

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 2nd August 2011 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair Mrs S. Redman, E. Holder, J. King, C. Rickhards, Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs A. Wade, N. Green, M. Redman.
1 member of the public.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and noted from:

Cllr J. Bacon – holiday
Cllr A. Smith - holiday

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

Robin Jarman: understands that Bill McCarthy has now retired. Lives opposite the Nature Reserve and requires confirmation of what will happen when the meadow needs cutting. Needs to know if the Parish Council will be responsible for the upkeep. Being used by dog walkers and there is a lot of litter. The bin has been vandalised and the dog fouling notice is missing. Desperately need more volunteers, he records butterflies and no one else does anything.

Access is very weedy.

Thank you from the Chairman for bringing this to our attention and for collecting up litter. It is much appreciated.

Money is allocated in the precept and we can get in touch with Jon Vale to arrange for the cutting.

Studley in Bloom may get involved.

There was never a great deal of money available to maintain a good standard and it would only take one year's neglect to cause a problem and there would be a lot of work.

Chairman: It is the intention of the Parish Council to maintain this area and we will look at the bins. Thank you to Mr Jarman for coming to the meeting.

6. Matters Arising (for information only)

- Min 127 Confirmation that the WALC Parish & Town Council Liaison meeting will be Monday 3rd October at 6.30pm at Elizabeth House.
Clerk to attend. Apologies from Cllr Mrs Wade, unable to attend.

7. Items for Discussion

- Min 376 Studley Library Update: Cllrs Beaman, Rickhards and Mrs Wade have all recently attended meetings.
Cllr Beaman: The Bid must be in by 19th August 2011.
It is well on the way but need to try and confirm opening hours.
Need meeting with volunteers to put together a rota, perhaps Tuesday, 9th August 2011. Will get an idea of how many hours they are able to do. We can have all furniture and shelving from existing library but WCC will not pay for moving costs as cannot use capital funding.
Cllr Beaman has asked for details of usage, need to target books and meet demand. Historical photographs will also come to Village Hall for display.
Store room at the back of the stage may be an option. Now has breakdown of income/expenditure. Income last year was £2094.93.
Meeting to be arranged with Solicitors with proposals for running the Village Hall by the Parish Council. Separate meeting will then be held with the Parish Council.
Cllr M. Redman: reading the minutes of the last Library meeting query if the Parish Council is committed to giving £5000.00 every year towards the library and if the Parish Council taking over the running of the Village Hall is a pre condition of taking over the library?
Cllr Beaman: £5000.00 is a yearly ongoing commitment.
The running of the Village Hall was discussed as well as taking over the library but they are two separate issues.
As Chairman of the Parish Council, as we are putting in nearly £12000.00 pa, would want to ensure that this money is spent wisely and effectively.
As Chairman of the Village Hall until the library is operating will not know the cost involved. Need to cover the loss of income from room rental so that we will be no worse off. Continuity is essential. There is a lot of work/input to keep the Hall running and need to have the right framework and people. Now have two extra volunteers for Village Hall Management Committee.
Meeting arranged for library volunteers for Tuesday, 9th August 2011 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber. Notice to go on notice boards and on website.
Cllr Beaman: e mail received from MP that he is happy to support our funding applications.

8. Planning Applications for Consideration
(Cllrs Beaman & Holder refrained from voting)

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| 11/01006/FUL | <i>Amended/Additional Details</i>
<i>For information only</i>
Ellis Heating and Plumbing, 3B High Street, Studley.
Change of use of vacant land to car parking to include new footpath crossing and access steps to existing yard, offices and retail area.
Objection still in place. Highways involved and have objected to a number of issues. |
| 11/01543/FUL | Mr & Mrs Jeff Lowe, 6 Stapleton Road, Studley.
Proposed erection of single storey rear extension and conservatory.
No representation. |
| 11/00685/FUL | Mr & Mrs R Shipton, 30B Node Hill, Studley.
Proposed two storey side extension.
No representation. |

