretary of State has withdrawn the Waste Core Strategy.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 15 Easter Holiday Activities

Min 16 Parish & Town Council Standard

Min 17 Minutes & Agenda Stratford on Avon Area Committee

11. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr McCarthy that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr Beaman. Voting unanimous.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 15th April 2008

Meeting Closed 8.45pm

