

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 6th February 2007 at 7.30pm.

1. Public Forum

None.

2. Chairman declared the meeting open

3. Present

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

Graham Beck, Retained Fire Officer, PCSO Gareth Walton.

4. Apologies for Absence

Cllr M. Redman. County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy.

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 292 Renewal of ATC lease, confirmation that being dealt with.

Min 306 Confirmation from Highways Agency that objection to Detrunking Order received.

7. Items for Discussion

Min 325 Proposed Closure of Studley Fire Service: Graham Beck

- Latest update that 5 stations up for closure, Studley included.
- Meeting at Bidford last week. Looking at 2.5% reduction from each body, £1.5 million in cuts. Last year removed hydraulic platform and 12 firefighters.
- Great concern as Studley covers wide area including M42/M40 junctions and also Redditch if major accident.
- Do not have any further information but WCC at present discussing the budget and it may be that this is also being discussed.
- Studley Fire Station are due to have £65,000 alterations as no improvements made since 1955. Looks at though this has now been withdrawn as County Fire Officer said that he could not justify spending this money until he knew where Hereford & Worcester were relocating the Redditch fire station.
- If Bidford and Studley are withdrawn, Redditch reluctant to take on any further cover. If relying on retained crew from Redditch would take 35 minutes to arrive.
- Councillor from Bidford asked the County Fire Officer if there were any plans for closure but this was denied.
- Perhaps Parish Council could write again to CFO voicing our concerns.
- Tysoe and Kineton Fire Stations were closed 12 years ago but actual closure took 20 years. If decision taken to close Studley would happen in 12 months.
- Chief Executive, WCC could be invited to Parish Council meeting to discuss Fire

Station and Bypass.

- Firemen's Union are involved and have press release ready for all newspapers if announcement made.
- All retained firemen have different standards and equipment. Vast amount of local knowledge and skills in Studley.
- Important to write immediately and make impact and a lot of noise.
- Last year 287 calls.
- All agreed to write strong letter of support citing efficiency, manning, trauma. Do not accept any cuts at all.

Thanks from the Chairman to Graham Beck for coming to the meeting.

Min 324 Traffic problems, High School, Crooks Lane.

Letter received from Mrs Sally Higgett, read out. Parking a real problem. As parents have choice of schools, 44% of children come from outside area and travel by car. Situation very bad and hazardous, excessive speeding, overtaking parked cars. Very dangerous for students and disabled persons on motorised scooters. Cllr Mrs Wade has already asked for reduced speed limit and for road markings to be repainted but told by WCC cost involved. PCSO goes there on regular basis and presence does deter people from parking. Something needs to be done. Unfortunately this happens outside all schools. Most traffic is Village based as children from outside area travel by bus. Perhaps school could send out letters to parents. Could ask Traffic Warden to patrol on Friday afternoon. Request if WCC can repaint yellow zigzag lines. Perhaps patrol by either teachers or parents in high visibility vests may work. PCSO will go there as often as he can.

Min 113 Cllr W, McCarthy: Public Open Space update.

Group who want to run the reserve, put in for grant and have now received an e mail from Mrs Steele, SDC. She has now had time to talk to Legal Department who said that we need a lease and to pay for legal expenses. Cllr McCarthy replied that he is disappointed that now bid has been submitted two more conditions imposed. need clarification from Parish Council if they would accept the land for a £1.00 and take over responsibility. Arrangement being made to meet Mr Buckland, Chief Accountant, SDC but would like views of the Parish Council.

May need to own or lease the site to prevent any building. Lease would be for 5 years, need some ownership as a lot of work has been put in or accept land for nominal fee. Should go ahead as it would be an amenity for the Village then we would have some control over the land.

Proposed Cllr McCarthy that Parish Council buy the land for a nominal sum of £1.00. Seconded Cllr Rickhards. Voting unanimous.

Result of lottery bid will not be known until May.

Min 326 Cllr Mrs Wersocki: Notification of West Midlands Regional Assembly meeting 19th February 2007. Sponsored by Advantage West Midlands. They were one of the bodies who turned down Bypass. Important that we have representatives there to put

forward our views on how the region should be developed.
Cllrs McCarthy, Vale and Mrs Wade willing to attend.

