

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 1st December 2009 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Vice Chair C. Rickhards, E. Holder, P. Beaman, J. Bacon, P. Tedd, W. McCarthy, Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs H. Wersocki.
District Councillor M. Weddell.
Mr Faulkes.

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr & Mrs Redman – holiday commitment
Cllr Mrs A. Wade – holiday commitment
Cllr J. Vale – work commitment

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

Mr Faulkes:

a) would like feedback about ongoing situation on the allotments.

The proposal agreed in min 246 17th November 2009 was read out. Mr Faulkes asked 'what extra work he had asked to be done?' Due to the absence of the Councillors involved this could not be answered.

- The work will start as soon as possible.
- Mr Faulkes could put up a fence in addition to the Parish Council fence if he wished.
- The work will be done before new growth starts.
- Mr Faulkes concerned about damage to the fence which if it rots will have to be replaced.
- Once the area is cleared it will be maintained by the Allotment Association.
- Mr Faulkes can cut back any overgrowth himself and throw it onto Parish Council land. Would still have potential difficulty with owners of trees.

- Could get legal position from WALC.

The Vice Chairman will personally contact Jon Vale to ascertain the time scale to get the work done.

- b) Friends who live on Station Road had problems with youths thumping on their door and gesticulating. What is the best course of action?
It should be reported to the Police and important to get an incident number. A meeting has taken place this evening with the District Commander to discuss increase in police presence. Also discussed was the lack of communication from the police of progress made following incidents.
Alarmed at recent spate of vandalism. It is a shame village has become a concern for people living here.
Warwickshire has a very low crime rate compared with the rest of the Country.

6. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

Min 248 Parking Spaces, High Street. Warwickshire County Council will arrange for these matters to be investigated but due to present work load cannot say when this will be.

7. Items for Discussion

Min 234 Community Awards Evening: The Chairman would like the evening to take place at Studley Sports and Social Club. Format to be arranged but maybe a charitable evening to benefit a local charity. Date agreed Saturday, 6th February 2010.

Min 262 Community Forum Meetings:

- Well attended by Councillors but not by residents.
- Valuable forum for problems to influence Police and Officers but has not developed to include other agencies such as NHS or Severn Trent.
- PACT meetings were progressing well but did not get support from partnerships.
- At last Community Forum meeting in Henley it was very well attended by Councillors but only two or three residents. People will not travel unless they have something to fuss about.
- Apathy but need to look at introducing something locally perhaps led by the Police but allowing residents to have their say.
- Community Forums do some good and if taken away there is nothing else.
- Should keep going but need to boost numbers attending. More publicity needed.
- Main problem is apathy. Recent District Council meeting at Greig Hall to discuss budget was attended by 3 Senior Officers. 2 District Councillors and only 1 member of the public. There is also a cost to meetings coming from ratepayers money.

- Perhaps Studley could have its own meeting but every 6 months.
- Next Community Forum meeting is Thursday, 11th February 2010 in Studley Village Hall at 7.30pm. Need to inform residents that they get access to Officers.
- Meetings already well advertised by posters, on the website and in the press.
- Is it apathy or satisfaction? Residents must be quite happy or not have any issues.

Min 262 Cllr Bacon: Dog fouling & litter bins. At recent SIP meeting our five missing bins were discussed with Derrick Hassett, SDC. We will not get our bins back but we can have the new style combination bin that takes both litter and dog faeces. Clerk to liaise with SDC as to location for installation of bins.

Min 264 Quote for 'Chairmen of Studley Parish Council' Plaque Board received from Oceanblue Graphics.

Proposed Cllr Beaman to accept the quote of £199.50 for the supply, delivery and fitting of a 18mm plaque board with black vinyl names, seconded Cllr Holder. All agreed.

Min 265 Village Hall, flagpole. To be donated in memory of Jack Chambers by his niece. Jack was a Parish and District Councillor, a magistrate, a true gentleman who did a lot for the Village.

Proposed Cllr Holder that the Parish Council pay for the installation of the flagpole and for a commemorative plaque at an approximate cost of £100, seconded Cllr Tedd. All agreed.

Min 266 Chairman's Charity for donations in lieu of Councillors sending each other Christmas Cards. This year the money will go to the Liver Outpatients Unit, at Queen Elizabeth Hospital towards the purchase of a fiber scanner.

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

09/02144/FUL ***For information only – additional information***

Mr G Pielow, Cranhills, Clarkes Green, Studley.
Retention of two existing buildings without compliance with condition 9 of planning permission 07/01928/FUL; alterations to the building and formation of internal access way.

09/02315/FUL Thornborough Developments Ltd., 63 Green Lane, Studley.
Raise existing roof, erection of two storey rear extension and erection of car-port.

No representation.

9. Planning Decisions Received

None.

10. Correspondence

SDC

None.

WCC

None.

Other

Min 267 Worcestershire County Council – Waste Core Strategy: Emerging Preferred Options Consultation. Papers can be viewed on website: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs . Comments required by 4th February 2010. To be looked at by Cllr McCarthy.

Min 268 WALC: Section 137 limit for 2010-11. There is no change to the limit per electorate for grants given under section 137 which remains at £6.15 for 2010-11.

Min 269 WALC: Briefing Days

- i) 'Financial Clinic & Update on Financial Matters Tuesday, 19th January 2010. Cllr Bacon to attend.
- ii) Responding to Planning Applications – Understanding Plans & Design Principles Saturday, 13th February 2010. Cllr Holder to attend.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 270 Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership newsletter

Min 271 WCC Funding NEWS Bulletin

Min 272 NALC: Employment Briefing Age Discrimination: The High Court's Decision in 'HeyDay'

Min 273 WALC: Newsletter

Min 274 Rural Services Network Parish Newsletter

Min 275 SDC ICT Workshops

Min 276 Parish Plans Newsletter

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
December 2009**

Meeting closed 8.40pm

Signed: Chairman