

## Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 at 7.30pm.

### 1. Chairman declared the meeting open

### 2. Present

Chairman Mrs S. Redman, Vice Chair C. Rickhards, P. Beaman, Mrs A. Wade, E. Holder, W. McCarthy, Mrs M. Woodrow, P. Tedd, J. Bacon, M. Redman, J. Vale.

County Councillor M. Barry, District Councillor M. Weddell.

14 members of the public.

### 3. Apologies for Absence

B A & P M Cund, Mr D Moore & Mrs A Rolfe.

### 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.*

Cllr Vale: Item 12 Accounts for Approval – prejudicial interest

Cllr Beaman: Item 7 Min 171 Management of Village Hall  
– non prejudicial interest

### 5. Presentation of Annual Village Tidy Awards 2009

The Allotments have greatly improved making judging very difficult and the Village is also looking much better. Not only through the efforts of Studley in Bloom but also through residents' gardens. Although Studley is not the prettiest of Villages it is now on a par with other Villages.

The Chairman congratulated the winners and presented the Awards.

### 6. Public Forum

None.

### 7. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

Min 23 Bus Service Improvements – Consultation 2009

Parish Council commented that although generally satisfied and there has been a tremendous improvement in frequency, would like bus companies to liaise for better organised timetables. Unfortunately as bus companies are commercial operators WCC are unable to have any

influence on scheduling.

Parish Council also commented would like an evening service to Redditch. The County Council has arranged for a late night journey to be introduced from Redditch bus station to Studley on Mondays to Saturdays with Diamond Bus. The journey on the 58A service departs from Redditch bus station at 2300hrs arriving at Studley Crooks Lane at 2321hrs. Details will shortly be available on the WCC website under Forthcoming & Recent Bus Service Changes.

Thanks from WCC to Parish Council for assisting with survey.

Min 145 Consultation on Housing Growth Scenarios & Potential Development Options. Consultation period extended until 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

## 8. Items for Discussion

Min 170 Studley in Bloom: Library Area, Vandalism

Letter read out that was sent by resident to the Chief Constable asking for additional policing resources for the Village or change in working hours of Officers following recent incident where there was considerable damage done to flower displays in the library area and library windows were smashed. Two teenagers were arrested and Studley in Bloom are considering what action to take.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write to resident thanking her for the work that she does in connection with the flower displays and giving her the support of the Parish Council. Letter to be sent to the Chief Constable asking for more Police hours at night and to ask how much it would cost to fund extra hours on a Friday and Saturday.

New Inspector and Sgt Bob Shaw to be invited to Parish Council meeting to ask for Specials to do a local operation.

All Councillors to write to Chief Constable.

Min 171 Cllr Beaman: Management of Village Hall

Has serious concerns about the Village Hall Management Committee due to age and the active committee members are getting less. Need to get something in place for the management of the Hall and it is difficult to get volunteers. Would like to investigate the Parish Council taking over the running of the Hall with a Committee of co-opted Parish Councillors. Village Hall has gone a long way since the old building and now looking at a business of £35,000 per year. Need to speak to Charity Commission, Solicitor and Accountant.

It is an important issue, need to call a special meeting to explain what is involved and legal implications.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Beaman to get information together and arrange a meeting for December. Item also for discussion for November meeting of Parish Council as there maybe implications for the precept.

## 9. Planning Applications for Consideration (Cllr Beaman refrained from voting)

- 09/01555/FUL Mr J Gibson, Land off Hardwick Lane, Clarkes Green, Studley.  
Extensions to existing stables, providing seven additional stables (five for livery, two for personal use) and a tack room.  
**Objection for the following planning reasons:**
1. The stables are being expanded over the amount of land that is available to support the number of additional horses.
  2. Increase in traffic on a narrow, rural road.

## 10. Planning Decisions Received

- 09/00749/FUL Jayne Denham, 38 Gunners lane, Studley.  
Change of use of part of rear residential garden to rabbit rescue centre with associated works (Part retrospective)  
**Permission refused 13<sup>th</sup> August 2009**
- 09/01250/FUL Mr Thomas Betts, 138 Alcester Road, Studley.  
Replacement of window with French doors.  
**Permission with conditions 13<sup>th</sup> August 2009**
- 09/01292/LDP Mrs S Repila, 11 Watts Road, Studley.  
Construction of rear facing roof dormer. Construction of ground level extension to the rear between main house and wash house. Renovation of the property including replacement and new windows, new bathrooms, kitchen, lobby, insulation, heating system. Removal of existing pig sty.  
**Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use or Development 14<sup>th</sup> August 2009**

## 11. Correspondence

### SDC

None.

### WCC

- Min 172 Copy of Warwickshire Advisory Lorry Route Map 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition received.  
Min 173 Invitation from The Chairman of the County Council to an 'At Home' Drinks Reception Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at Shire Hall 6.30pm-8.30pm. Cllrs Mrs Redman, M. Redman and E. Holder to attend.

### Other

- Min 174 Letter received from Mr Edwin concerning the installation of CCTV

cameras at Aldi car park and would also like to see a covered cycle rack to encourage customers and staff to cycle.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to respond that the letter will be forwarded to Stratford District Council as this is a matter between Aldi and the Planning Officers.

- Min 175 Letter received from Mrs Frisby re the Friday Shoppers Coach to Redditch. She had been asked to collect the fares and felt responsible for ensuring that all the passengers arrived home safely. She was concerned as the driver said this incurred additional milage.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write letter of thanks to Mrs Frisby. If any problem arises it will be dealt with by the Parish Council.

- Min 176 WALC: Briefing event for Clerks and Councillors 'The Power of Well Being – An Exciting New Power for All Local Councils – What is it all About?' Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009. No one available to attend due to Parish Council meeting.
- Min 177 NALC: Employment Briefing Pay Claim 2009/10. Increase of 0.5% rejected by Trade Unions. An improved offer has been made which represents the Employers' final position and if rejected there will be no increase for 2009/10.
- Min 178 NALC: 2009 Leadership Academy. Three Day Event for Councillors, Chairmen and Mayors Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009 cost £808.45 per delegate at University of Warwick.
- RESOLVED:** Clerk to write and ask if possible to attend on a daily basis and what the cost would be.
- Min 179 Rachel Bird is finishing her role as Cluster Co-ordinator for Studley. The new person in post is Caroline Larson who can be contacted on [carolineannlarson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolineannlarson@yahoo.co.uk)
- Min 180 Rural Services Network Event for Market Towns Plan Joint Conference 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.
- Min 181 Confirmation from Clement Keys that the audit for 2008/09 has been completed and an unqualified audit opinion has been given. Congratulations to the Clerk for all her hard work.

### **Correspondence for Circulation**

- Min 182 Rural Services Network Parish Newsletter August 2009
- Min 183 SLCC Branch Newsletter
- Min 184 SDC Monthly Report for CCTV
- Min 185 Studley Parish Council – Parish Community Emergency Plan

## **12. Approve Accounts for Payment**

Cllr Vale left the room whilst the cheques were being signed.

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

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup>  
September 2009**

**Meeting closed 8.30pm**

*Signed: Chairman .....*