

## Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 at 7.30pm.

### 1. Chairman declared the meeting open

### 2. Present

Chairman C. Rickhards, Vice Chair J. Vale, E. Holder, P. Beaman, Mrs A Wade, D. Somner, W. McCarthy, J. Bacon, Mrs S. Redman, Mrs M. Woodrow, M. Redman, Mrs H. Wersocki.  
District Councillors Mrs H. Wright, M. Weddell.

### 3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for late arrival Cllr M. Redman.

A minutes silence was held for the anniversary of the firefighters who lost their lives at Atherstone.

### 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 Beaman min 265 Christmas Lighting Repairs - Personal Interest

Cllr Vale Item 11 Accounts – Prejudicial Interest

### 5. Public Forum

Cllr Mrs Wright: needs advice concerning the art work for the Barley Mow Island. Acquired 106 money from Aldi. Need something that represents Studley. Artist has been appointed. Brief was that community involvement is very important and to include the history of Studley. Limited amount of money and do not want it all spent on expenses. Schools and community groups will be involved and would like to include the Parish Council. The Parish Councillors are representatives of the community and should be involved. Hopefully the artist will come up with several ideas. Themes do emerge and an agreement is then reached. Would be useful to meet with the chosen artists (husband and wife team). Clerk to liaise with Cllr Wright for dates and times.

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

Min 213 Reminder to all Councillors of Remembrance Day Parade & Service  
14<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

Signed: Chairman .....

Min 241 Youth Centre Lighting: confirmation from Steve Smith that he is making enquiries but as yet no details of what is possible. Will advise in due course. Rob McCluskey has read email but no information received as yet regarding a meeting.

## 7. Items for Discussion

Min 238 Cllr Rickhards: Speeding in Studley

- Trying for a long time to get speeding in the Village reduced. Anything that can be done is a good thing. Worth pursuing the purchase of a speed gun.
- Hampton Magna has gateways on entry to the Village that slows down the traffic.
- Studley did ask for gateways but were told not possible.
- At bottom of Gorcott Hill there is a flashing sign which has the same effect. Appears to be mobile.
- Feel that will get the same volunteers for the speedwatch scheme who will then get fed up and we will end up with a purchase that will not be used to its full capacity. Keener on sharing a gun. Volunteers would need training.
- Does not need to be done regularly, can be done intermittently.
- Not all the signs along the Bromsgrove Road are working. Clerk to check if they can be repaired.
- When responsibility for A435 was transferred to the County Council money was allocated for road maintenance. Not for use for gateways.
- Dangerous areas around the Village have been identified but nothing has been done.

**Proposed Cllr Beaman to put item in next newsletter to explain the speedwatch scheme and see if there will be any volunteers, seconded Cllr Holder. Voting unanimous.**

Three Parish Councillors volunteer for the speedwatch scheme.

Clerk to investigate request for 'smiley face' speed signs.

Min241 Nominations for Community Shields received from Councillors. Awaiting nominations from residents. Voting to take place mid December, presentation February 2011.

Min 265 Christmas Lighting Repairs: quote received.

The lights have all been tested and minor repairs carried out but there are some problems and the most cost effective way is to carry out further repairs rather than replacement.

Cllr Beaman left the room whilst this was discussed and did not vote.

**Proposed Cllr Mrs Redman that the quote from GS Adams of £625.00 + VAT be accepted, seconded Cllr Holder. Voting unanimous.**

Min 266 Cllr Mrs Wade: WALC Parish & Town Council Liaison Meeting  
Attended the meeting with the Clerk. Very interesting, worthwhile going but few people there only six Parish Councils. Cllr Mrs Wade will also be attending a meeting on the Big Society on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010 in Stratford. Chairman of WALC said that there is money available for groups. Need to come up with a project and go in at the beginning for more chance of getting money before it is distributed.  
The next Parish & Town Council Liaison meeting will be January 2011.

#### **8. Planning Applications for Consideration**

None.

#### **9. Planning Decisions Received**

- 10/01016/FUL Mr Hewitt and Mr Perks, Land Adjacent To, 6 Orchard Way, Studley.  
Construction of two-storey detached dwelling.  
**Planning permission refused 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010.**
- 10/01825/ADV Co-operative Retail Services, Alcester Road, Studley.  
Retrospective erection of replacement fascia sign and totem sign.  
**Consent granted with conditions 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010.**
- 10/01078/FUL Mr Clyde Strain, 21B Alcester Road, Studley.  
Change of use from health and fitness centre to A1 and A3 mixed use indoor retail market.  
**Planning permission granted 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010.**

#### **10. Correspondence**

##### **SDC**

None.

##### **WCC**

- Min 267 Notification of temporary road closure for approximately 30m outside Apple Tree Cottage from 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2010 to allow Severn Trent to repair a water leak.

##### **Other**

- Min 268 Stratford and the Big Society – invitation from VASA to discuss the Big Society on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010, 10.00am – 12.30pm at the Shakespeare Hotel, Stratford. Cllr Mrs Wade to attend.

- Min 269 Eon unmetered supply certificate received, valid until 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011 (Street lighting).
- Min 270 WALC: update on negotiations between the employers side and trade unions side for local government workers pay increase. Nothing yet agreed.
- Min 271 NALC e bulletin:
- i) Freeze on Council Tax will not apply to local Parish and Town Councils.
  - ii) A reminder that there will be no delay to Parish & Town Council elections on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011.
  - iii) WALC are planning free of charge promotional events to inform possible candidates what is required of a Councillor.
  - iv) SLCC Conference 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2010 in Durham. Chairman highlighted 'the critical role the profession has to play in articulating and defining the role of local councils in Big Society and continuing to deliver localism in our communities'.
- Copies circulated to all Councillors.

#### **Correspondence for Circulation**

- Min 272 Briefing from NALC on Government Spending Review 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010
- Min 273 News Release – successful prosecution for dog fouling in Stratford District

#### **11. Approve Accounts for Payment**

Cllr Vale left the room during this item.

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

- 697 – ASAP £290.00. 698 – M Millinchip £80.00.  
699 – Severn Trent Water £558.63. 700 – Verdant £417.13.  
701 – J Vale £450.34. 702 – P A Janes £320.00.  
703 – Johnsons Coaches £225.00. 704 – I Geddes £36.80.

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

**Meeting closed 8.15pm**

*Signed: Chairman .....*