

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd October 2007 at 7.30pm.

1. Public Forum: Welcome to the Parish Council meeting from the Chairman

Cllr Helen McCarthy: need to start reminding everyone how important the Fire Station and the Firefighters are to Studley. Would like to see Parish Council support a petition which was read out to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council has already indicated their full backing to support the retention of the Fire Station. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

Cllr Mrs McCarthy would like to see the petition signed by everyone in Studley. Will also go to Mappleborough Green and Sambourne for their support.

2. Chairman declared the meeting open

3. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair J. Bacon, E. Holder, J. Vale, C. Rickhards, Mrs S. Redman, M. Redman, Mrs H. Wersocki, Mrs M. Woodrow, G. Noke, W. McCarthy, Mrs M. Bell.

County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy, District Councillor M. Weddell.

14 members of the public.

4. Apologies for Absence

None.

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.

Planning Application 07/2507/FUL - Cllr Beaman, prejudicial interest

- Cllr W. McCarthy, non prejudicial interest

6. Planning Applications for Consideration: with Parish Council's permission this item was brought forward on the agenda

(Cllr Beaman refrained from voting)

07/02507/FUL

Studley High School, Crooks Lane.

Proposed phased extensions, alterations and improvements to school buildings and campus.

Cllrs Beaman and W. McCarthy left the room whilst this plan was discussed and both refrained from voting.

Residents were given the opportunity to comment on this planning application – summary of their concerns:

- Concerned about 5 phases – enough money for phase 1 but not for others. Will take 10 years to complete.
- Loss of Greenfield site and open space.
- Road to tennis and netball courts will be tarmaced and tennis courts will be overspill car park for 89 cars. Will need lighting and will be close to resident's boundary.
- Concerns of hockey pitch being too close to Catholic School. A lot of fencing will be required to safeguard children from hockey balls.
- Three schools in Crooks Lane, concerns about increase in traffic. If flood-lighting installed will be used day and night and therefore will be problem with traffic.
- Objecting that there will be 2 football pitches so close to residential properties. Will be problem with noise, bad language, light and vandalism. Also security aspect with anti social behaviour, policing an issue.
- Commercial Venture with Leisure Centre. Enough facilities within Village already.
- Already rejected in 1999.
- Level of management could be great concern.

Following discussion the Parish Council objected to this planning application for the following planning reasons:

- 1. Loss of amenity and quality of life to properties in close proximity to the football pitches including lighting and noise pollution.**
- 2. Affect of the whole development to neighbouring properties. Will cause undue disturbance which will affect the enjoyment of their homes.**
- 3. Increase in traffic on already congested roads especially Crooks Lane with vehicular movements causing undue disturbance to residents. Especially the impact of overspill car park on tennis courts.**

07/02418/FUL

Mr C Tsolakides, 26 and 28 High Street, Studley.
Conversion of existing retail unit at 28 High Street to restaurant in association with existing use of 26 High Street including alteration to existing shop front.

Support for the following planning reasons:

- 1. Extension of existing business will attract more employment in the Village.**
- 2. In support of Studley Parish Plan that commercial business and enterprise should be encouraged in rural centres.**
- 3. Condition should be put in place that it is a Restaurant only and not a takeaway.**

07/02279/FUL

Ms T Blick, 37 Littlewood Green, Studley.
Two storey extension and alterations.

No representations.

7. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

None.

8. Items for Discussion

Min 132 Skatepark Issues: Benches have arrived. No further complaints received. Company requested final payment but being withheld until repairs carried out to our satisfaction. May need to get independent

inspection. Clerk to ask SDC.

Min 202 Nominations required for Youth Shield, Millennium & Silver Jubilee Shields for next meeting.

9. Planning Decisions Received

07/01917/FUL Wilf Gilbert, 1 Bell Lane, Studley.
Siting of satellite dish (retrospective)
Permission given 7th September 2007

10. Correspondence

SDC

Min 203 I T Equipment. After pressure from Cllr Beaman, have now received date
for delivery of new computer equipment – 8th October 2007.

Min 204 Confirmation received of precept payment.

WCC

Min 205 Large lime tree, Gunners Lane. Following complaints from resident, WCC asked forester to look at the problem but are unlikely to reduce the size for cosmetic reasons only. Resident not happy as sap from tree making a mess of his car. Arrangements made for him to be contacted by Officer from WCC.

Min 206 Warwickshire Tree Scheme membership application form and details of costs of tree packs. All agreed to join the scheme. Cllr McCarthy to discuss with friends of Public Open Space which tree pack to purchase.

Min 207 Reply received from Jim Graham, Chief Executive re Studley Issues. Closure of Redditch Recycling Centre – one year trial but seeking clarification for next financial year. Suspect they will require payment from non-Worcestershire residents. Matters have been raised with both local MPs.

Flashing warning lights, Node Hill - repairs made and now working.

Clerk to respond that lights are out of order again.

A435 to be detrunked 1st October 2007. Road will be inspected immediately on handover and WCC will receive an annual grant to maintain the road.

Min 208 Capital Funding for Transport 2008/09 £40,000 delegated budget to each Area Committee to spend on pressing local needs. Although not been confirmed envisaged funds will be sufficient to repeat allocation. Budget separate from £400,000 Safety & Maintenance Budget. Clerk to respond weight limit needed on High Street & Station Road. Upgrade of street lighting on Redditch Road for CCTV as requested by SDC. Improvement of Barley Mow Island.

Other

Min 209 WALC: Birthday Honours 2008 – application form to be returned by 15th October 2007. Clerk to liaise with District Cllr Hazel Wright.

Min 210 WALC: NALC Legal Topic L14-07 The Smoking Ban Legislation & when it applies to Parish Councils. Copy handed to all Councillors. WCC again donating 100 computers free to community and voluntary organisations.

Min 211 WALC: Briefing from Solicitor and Head of Legal Services explaining how paragraph 12(2) of New Model Code of Conduct will work in

practice. Copy handed to all Councillors. All agreed that public participation session will now be part of Parish Council meeting.

- Min 212 Comments from Chairman of Studley in Bloom to Redditch Advertiser concerning Parish Council. Clerk to respond that Parish Council have always been prepared to support Studley in Bloom and to invite the Chairman to Parish Council meeting to put his points forward.
- Min 213 E mail received from Craig Hunt re purchasing signs 'Welcome to Studley, Britain in Bloom Silver Award Winners 2007'. Clerk to respond.
- Min 214 E mail received from Janie Stephenson praising new skatepark. Chairman has responded.
- Min 215 Confirmation from PWLB of payment of loan and details of instalment payments.
- Min 216 Redditch Borough Council re Core Strategy Development Plan Document & Affordable Housing SPD. Can be view on Council Website www.redditch.gov.uk

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 217 SDC Area Committee minutes of meeting 18th July 2007
- Min 218 Council for Voluntary Services Annual Report 2006/07
- Min 219 WCC 'Our Year in Review' 2006/07

11. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr Rickhards that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr Mrs Redman. Voting unanimous.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 16th October 2007

Meeting Closed 9.00pm

