

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd March 2009 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman J. Bacon, Vice Chair Mrs S. Redman, J. Vale, Mrs A. Wade, E. Holder, P. Beaman, Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs H. Wersocki, W. McCarthy.

3. Apologies for Absence

District Councillor M. Weddell – Awards Evening

Cllr Mrs M Bell – work commitment

Cllr C. Rickhards – work commitment

Cllr M. Redman – social engagement

District Councillor Mrs H. Wright

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.

Item 8 min 371 Cllrs Holder and Mrs Wade – non prejudicial interest

5. Public Forum

None.

6. Presentation by Dr Jacky Lawrence, Strategic Energy Manager, Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership

Studley has shown an interest in becoming a Transition Town which is a Community led initiative by those with a shared concern on how our community responds to the challenges of peak oil and climate change.

The Partnership is made up of local individuals and organisations from the public, private and voluntary sectors. More than 353 people from 145 organisations are so far committed to effectively reduce carbon dioxide emissions through targeted actions in 5 key areas; transport, energy, resource efficiency, adaption, and communications & education.

Presentation is to make people aware and see if there is any interest:

- There are many sceptics and a lot of guess work. Can choose to take action or no action. Leaflets handed to all Councillors.
- Response to question if anyone has noticed any changes in Studley such as flooding is that the water table has changed. Drainage has always been a problem in Studley.
- There is a waste of fuel. WCC goes against ideas as children travel to schools from a wide area.

- We are all capable of endangering the environment but also capable of cleaning it up. We need to work together.
- What can the Parish Council do?
- Several Villages Henley in Arden, Long Itchington and Snitterfield have formed volunteer groups to reduce their community carbon footprint.
- The most active Village is Ashton Hayes in Cheshire. 'Going Carbon Neutral Project' is a community led initiative. They are trying to become England's first carbon neutral Village. Have a lot of support and interest from the world's media and are linked to 150 like-minded communities around the globe.
- Problem is that Studley has a lot of employment sites.
- Conflict of interests as Parish Council is asked to do things but authorities do not help. For example schools, lot of travelling for many children causing horrendous traffic problems, our library may close and residents would have to travel to another area. Studley residents are not able to use the Redditch tip and again have to travel to Stratford. County issues are not helping. Dr Lawrence will go back and ask some questions.
- WCC has 10 electricity display devices which measure how much electricity is being used. Available to borrow.
- Link to Climate Change website can be put on our website and details put in our next newsletter

Thanks from the Chairman for coming to the meeting on such an awful night. Need to educate people, they can save money, but it will be a gradual change.

7. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

None.

8. Items for Discussion

Min 371 Youth Club: Cllr Holder to approach youths with a view to forming a Youth Council who would be able to report to the Parish Council.
Cllr Beaman: At recent Community Forum meeting problem raised of cars parking outside the Youth Club and in side road. Main problem is parents dropping off school children. Write as before that it is a private road and double yellow lines would not be enforceable. Pool Road car park, part owned by WCC and part by SDC. Suggestion to write and invite Officer from WCC to a meeting together with Anna Stowe, Youth Leader to discuss how to resolve the problem.

RESOLVED Clerk to write in first instance to WCC. Maybe put money in the next precept for improvements. If access from side road to Pool Road car park was opened up it would give people a better access to the shops.

Min 405 Cllr Bacon: Allotments – 6th month review of plotholder and pension discounts. At recent Allotment Association meeting came to Cllr Bacon's attention that 29 plots are let to people who live outside the Parish including 1 person who lives in Kent. A lot of money is spent on improvements to the Allotments and there is £1000pa loss. People from outside benefit from money paid out of our precept. Would like to put forward to the Allotment Association to differentiate between those 'who live in or out'. Those who live outside the Parish could pay full

amount plus a small premium e.g.£22.00 then Studley pensioners could keep their discount. Do not want to discourage outsiders by penalising them but should pay more as fair proportion of precept is spent on allotment improvements. A lot of people are quite happy with the allotment rent.

Proposed Cllr Mrs Wersocki that plotholders who live outside the Parish pay £5.00 pa more for their plot with effect from 1st April 2010, seconded Cllr Beaman. All agreed. Cllr Bacon to put this proposal to the next Allotment Association committee meeting.

6th month review of plotholder: plot has not been cultivated since meeting 6 months ago.

RESOLVED: Plot to be looked at by Councillors and photographs taken. Item for next agenda together with problem of bonfires.

