

Studley Parish Council

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

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman Mrs S. Redman, Vice Chair C. Rickhards, E. Holder, J. Bacon, P. Tedd, M. Redman, J. Vale, Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs A. Wade, Mrs H. Wersocki.
District Councillor Mrs H. Wright, J. Pitman, Mr Pielow, Mr Faulkes.

3. Apologies for Absence

District Councillor M. Weddell, School Concert
Cllr P. Beaman, work commitment
Cllr W. McCarthy, meeting

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 Holder Min 228, 236 - Allotments – non prejudicial
Cllr Vale Min 236 Allotment gates - prejudicial

5. Public Forum

Mr Faulkes: Apologies from Cllr M. Redman that Mr Faulkes has not received an update following the site visit to his property by Cllrs M. Redman and W. McCarthy. A one metre path to be cleared between the fence and allotment plots and the trees will be lopped, to be maintained by the Allotment Association. Cllr Vale will make an assessment of the work involved as soon as he can gain access. Mr Faulkes asked for a time scale as this issue has been going on for some time. Item for next agenda. Apologies again for the delay.

Hazel Wright/Joyce Pitman: Issue of Village Hall moving from a Charity to Company by Limited Guarantee. Need permission from the Parish Council as landowners. To be discussed under Chairman's business because of urgency.

6. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Amended and accepted as a true record of the last meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

Mrs Sarah Higgins (mins.15.9.09) has received an apology from Cllr Bacon that the meeting concerning an allotment plot has still not been arranged. Clerk will set up meeting as soon as possible.

8. Items for Discussion

Min 228 Cllr McCarthy: Allotment Association Committee Membership

A plotholder from Redditch has been told he cannot be a committee member.

- Raised by plotholder from Dunstall Allotments.
- Could result in a committee comprising of all Redditch residents.
- If plotholders have paid their rent should not be treated any differently.
- Not in Memo of Understanding so could be a decision of the Allotment Association.
- Could say to only have a percentage of plotholders from outside Studley and same percentage of committee members.

RESOLVED: To be raised with Allotment Association when reviewing Memo of Understanding which has not yet been agreed and signed.

Min 229 Cllr Mrs Wade: The Christmas Fayre will be taking place on Friday, 11th December 2009. It is a Parish Council and Action Studley affair and would like the support of Councillors. Money raised goes towards putting up the Christmas lights in the Village. Several Councillors volunteered.

Min 230 Cllr M. Redman: Spoke to a resident on the Birmingham Road about the ongoing serious flooding problem causing water to go into properties. Drains need clearing regularly. Somewhere there is a blockage that has not been seen to. Ongoing debate between Severn Trent and Highways about who is responsible.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write and ask both agencies to attend a Parish Council meeting to try and resolve this problem.

Min 231 Remembrance Day Parade Sunday, 8th November 2009. Copy of details handed to all Councillors. Apologies from Cllrs Holder, Mrs Wade and Mrs Wright as unable to attend.

Min 232 Date for Finance Committee: arranged for Tuesday, 17th November 2009 at 6.30pm prior to the Parish Council meeting.

Min 233 Chairman's Business:

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that certain confidential issues should be dealt with as the last item on the agenda, the public having been excluded from the meeting.

Min 234 Nominations for Community Awards required for the next meeting.

9. Planning Applications for Consideration

09/02144/FUL Mr G Pielow, Cranhills, Clarkes Green, Studley.
Retention of two existing buildings without compliance with condition 9 of planning permission 07/01928/FUL; alterations to the building and formation of internal access way.
Objection: would not comply with condition 9 of the original planning permission which constitutes over-development of the plot.

09/02045/FUL Mr D Wells, 20 Orchard Way, Studley.
Replacement of existing flat felted roof over single storey bay and porch with monopitched tiled roof to incorporate insulation over bay.
No representation.

10. Planning Decisions Received

None.

11. Correspondence

SDC

None.

WCC

Min 235 The next Henley & Studley Community Forum meeting will take place on Wednesday, 11th November 2009 at Henley Memorial Hall from 7.00pm. Cllr Bacon to attend.

Other

Min 236 Studley Allotment Association Quotes for Gates for Dunstall Site.
The main gate at this site is a key concern for security and is now dangerous and presents a health & safety risk to ploholders. There has been considerable communication over a long period and the Association is now asking for Parish Council support for funding for the gate and fencing which presents a cost of £1708.00 + VAT.
Proposed Cllr Mrs Redman that the Parish Council pay 50% of £1708.00 subject to the receipt of the Allotment Association's cheque for the remaining 50%. Then we will proceed with the order, seconded Cllr Rickhards. Voting 9 for 1 abstention.
Clerk to write to Allotment Association.

Due to the health & safety concern of the existing gate an instruction was given that it should be removed as soon as possible.

Min 237 Bonfires on Station Road Allotments – e mail received from Mr Close who would like to make an official complaint about bonfires on the allotment site. In addition to being a nuisance and serious health

factor, CO2 emissions add to global warming and are not 'green' which does not bode well with the image of the council in modern times. As Parish Council are landowners and despite the fact there is no byelaw to prevent bonfires he would like the Parish Council to instruct tenants not to light fires on health grounds.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Mr Close that the Parish Council cannot impose a byelaw preventing bonfires and feel it is unnecessary to instruct ploholders not to have bonfires as long as they comply with the instruction to be considerate and limit the number of bonfires and to have them at a reasonable time of the day.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 238 Rural Services Community Newsletter

Min 239 WALC: Prizes and Awards, Useful NALC Events & VAT Workshop

Min 240 Parish Plans & Rural Outreach Newsletter

Min 241 Warwickshire Climate Change Community Newsletter

Min 242 Stratford on Avon Area Community Development Fund 2009/10

Min 243 Stratford District Council Affordable Warmth Training

Min 244 SLC Branch Newsletter

Min 245 LCR Magazine

12. Approve Accounts for Payment

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

Min 233 Chairman's Business: this is not usually an agenda item but included due to exceptional circumstances.

The public left the meeting.

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

Meeting closed 9.43pm

Signed: Chairman