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

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| 06/03642/FUL | Co-operative Group Ltd.,
Land Adj to Co-op Store, Alcester Road, Studley.
Provision of new temporary fencing around site.
Support for the following planning reasons:
Visual amenity, public safety. |
| 07/00035/FUL | Mr M. Kelly, 28 Knottesford Close, Studley.
Single storey extension to side and back of bungalow.
No representations. |
| 07/00126/FUL | Garden Meadow Homes, 90 Alcester Road, Studley.
Enlarge first floor bathroom accommodation by 700m to approved application 06/02439/FUL for erection of a replacement dwelling.
No representations. |
| 07/00171/VARY | Garden Meadow Homes, 90 Alcester Road, Studley.
Variation of condition 4 on Appeal Decision 05/01659/FUL to allow for an alternative parking layout and manoeuvring space to that shown on the approved plans.
No representations. |
| 07/00182/FUL | Mr and Mrs Ingram, 37 Station Road, Studley.
Proposed single storey extension to rear.
No representations. |

9. Planning Decisions Received

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| 06/03382/FUL | Mr & Mrs I Washington, 62 St Judes Avenue, Studley.
Permission with conditions 24th January 2007 |
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10. Correspondence **SDC**

- Min 327 Inspection Report of Play Area 2006: Overall score 13. Need to monitor situation and repair any defects discovered. Clerk to contact Avon Leisure.
- Min 328 Studley Public Toilets – baby changing facilities. Require Comments if any requests or complaints received about lack of facilities in Studley. Clerk to email SDC confirming upgrade would be a waste of funds.
- Min 329 Community Links Transport. Needs more promotion. Item in next Newsletter.
- Min 330 'Moving Pictures' update
- Min 331 Celebration of Excellence Design Award 2007 for buildings completed between 1st January 2004 and 31st December 2006.

Cottages at Littlewood Green suggested. Cllr McCarthy to forward details to Clerk.

Min 332 Confirmation from SDC that planning application for Skatepark received ref: 07/00208/FUL.

Min 333 Planning application for rear extension to Bowls Club for toilet block. Building regulations approved.

Min 334 Small Business Rate Relief application form forwarded to SDC.

WCC

Min 335 Various potholes in Studley to be repaired. WCC policy to repair emergency potholes with temporary cold material which should be patched permanently soon after but due to financial situation there is limited availability and not possible to patch every area required.

Min 336 Quotation for maintenance of street lighting 2007/08 £13.50 per light. Quote for 2006/07 £13.23. **Proposed Cllr Beaman that quote is accepted. Voting unanimous.**

Other

Min 337 Redditch Borough Council Regional Spatial Strategy Phase 2 Consultation 3 options for housing development. Comments to W.M. Regional Assembly that greenbelt between Studley and Redditch be preserved. Key issue is the A435 at capacity and cannot take any more traffic. Protected in Stratford on Avon Local Plan (PPG 2). Clerk to respond with strongly worded letter.

Min 338 Worcester County Council Minerals and Waste Development Framework submission document. Comments by 3rd March 2007.

Min 339 West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy consultation impact on Housing for Stratford District.

Min 340 WALC – Confirmation of lowering of age to become Councillors to 18 years of age from 3/5/07. Information packs will be distributed to Councils in the near future.

Min 341 WALC Annual training seminar at Myton School on Saturday 10th March 2007. Cllrs P. Beaman, J. Bacon, Mrs A. Wade & Mrs M. Bell to attend.

Min 342 Exploration of Parish Council needs and I.T. assistance from WCC. Clerk to email WALC confirming already being carried out by SDC.

Min 343 Copy letter from Mr Beech that was sent to WCC concerning the state of the road surface in Crooks Lane.

Min 344 Security Solutions from TAURATEC Systems Ltd. CCTV already in place.

Min 345 Notification of SLCC Conference 2/3/07 –3/3/07 Moat House Hotel Stoke on Trent.

Min 346 Demonstration pack from EON, Central Networks Re: Useful items in Case of a powercut. List to be included in next newsletter.

Min 347 Disability Discrimination Act update – Copy to Councillors.

Min 348 Consultation on amendments to Model Code of Conduct. Copies given to Councillors to discuss at next meeting with their comments.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 349 Purple Magazine

Min 350 CCTV Report from SDC for December 2006

Min 351 Stratford on Avon Area Committee meeting Minutes of 22nd
November 2006.

Min 352 WALC Newsletter.

11. Approve Accounts for Payment

**Proposed Cllr W. McCarthy that the schedule of cheques for
Payment be approved. Seconded Cllr Mrs S. Redman. Voting
Unanimous.**

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 20th February 2007
Meeting Closed 9.12pm**