Cllr Beaman: Aldi store has applied for a licence to sell alcohol. Opening hours in planning conditions are Monday – Friday 9.00 to 20.00, Saturdays 8.30 to 20.00 and Sundays 10.00 to 16.00. Licence applied for is every day 8.30am – 11.30pm.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write letter objecting strongly to conflict of hours agreed by Planning Officers.

9. Planning Applications for Consideration (Cllr Beaman refrained from Voting)

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| 09/00256/FUL | Litchfir Properties Ltd. 26 – 32 High Street, Studley.
Change of use from offices to three flats on first floor
26 – 32 High Street, Studley.
No representations |
| 09/00301/FUL | Mr James Powell, 17 Riverside, Studley.
Garage extension and conversion.
No representations |
| 09/00096/FUL | Arden Leisure Limited, Studley Football and
Social Club, Abbeyfields Drive, Studley.
1 no.full size synthetic pitch and 2 no. five a
side synthetic pitches and associated fencing.
The extension and alterations to the existing
Clubhouse, new vehicular access, revised car
park layout, the erection of a new sports hall
and replacement/additional floodlighting.
Support with the following comment:
Any sports facility will be an asset and
benefit the Village. There should be strict
conditions on the floodlighting. |

10. Planning Decisions Received

- 08/03215/FUL St Mary's RC Junior & Infant School, Pool Road Studley.
Single storey extension to relocated early years unit.
Permission with conditions 9th February 2009
- 08/02716/FUL Aldi Stores Ltd. 2 Birmingham Road, Studley.
Construction of a Class A1 Food Retail Store and associated car parking.
Permission with conditions 24th February 2009

11. Correspondence

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- Min 406 Parish Biodiversity Action Network are seeking, with support from WCC and the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, to bring together people who are concerned about the natural environment in their locality. The purpose of the network is a) to encourage people to care for their local wildlife and b) to share ideas and information and provide mutual support and encouragement. Meeting to be held on Monday, 20th April 2009 at 7.00pm in Elizabeth House, Stratford upon Avon. Cllr McCarthy to attend.

WCC

- Min 407 Notice of (Part of Footpath AL164 Studley) Public Path Diversion Order 2009. Any representations or objections to WCC by 23rd March 2009.
RESOLVED: Clerk to write for clarification that the Green Way will be preserved.
- Min 408 Warwickshire Minerals Core Strategy: Revised Spatial Options Consultation. Statutory Consultation will run from 19th February 2009 to 3rd April 2009. Exhibitions and drop-in sessions to be on display at libraries around the County and at WCC offices. Questionnaire and documents can be viewed at:
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mineralscorestrategy to be completed by 3rd April 2009.
RESOLVED: Clerk to write Parish Council has no comment.
- Min 409 Invitation from the Chairman of WCC to an 'At Home' drinks reception Saturday, 28th March 2009 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Shire Hall. Cllr Bacon and guest to attend.

Other

- Min 410 SLCC Larger Councils Conference Thursday 16th April 2009 at the Nottingham Belfry.
- Min 411 Letter received from Mrs Sarah Higgins requesting a meeting as soon as possible with the Parish Council to discuss leasing a plot.
RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Mrs Higgins.
- Min 412 Letter received from Mrs Catherine Frisby. The driver of the Johnsons Shopper Coach, Richard Pearson, was very helpful when a passenger

was unwell whilst in Redditch. He made sure that she was well enough to travel and gave first class attention to see that she was settled in her own home.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Johnsons Coach Travel and Mrs Frisby.

Min 413 Donation received from Coughton CE Primary School for the use of the superb Christmas Grotto at their Christmas Fair on 6th December 2008.

RESOLVED: Clerk to send letter of thanks.

Min 414 Letter received from Anne Rolfe requesting payment of approximately £160.00 plus cost of diesel for the use of a machine to clear the remaining plots on Dunstall Allotments. Pass to Grants Committee.

Min 415 WALC: received an e mail from WCC Library Network that as they are undertaking a review of their buildings and services their survey form be distributed to the community or mentioned in newsletters. Response required by 11th March 2009. Notice put on Parish Council Board and forms available in Village Hall.

Min 416 Letter received from Mike Green. About 30 years ago Studley Parish Council built a pen just over the bridge on Castle road opposite Needle Mill and planted a line of conifer trees. The side fence of the pen has now gone and the trees are dangerous. Would like to know who owns what and where the boundaries are? Refer to WCC Property Services.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 417 Stratford District Partnership – Improving the quality of life for everyone

Min 418 Minutes of Henley & Studley Community Forum 18th February 2009

Min 419 Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Partnership Trust

12. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr Beaman that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr Mrs Redman. All agreed.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 17th March 2009

Meeting Closed 9.40pm

