

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd October 2006 at 7.30pm.

1. Public Forum

None.

2. Chairman declared the meeting open

3. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair J. Bacon, J. Vale, E. Holder, Mrs M. Bell, Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs A. Wade, Mrs H. Wersocki, W. McCarthy, M. Redman. Peter Johnson, Inspector W. Ayres, K. Takhar, SDC.

4. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs S. Redman, PCSO G. Walton.

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.

Cllr Mrs Woodrow, Planning Application No.06/02486/FUL – non prejudicial

Cllr Vale, Planning Application No.06/02540/FUL – non prejudicial

6. Min 169 Peter Johnson, Johnsons Coaches Shopper Service:

- Unusual for route to be sponsored by Parish Council.
- One coach every Friday for senior citizens to travel to Redditch, used by 25-30 residents.
- No increase in cost since 2000.
- Could make savings by making route open to general public. Would have to agree timetable, fares and advertise. Could then attract BSOG (Bus Service Operator Grant) to cut fuel costs.
- What Parish Council needs to consider is that over 60's would go free.
- Service in Henley in Arden is so popular that it is self-sustainable.
- May take two years to attract additional customers.
- Possible to change the day if required after registration. Has to be presented and registered 56 days before operating.
- Cost to general public would be controlled by Parish Council. Henley charge £2.00 return, £1.50 single. Needs to be Parish Council decision. As revenue goes up, fares would go down.
- School holidays may be busy and there could be some resentment.
- As Mappleborough Green has a need, not a problem sharing the service.
- Clerk to discuss with Mappleborough Green.
- To be included on next agenda for further discussion.

Thanks from the Chairman to Mr Johnson for attending the meeting.

7. Min 152 Inspector Warren Ayres, Anti Social Behaviour in the Village:

Welcome from the Parish Council to Inspector Ayres and Kulli

Takhar, Anti Social Behaviour Officer from Stratford District Council.

- Parish Council constantly receives complaints concerning anti social behaviour. Long history in the Village.
- Inspector Ayres has been in Police Force for 17 years, and in the Alcester/Henley area

for three months.

- Dispersal orders have worked around the centre but problems have spread to other areas. Fencing around allotments has deterred some problems.
- Elderly still in fear of going out.
- How do we move forward?
- ASBO's have actually reduced problems by 15% but incidents in July/August above last year. Initiative for young people last year helped.
- Rowdy nuisance youths a problem. Toms Town a hot spot. Certain families cause problems.
- Trying to encourage people to report problems. Third party evidence important.
- Safer Neighbourhood Teams being launched 21st November 2006. Need to interact more with neighbourhoods, a long-term commitment. A Government initiative. Prompted by threat of terrorism, better visible policing.
- End of October extra PCSO for Studley. Police authority now given for PCSO Gareth Walton to have a bike. Should help him to get about.
- Alcester now split into two areas, Studley in Northern area. Gained another Sergeant. Sgt Robert Shaw will be the one for Studley.
- Government want more quality work. Booklets to be given out to residents giving details of police work in the community.
- Will be visiting schools prior to Halloween and also asking parents to be responsible. More visible police presence. Visiting shops to deter sale of eggs. Same initiative for bonfire night.
- ASBO Officer was asked how many people going through ASBO's: 2 CRASBOs, 1 collecting information for ASBO, 1 unacceptable behaviour warning letter sent out. If under 18 years of age, letters sent to parents.
- Forms are available in Parish Council Office for complaints but residents not interested in completing them. Just want to complain and let someone else sort it out. Frightened of being victimised.
- People need to take responsibility and work together with Police. Expectations of Police far too high, resources too stretched.
- Police have to be careful re entrapment, have to be accountable and go through correct procedures.
- Kullli deals with anti social behaviour and residents could be given her telephone number and e mail address possibly via the newsletter. She has links with both the Police and Housing Associations and has fortnightly meetings with the Police.
- Possibility of bringing back Schools Liaison Officer. Police no longer give talks in schools.
- PACT (Partnership and Communities Working Together) and NHW should work together with local Police,
- CPSO's will soon be given more powers.

Thanks from the Chairman for attending. National problem and will not be solved overnight.

Perception that crime is higher than what is actually happening but anti social behaviour has gone down because of the good work being done. Communication with Police still a major problem which needs solving.

8. Min 190 Village Hall Representative:

Following resignation of Stan Phipps, vacancy for representative from Parish Council on Village Hall Committee. Cllr Holder volunteered. Thanks from the Chairman, very much appreciated.

- Min 191 Arrangements for Office Committee meeting to discuss computer requirements following Awards for All Grant. Cllr Mrs Bell volunteered to be a member of Office Committee. Agreed to hold meeting after Parish Council meeting.

9. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

None.

10. Items for Discussion

Min 178 Waste Development Framework Core Strategy – Preferred Options & Proposals:

Cllr McCarthy attended Warwickshire Waste Forum where all options were discussed.

It was unanimously agreed that the questionnaire as completed by Cllr McCarthy be returned. Thanks from the Chairman given to Cllr McCarthy.

Min 189 Nominations for Silver Jubilee Award & Millennium Shield Award. Forms collected in for decision at next meeting.

11. Planning Applications

(Cllr Beaman refrained from Voting)

06/02439/FUL Garden Meadow Homes, 90 Alcester Road, Studley.
Proposed demolition of existing dilapidated dwelling
and erection of new dwelling.

No representations.

06/02540/FUL Mr & Mrs C Preen, Hardwick Barn, Clarkes Green,
Studley.
Replacement store block.

No representations.

06/02486/FUL Mr I Reeves, 176A Alcester Road, Studley.
**Amendment to 06/01152/FUL to amend
garage details.**
No representations.

12. Correspondence

SDC

Min 192 Confirmation that BACS Payment Advice for ½ yearly precept sent.

WCC

Min 193 SpeedAware, Bromsgrove Road will be operating week
commencing 25th September 2006 for up to 3 weeks. Will consist
of fixed temporary flashing sign.

Other

Min 194 Confirmation from Clement Keys of completion of audit. Matters
arising dealt with. Copy of minute adopting Financial Regulations &
updating Financial Regulations 2006 on Audit Completion Notice.

Min 195 Liaison meeting 4th October 2006 at Alcester Town Council has
been cancelled. Derek Ward has decided to terminate his
employment with effect from 31st December 2006. Clerk to write
wishing him well.

Min 196 Studley High School – School Council has been charged with
addressing the litter issue on school premises. Parish Council to
liaise with Kevin Pickett, Assistant Head Teacher to arrange
meeting to discuss ideas. Cllrs Beaman and Mrs Wade willing to
attend.

Min 197 Thank you from John Lawson's Circus for use of the recreation
ground. Enjoyed their stay but local teenagers caused a few
problems.

Min 198 Permission required from Entaco Bowls Club to install toilet block.

Agree in principle but await planning application.

Min 199 Redditch BC Supplementary Planning Document consultation beginning 20th September 2006 until 1st November 2006. Details on website www.redditchbc.gov.uk

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 200 Minutes of Parish Liaison Meeting 5th July 2006.

Min 201 PIE Report

Min 202 AGE Concern E-bulletin

13. Approve Accounts for Payment

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

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 17th October 2006

Meeting Closed 9.00pm