

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 1st November 2005 at 7.30pm.

1. Public Forum

None.

2. Chairman declared the meeting open

3. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, W. McCarthy, S. Phipps, Mrs M. Woodrow, J. Vale, Mrs A. Wade, Mrs H. Wersocki, J. Bacon, Mrs S. Redman.
24 Members of the public.

4. Apologies for Absence

Vice Chair M. Pittaway, Cllr M. Redman.

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Matters Arising

Min 149 Confirmation from WCC that County Solicitor instructed to proceed with surrender of the lease at Youth Club.

7. Items for Discussion

- Min 261 Vandalism at the Allotments: serious problems not just at allotments but whole Village. No Police presence. Chairman e mailed Sector Inspector at Alcester to suggest that it would be beneficial if someone could attend tonight's meeting but no one has come.
- Got to the point where what is happening has gone beyond a joke. Ongoing break-ins, destroying sheds, arson, tools missing, slashing poly tunnels. Happens on a regular basis.
 - Question asked what can be done by Parish Council? Can area made more secure?
 - Could be made more secure but at a considerable expense. Signs can be erected that it is not a public right of way and trespassers will be prosecuted.
 - Feel nothing can be done, parents don't want to know where young are, if caught nothing can be done. No retribution. Police should show presence.
 - Children access allotments from top gate in Eldorado Close during daytime. May be an idea to block off access with a substantial gate. If approached children are abusive, no respect for adults or property.
 - More damage in last 12 months than last 30 years.

- Also access from Public Open Space. Hedge has been allowed to overgrow and gaps have appeared.
- Sheds have also been overturned for no reason.
- Allotment Association could be organised then a grant could be applied for or lottery funding. Lot of sources for funding available. National Association of Allotments & Leisure Gardens could help. A room in the Village Hall could be made available to get together and organise association.
- Need to do something in the short term. Suggestion that a meeting could be arranged to discuss what is required such as hedge laying and identify the problem areas. No shortage of manpower if Parish Council will supply the tools.
- Arrangements made for Parish Councillors to meet Allotment plot holders on Friday, 4th November at 9.30am Eldorado Close entrance.
- Agenda item for next meeting.
- Full support of Parish Council if association formed.
- Action: Clerk to write to SSSC asking that parents be responsible for their children. Notices to be put up at Allotments. Lock & chains to be sorted out. Meeting arranged.

Appalling that we have to go to these measures but problems happening everywhere. Plot holders urged to report all incidents to Police.

Thanks from the Chairman to all attending.

Min 262 Reduction in services – Redditch & Warwick Hospitals

- Parish Council should do something. A great many residents of Studley, Bidford and Stratford area use the Alex. If services reduced in either Redditch or Warwick problem of getting to hospital in Birmingham or Worcester. Especially difficult for people using public transport and they should not have to travel miles to get to hospital.
- Last time the Alex was being considered for closure it was saved because there had been a serious accident on the M42. Selly Oak hospital could not cope and the Alex was used as one hospital was not enough. Immediately it was said that the Alex was essential.
- Pressure on Ambulance Service would be tremendous.
- If downgraded there would be no emergency treatment. Any treatment would be nurse led and not doctor led.
- Parish Council should be represented at Public Meeting being held at Redditch Town Hall on 10th November at 7.00pm.
- Not every hospital should be a centre of excellence.
- Clerk to write to Worcester Acute Hospital Trust with copy to West Midlands South Strategic Health Authority and to M.P re-iterating all these points. Need to be a sustainable community and be able to access all services.

- Min 263 Studley Sports & Social Club: situation is improving, on top of finances, getting more members. Need to discuss how to recover loan payment. SSSC has now received definite information from SDC as to what is required to complete changing rooms to enable the remainder of the grant to be paid. To help with financial burden Clerk to write to ask for loan to be paid back in three instalments of £1000 per month from December to February with final instalment of £500 being paid in March.
Cllr Mrs Redman to attend next meeting on 2nd November 2005.
- Min 264 Meeting arranged to discuss the precept at 6.45pm on Tuesday, 15th November 2005.
- Min 253 Countryside Access & Rights of Way Improvement Plan. To be discussed at next meeting.

8. Planning Applications

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| 05/02970/FUL | <p><u>Retrospective</u>
 GEAC Enterprise Solutions Holdings Ltd.,
 Needle House, Birmingham Road, Studley.
 Installation of generator with metal fence enclosure.
 No representations.</p> |
| 05/03070/FUL | <p>Mr & Mrs W. Mutton, 14 Lansdowne Road, Studley.
 Proposed single storey extension and new garage to existing dwelling.
 No representations.</p> |
| 05/03111/FUL | <p>Mr & Mrs J. Brown, 5 Morgan Close, Studley.
 Proposed detached garage with granny flat over.
 Objection for the following planning reason: against planning policy, granny flat should be integral to property. Considerable increase in height.</p> |

9. Correspondence SDC

- Min 265 Planning application no.05/02571/FUL erection of 1 no. dwelling on land adjacent to 2 Node Hill Close. Planning permission already granted 2nd November 2000 and as the current application seeks to renew the permission and there has been no material change no reason to justify refusing permission.
- Min 266 Planning Appeal by Garden Meadow Homes for 6 no. residential apartments, 90 Alcester Road. Clerk to write.

WCC

Min 267 Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Authority. Integrated Risk Management Plan 2006-07. Document can be viewed on website www.warwickshire.gov.uk . A questionnaire is available for comments.

Other

- Min 268 Remembrance Day – Sunday 13th November 2005. Parade details circulated to all Councillors. Revd. Deimel request for Councillor to do reading at the service. Cllr Mrs Wersocki volunteered.
- Min 269 Application for new licence: Lumbini Nepalese restaurant, 31 Alcester Road to Mr Kedar Jaishi at Nuneaton Magistrates Court on 7th November 2005 at 10.00am.
- Min 270 WALC Draft Guidance on Clean Neighbourhoods Act 2005. Copy given to all Councillors for any response.
- Min 271 SLCC Clerk's Gratuities – Finance act 2004 will with effect from 6th April 2006 impose strict restrictions on the payment of gratuity to employees.
- Min 272 Thank you from St Johns Ambulance, Studley Division for grant.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 273 Minutes of Parish Liaison Meeting 19th October 2005
- Min 274 SDC Agenda
- Min 275 Studley Leisure Centre User Forum minutes of meeting 21st September 2005
- Min 276 WCC 'Our Year in Review 2004/2005'
- Min 277 Local Council Review

10. Approve Accounts for Payment

Direct Debit payment to SDC £279.00.

Proposed Cllr W. McCarthy that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr S. Phipps.

Voting unanimous.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 15th November 2005

Meeting Closed 8.50pm