

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 5th September 2006 at 7.30pm.

1. Public Forum: PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) Gareth Walton

- Looking for sponsorship towards getting a bike for use in Studley.
- Lot of youths congregating in several areas (28) and it is difficult to get around.
- Asked Police for funding and told it is not a priority but can try and get sponsorship. Two private donations already (£150) and one from local business. Article to be printed in Advertiser.
- Bike has to be bought from Police, cost £518 but with cycle patrol starter pack, training, helmet, clothes total cost £881.
- Asking Parish Council for a contribution.
- Can go back to Police with total raised and then they may help.
- Question asked how much help or support received from Senior Officers? Some support from Sergeant.
- A bike is the way forward. Although residents want to see more Police on foot, still high visibility on bike. Recent problem in Castle Road and had to get back quickly to deal with incident on Recreation Ground. Difficult on foot.
- Action: Parish Council will speak to Inspector Ayres when he attends meeting. PCSO also willing to attend. Pass to Grants Committee for consideration. Article to appear in Newsletter asking for sponsorship. Action Studley quiz on 29th September 2006, proceeds to Christmas Light Fund and towards Bike Fund.
- Later in year Studley will have another PCSO.
- Bike will be kept in Police Office and will be used for Studley.

Thanks from the Chairman to PCSO Walton for coming to the meeting.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman proposed that Cllr J. Bacon be Acting Chairman.

2. Chairman declared the meeting open

3. Present

Cllrs Mrs H. Wersocki, J. Bacon, Mrs M. Woodrow, J. Vale, Mrs. M. Bell.
W. McCarthy.

District Councillor Mrs H. Wright, PCSO Gareth Walton.

4. Apologies for Absence

Chairman P. Beaman, Cllrs Mrs S. Redman, M. Redman, E. Holder,

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)

Min 152 Anti Social Behaviour, Inspector Ayres on leave will contact after 7th September 2006 to advise of date when able to attend Parish Council meeting.

7. Items for Discussion

Min 113 Proposed Public Open Space: following recent meeting copy of proposals sent to Susan Steele, SDC for her comments. Agreed with 4 proposals, the rest to be agreed with Martin Peel, SDC.

Comments also requested from Wildlife Trust.

- Ecological survey carried out in 2002 which said that site was of some importance. Asked SDC and Wildlife Trust for copy but unfortunately cannot be found.
- Decision to be made whether to lease POS from SDC as cost involved or to let SDC carry on and run by 'Group of Friends'
- When POS group met, cut through pathway to nice area with pond surrounded by trees which could be developed.
- Worthwhile project to go for especially if schools are involved. Some children rarely go outdoors or get involved with nature. Would benefit the whole Village.
- Potential for wildlife meadow and coppice of trees. Needs a lot of work. Cllr Vale can offer help with equipment.
- Could have competition with each school being responsible for a section. Could give children some pride and community spirit.
- Cost involved includes cutting paths regularly, maintaining wild meadow, trimming brambles. Would have to be added to precept.

To be discussed further at next meeting when hopefully comments will have been received.

Min 114 Managing Housing Supply Draft Supplementary Planning Document – comments forwarded to SDC.

Min 161 Brickyard Lane Recreation Ground (Cllr Mrs Bell):

St Chads' residents suffering horrific problems with kids in recreation ground, police called several times. Concerns that once the Public Open Space is opened up it will be subject to abuse. There has been tents, takeaways, litter. Also bottles which are a hazard to the environment.

- Public awareness should be raised perhaps in schools to educate the kids. They need to behave appropriately, this is a residential area and they should take their litter home.
- There used to be a gate on St Chads entrance but it was ripped down. Although there is a cost involved, if the gate is re-instated, the residents will be happy to lock it.
- Public Open Space and recreation ground area there to be used but people must take responsibility.
- Police have spoken to kids and been very firm but need to go into schools to educate them.
- Lot of trouble in the Village at the weekend, large gang of youths spoiling flowerbeds.
- Studley in line for CCTV camera improvement.

Min 162 Litter problem re contacting schools (Cllr Mrs Wade):

Studley Improvement Group had walkabout with Chief Executive and Officers from SDC, Officers from WCC together with Parish Councillors and some residents. Remarked that the Village looked very clean and litter free. Positive letter to be written to all schools saying how good the Village looks and need to continue to keep it this way and to protect the environment.

Also remind children that Studley is a residential area with a mixed generation of young and elderly, single people and families and everyone should be taken into consideration.

Min 163 Autumn newsletter: to include article from Improvement Group, Christmas Light appeal, Public Open Space, Recycling, PCSO's Bike Appeal, Studley Library computer facilities. Any other items to be sent to the Clerk.

Min 149 Warwickshire Minerals Core Strategy: Issues & Options

Consultation – comments required. All agreed that the comments prepared by Cllr McCarthy be submitted and thanks were given for his hard work.

8. Planning Applications

None.

9. Correspondence

SDC

Min 164 Single storey extension 63 Watts Road, investigation to take place to establish if there has been a breach of planning control. Will contact when site visit has taken place.

Min 165 August Bank Holiday & Christmas Refuse Collections, notice to be included in Autumn Newsletter & advertised on notice board.

Min 166 South Warwickshire Fundraisers' Forum, Shrewley Village Hall 13th September 2006 at 9.30am.

WCC

- Min 167 SpeedAware, confirmation from WCC that speeds are not monitored with their equipment just in place to warn motorists on their approach.

Other

- Min 168 Evaluation of May 2006 Electoral Pilot Scheme – has been successfully delivered. Copy of report can be found on Electoral Commission website and also on SDC website.
- Min 169 Studley Shopper Service – Johnsons Coaches. Proposed increase in hire charges from £35 per day to £45. Service could be made available to the general public to enable the Company to claim a grant which would then enable them to claim back fuel duty. All over 60's would travel free. Also request received from Mappleborough Green Parish Council for the bus to make an official stop in their Parish. They are willing to make a contribution towards the hire charge. More details of numbers of passengers and costs required, to be discussed further at next meeting.
- Min 170 WALC:
- a) Notification of AGM on Tuesday, 24th October 2006 at 7.30pm at Shire Hall.
 - b) 'How to Respond to Planning Applications' briefing 5th October 2006 at 7.30pm at Stratford on Avon Town Council, Town Hall, Sheep Street. Fee £30.00 per delegate.
 - c) 'Guidance on how to undertake effective staff appraisals' 21st October 2006 at 10.00am – 1.00pm at Leamington Spa Town Hall. Fee £25.00 per delegate.
- Anyone wishing to attend briefing sessions to inform Clerk at next meeting.
- d) Local Democracy Campaign Week 16th – 20th October 2006 invitation to all Quality Parish and Town Councils to take part. To be discussed further at next meeting.
- Min 171 Thank you card from Mrs U. Summers for the planters and flowers around the Village.
- Min 172 Resignation received from Cllr Stan Phipps with immediate effect. Clerk to send letter of thanks for his hard work and service.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 173 WALC Newsletter
- Min 174 NALC Ordnance Survey - Parish Councils harness the power of local information
- Min 175 Warwickshire County Records Office 'Building Memories' open Days
- Min 176 WCC Essentials Newsletter
- Min 177 SDC Online Newsletter

10. Approve Accounts for Payment

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

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 19th September 2006

Meeting Closed 9.23pm