

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd April 2007 at 7.30pm.

1. Public Forum: Cllr Mrs H. Wright

Thank you for the opportunity to speak. Parish Plan complete and finally to be published. Process to submit to SDC. Very complicated document, not as straightforward as other 17 Parish Councils. Will be sent for consultation to all partners and adoption in June and will then become a formal document. Covers 2007-2011, Parish Council needs to choose how to take forward. Meeting with Studley Improvement Partnership and then will become the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Thanks to the Parish Council for their support and to the Clerk and her Assistant for their hard work.

23% return on survey which was proportionally higher than expected making this a significant document with public support. Cannot emphasise how important the Parish Plan is. Supplementary Planning Guidance agreed by Officers that views will be given significant weight when Parish Plan adopted. Several people responsible for a very good collection of photographs. Query about partners. Action Plan cannot be achieved without working with other groups such as SDC, Advantage West Midlands, WCC. Departments need to work together.

Parish Plan is just the beginning of a lot of hard work for the future. Only 6 copies published, but maybe put on the website to enable anyone to download. Would be useful as a reference document. All Councillors need a copy of final document. There will be an executive summary for every resident.

Thanks from the Chairman to Cllr Mrs Wright.

Member of the Public: concerns voiced over speed limit signs on The Slough. Informed that Sambourne Parish Council responsible for this area.

2. Chairman declared the meeting open

3. Present

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

District Councillors Mrs H. Wright, T. Cronin.

1 member of the public.

4. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs A. Wade, J. Vale, M. Redman.

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.

None.

6. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

None.

7. Items for Discussion

Min 375 Cllr McCarthy: Allotments. Report from Allotment Association was discussed at last meeting. Now proposed in principle that the Association take over the running of the allotments subject to satisfactory discussion. Meeting to be arranged before Parish Council meeting with representatives from Allotment Association.

Min 376 Cllr Beaman: Action Studley Report. Recent meeting with PACT very useful. However very disappointed with Action Studley Report content and presentation. It was never agreed that Studley Parish Council emblem could be used on front cover and Consultant has never attended a Parish Council meeting.

A lot of inaccuracies especially that Parish Council should meet in more accessible places. Shows a lack of professionalism. Ideas that came out are what we already know.

Group decided to employ a Consultant. Wrong person chosen.

Cllr Mrs Wersocki attended a meeting where it was decided to spend £5000 for Consultant who would show how funds could be obtained but it seems to have gone off the track.

Cllr Holder – Action Studley minutes of October meeting stated that ‘Consultant would not bend to wishes’. Query as to what this means? Public safety was a reason for consultation.

Cllr Mrs Wright – since 1987 a lot of documents have been produced. Common themes identified to give funding more weight for SIP. All documents will be analysed, should this document be included? Should go to next meeting for further discussion. Some valid elements but others are not relevant. Copy of report to all Councillors prior to next meeting.

Min 380 Youth Shelter. Discussed at last meeting and Councillors asked to look at proposed relocation site. Too close to housing, school and may cause unnecessary problems. Not sure which area by Youth Club. Shelter will be far better used by skatepark. Maybe make a decision when skatepark complete.

Agreed to write and say that it was always planned to go by skatepark but Parish Council and Youth Club could work together to provide additional Youth Shelter to be situated by Youth Club.

Min 373 Cllr Beaman: Annual Parish Meeting 22nd May 2007
Parish Plan to be presented. A435 Alcester Road detrunking plus other groups suggested Police, local groups, Charities, SWHA, SDC etc. plus Chairman’s Report.

Min 381 Cllr Mrs Wersocki: A435. G. Fitton, WCC willing to attend Parish Council meeting. Clerk to write with suggested dates.

Min 382 Cllr Mrs Wersocki: Correspondence. Confirmed that when an item appears on the agenda Councillors can comment.

Min 383 Cllr Mrs Wersocki: Sign to Redditch & Cinema Junction A448 & A435. Query if permission been given by Highways or WCC for

erection of new signs. Clerk to write.

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

07/00773/FUL Mr & Mrs Nash, 1D Knottesford Close, Studley.
Demolition of existing brick garage and erection
of two storey extension to place ground floor kitchen
and garage, first floor bedroom and en-suite.
No representations.

9. Planning Decisions Received

07/00182/FUL Mr & Mrs Ingram, 37 Station Road, Studley.
Proposed single storey extension to rear.
Permission with conditions 5th March 2007

06/03585/FUL Co-operative Retail Services, Alcester Road,
Studley.
Residential development comprising 15 no.
2-bed houses, 5 no. 3-bed houses, 32 no.
car parking spaces. Cycle and bin storage
areas and associated landscaping.
Permission with conditions 19th March 2007

10. Correspondence

SDC

- Min 1 Play Strategy for District & Big Lottery Funding. SDC allocated £200,000 by BLF. If awarded will be used on improving quantity and quality of children's play opportunities throughout the District. Letter of support from Parish Council helpful.
- Min 2 Town & Parish Clerks Liaison Meeting 13th June 2007 at 6.30pm in Council Chamber, Elizabeth House.
- Min 3 Visit to CCTV. Dates suggested after the elections.

WCC

- Min 4 Quality of Life for an Ageing Population – Draft Strategy Consultation. Wish to consult with wider population. Leaflets to be distributed.

Other

- Min 5 SDC has approached WALC to provide Parish Council representative to contribute to Children's Play Partnership. Would be pleased to hear from any Council who is interested.
- Min 6 Home Composting Scheme. Details of how to order bin. Article for next newsletter and for website.
- Min 7 DCA (Department for Constitutional Affairs) Memorial Safety information on practical steps on how to approach the task in the right way. Suggestion to send to Churches. To be discussed by Amenities Committee.
- Min 8 Audit Commission confirmation of the appointment of Clement Keys as Auditor for Studley Parish Council 2006/07 financial year.
- Min 9 Cllr Mrs Bell: Brickyard Lane Recreation Ground residents concerned about amount of litter. After football matches on Sundays ground left in an atrocious state with litter, drink cans. Football club should clear

up own mess. Next season note to be put in contract that football club to be responsible for clearing up after game. Clerk to write to Club.

- Min 10 Redditch BC Supplementary Planning Document on land to the rear of Alexandra Hospital. Comments required by 4th May 2007. To be discussed further at next meeting.
- Min 11 Certificate from Guide Dogs for Blind £15.05 raised in Treasure Hunt Box in Village Hall.
- Min 12 Post Watch – Post Office closures of up to 2500 throughout UK. Wish to make key community representatives such as Parish Councils aware of this issue.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 13 The PHILLIS Service –Helping hand to older people
- Min 14 Age Concern Newsletter
- Min 15 Parish & Town Council Chairmen & Clerks Liaison meeting minutes of meeting 21st February 2007
- Min 16 SLCC Minutes of Branch Meeting 10th October 2006
- Min 17 Decorum Newsletter of Standards & Ethics Committee
- Min 18 In2Sport Newsletter – SDC Leisure Services Team

11. Approve Accounts for Payment

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

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 17th April 2007

Meeting Closed 8.55pm