9. Planning Decisions Received

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| 11/00920/FUL | Mr C Short, 8 Node Hill, Studley.
Proposed first floor side extension over existing garage and single storey rear extension.
<i>Permission with conditions 15th July 2011</i> |
| 11/01062/FUL | Mr Christopher Preen, Hardwick Barn, Clarkes Green, Studley.
Proposed single storey infill extension.
<i>Permission with conditions 12th July 2011</i> |
| 11/01314/COUNTY | Studley High School, Crooks Lane, Studley.
Installation of solar photovoltaic panels onto the school roof.
<i>Permission granted 22nd July 2011</i> |

10. Correspondence
SDC

Min 136 Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places to be undertaken as SDC is required to divide its area into polling districts for elections and designate polling places. Complete review by end of 2011. The

change will be minimal. Officers have commenced a series of visits to every polling station that needs reviewing. If we wish to suggest an alternative venue to that of the Village Hall a checklist can be completed and submitted by 24th August 2011. No objection to using Village Hall.

WCC

- Min 137 Total of 25 computers available to Stratford District for voluntary community organisations. Maximum of two available per application, but would be grateful if only applied for one.
Clerk to write and apply for a computer for public use in the Village Hall. This will be useful if we take over the running of the Library.
- Min 138 WCC Community Development Fund 2011/12. Can apply for grant of up to £3000.00 for one off projects that will have lasting benefit to the community which has to be supported by a County Councillor. Applications to be signed and completed by 29th September 2011. Decision on Wednesday, 12th October 2011. Due to the popularity of the fund applicants invited to workshop week commencing 15th August 2011 at SDC offices. Cllr Beaman to submit application for grant towards running the library.
Member's Fund 2011/12 being launched at the same time as CDF. Each County Councillor will have an allocation of £1000.00 which can be used on no more than two awards up to this amount.

Other

- Min 139 WALC: Right of Way and experience of applying to the Secretary of State for a decision. It allows anyone who has applied to the local highway authority for a modification to the area's definitive map and not had a decision from the authority to apply to the Secretary of State for a decision. The Secretary of State may direct the authority to make a decision by a certain date. There is no formal application form.
- Min 140 WALC: Big Society Fund 2011/2012. Guidance notes and application form for helping to support efforts being made by local people to take responsibility for delivery of services such as community libraries and youth provision. Applications by 16th September 2011. Cllr Beaman will be submitting an application.
- Min 141 NALC Communications Briefing: The Diamond Jubilee and The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. Copy circulated to all Councillors. The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is a prestigious award to recognise the important work being done by voluntary organisations within the county. Further information and nomination forms can be obtained from the website:
www.queensawardvoluntary.gov.uk

- Min 142 NALC Policy Briefing on Open Public Services White Paper. Consultation event Tuesday, 16th August 2011 Norton Lindsey Village Hall at 7.30pm. Copy circulated to all Councillors.
- Min 143 Further cheque for £10.00 received from Action Studley towards maintenance of Nature Reserve.
- Min 144 Scrap Metal Collectors ignoring environmental legislation . Copy e mail received from SDC to Mr Bond concerning issue that scrap metal collectors should hold a waste carriers licence issued by Environmental Agency who are responsible for investigating release of toxic substances. Noted.
- Min 145 Issues concerning parking of allotment plottolders in Eldorado Close. Clerk to write to Allotment Association asking that plottolders use designated places on the Allotments or if using Eldorado Close to park responsibly. Also to respond to resident of Eldorado Close.
- Min 146 Thank you letter received from John Lawson's Circus for use of Recreation Ground in June.
- Min 147 Letter from Wilf Gilbert concerning a letter (unsigned) received complaining about tenants hanging washing on balconies. Clerk has already replied stating that the letter has not been sent by the Parish Council.
- Min 148 NALC Communications Briefing: The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Copy circulated to all Councillors.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 149 WALC newsletter

Min 150 SLCC Minutes of Meeting Thursday 14th April 2011

11. Approve Accounts for Payment

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

851 – D Sollis £15.40. 852 – M Millinchip £80.00.

853 – P A Janes £520.00. 854 – J Vale £919.09.

855 – I Geddes £61.88. 856 – Clarity Copiers Ltd. £13.13.

857 - Factory of Fun £600.00.

Direct Debit Cemetery Rates £70.00.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 16th August 2011

Meeting closed 8.40pm

Signed: Chairman

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