

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007 at 7.30pm.

## 1. Public Forum

### **Parish Lands Trust:**

Accounts and Report presented by Arthur Daniels. Copy handed to Parish Council.

Thanks from the Chairman to Arthur Daniels and the Trustees for all their hard work.

**PCSO Walton:** Asked to keep an eye on youths as problem of stone throwing whilst ATC are marching.

### **Adrian Smith, Allotment Association:**

Thank you for the opportunity to speak. Letter sent to Parish Council will be put on next agenda.

There are two issues that keep arising:

1. Station Road Allotments – security gate  
Need some support to do something quickly. Need funding to buy pair of gates. £1000 to do job properly. Lot of destruction. Studley embraces goodwill and regeneration.
2. Two plotholders have recently died. Mr Zabel, and George Fitter a fine gentleman, a real character. Thanks to the Clerk for attending his funeral.  
Secretary being pressurised to clear up a legacy of rubbish that has accumulated on plot. Need to arrange a meeting as soon as possible with Allotment Association Committee and Amenities Committee. Maybe afford a skip then award a grant for the gates. In future years should be asked to include big projects in the precept.

To be discussed further at next meeting.

### **Cllr Mrs H Wright:**

Attended a very good, productive meeting with Chief Executive SDC, the Clerk and Studley Improvement Partnership.

- Parish Plan to be adopted.
- Paul Lankester suggested having an Area Action Plan for Studley. Within the Local Development Framework suggested having an Urban Design Framework. The Action Plan then becomes part of the Local Development Framework which is a legal process that becomes robust.
- This takes about 3 years and will need to have a Public Inquiry.
- Studley needs an Area Action Plan as factories are closing.
- Long, legal process that needs the support of the Parish Council.
- Cllr Mrs Wright asked if the Parish Council would like Colin Staves, SDC to attend a meeting to discuss further and to explain how this would benefit Studley. This is unique and has not been done at Village level before. What we want is a 'World Class Studley'.
- Agreed to ask Colin Staves to first meeting in June and also to ask if any printed information available prior to the meeting.
- Studley is not a deprived Village but there are pockets of low income and deprivation.
- Advantage West Midlands recognises the enthusiasm shown and has assigned an Officer to point us in the right direction to develop extra funding. Chance to be positive to balance the planning and development that we want. Will be a ten year period.
- No harm in listening to Colin Staves and then maybe go forward.

Thanks from the Chairman to Cllr Mrs Wright.

## 2. Chairman declared the meeting open

### 3. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair J. Bacon, C. Rickhards, E. Holder, Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs H. Wersocki, Mrs M. Bell, W. McCarthy, M. Redman. A. Daniels, A. Smith, PCSO G. Walton, District Councillor Mrs H. Wright.

### 4. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs A. Wade, Mrs S. Redman, J. Vale.

### 5. 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.

### 6. Matters Arising (for information only)

Min 381 Confirmation from Roger Newham, Chief Transport Planner will be attending Parish Council meeting 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

### 7. Items for Discussion

Min 32 Cllr Mrs Bell: Brickyard Lane, Litter Picking

May need to look at employing someone to litter pick properly. Litter pick by Action Studley and perhaps use young offenders to help tidy up. When gates and fence are in place may restrict problem. Maybe increase precept to improve Village quality. Could be included in Newsletter and Annual Parish Meeting. Lot of areas have 'Friends Of' to look after an area. Cllr Mrs Bell to liaise with football team. Action Studley to litter pick Allendale first then going to Brickyard Lane.

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

07/00975/FUL	Punch Taverns, The Needlemakers 5/7 Watts Road, Studley. Proposed covered drinking area and new paviers. <b>No representations.</b>
07/01077/FUL	Mr & Mrs White, 82B Alcester Road, Studley. <b>No representations.</b>

### 9. Planning Decisions Received

07/00564/FUL	E P Vale, Field Farm Cottage, Castle Road, Studley. Demolition of existing sub-standard cottage & external toilet and metal framed barns and construction of 1 no. three bedroomed detached residence. <b>Permission with conditions 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007</b>
07/00643/FUL	Mr A Draper, 38 Augustine Avenue, Studley. Proposed single garage. <b>Permission with conditions 18<sup>th</sup> April 2007</b>

## **10. Correspondence**

### **SDC**

- Min 33 Consideration for Parish Plan will take place at Arden Area Community Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2007.
- Min 34 Confirmation that ½ years precept of £48,226.50 has been received.
- Min 35 Trevor Askew to take forward discussions over the issue of Redditch tip to try and reach a speedy conclusion.
- Min 36 Confirmation from Lech Kocon that breach in planning of Hardwick Barn, Hardwick Lane has taken place. Amended drawings have been submitted to Planning Department.
- Min 37 Parish Website project in conjunction with Awards for All Grant. Confirmation of what is required and order will be sent by SDC.
- Min 38 Dog Fouling bin on Pool Road footpath has been burnt out again. SDC not willing to replace again.

### **WCC**

- Min 39 Public Footpath AL191 – path on spraying maintenance schedule. SDC will deal with rubbish removal.

### **Other**

- Min 40 Confirmation of Data Protection renewal.
- Min 41 Model Code of Conduct 2007 for adoption. Copy handed to all Councillors.
- Min 42 WALC Timing for Adoption of new Code & signing of Declaration Of Office. Perhaps defer until after training.
- Min 43 Charity event Elmhurst Organic Farm, Withybrook, Coventry 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone welcome.
- Min 44 Complaint received from Acorn Veterinary Centre, Station Road traffic congestion Station Road due to car boot on Sunday affecting access for clients. Clerk has already spoken to Police. Now to write to SDC, WCC, Highways and Sambourne Parish Council to see if anything can be done to alleviate problem.
- Min 45 Application for Grant to Awards for All refused as building work costs more than £25,000.
- Min 46 Lease between Studley Parish Council, Tennis Club and Bowls Club request for copy of leases from clubs. Clerk to chase up.
- Min 47 WALC Guidance on External Audit Annual Return 2007. Closer attention to internal systems has been necessary due to a continuing level of fraud and lack of control of finances by elected members.
- Min 48 Report of taps broken on water butts in Parish Cemetery. Clerk to arrange repairs.
- Min 49 Confirmation from Inland Revenue that year end tax submission successfully received.
- Min 50 West Midlands Regional Strategy thanks for response to Consultation. Informed event will be held 26<sup>th</sup> July 2007 in Birmingham. If anyone interested need to advise by 5<sup>th</sup> July 2007 by email to [wmrss@wmra.gov.uk](mailto:wmrss@wmra.gov.uk) or by telephone no.0121 6781042

### **Correspondence for Circulation**

- Min 51 WCC Viewpoint Magazine

## **11. Approve Accounts for Payment**

**Proposed Cllr E. Holder that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr W. McCarthy. Voting unanimous.**

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

**Meeting Closed 8.40pm**