

## Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7.30pm.

### 1. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair Mrs S Redman, M. Redman, A. Smith, J. Bacon, Mrs A Wade, E Holder, Mrs M Woodrow, J King and C. Rickhards

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and noted from: Cllr A. Clarke – Illness

### 3. 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.*

Cllrs P. Beaman Min 376, Library and Min 226 Village Hall. C. Rickhards, Min 376 Library.

### 4. Public Forum - None

### 5. Presentation by Quantum Construction Consultants Re: Proposed development of Bell Court Industrial Estate.

- Consultants acting on behalf of the owner of the site. Only one tenant in occupation therefore it is now not commercially viable.
- Site has been marketed since 2003 and has largely been vacant since 2008 but there has not been much interest from businesses.
- Rear of the area 2 metres lower than the front. Proposal is to have 2 storey development at rear of the fire station and the remainder 1 1/2 storeys.
- Development should not impinge on houses in Bell Mead but in consultation with neighbouring residents. Stratford District Council quite receptive to the proposals.
- Aware that the Parish Council cannot make any comments at this stage but wished to make us aware of the proposals.
- Concerns that the access and egress very narrow and lack of parking spaces. Each property has been allocated one space. Access width will be 10 metres but plays will be adequate.
- Housing Association would be interested but only if the site is developed.
- If the development goes ahead could have an impact on Liberal House. May need to come to some agreement and perhaps transfer some land as a compromise for parking.
- There is no amenity area especially for children but the design is in keeping with local need and economics to make it financially viable. S106 money would come back into the community which could be used to provide further facilities.

- Thank you from the chairman for attending the meeting.

### **Matters Arising (*for information only*)**

- Min 357 Reply from Children's Party Bus following request for funding. Minimum hire charge for use of the bus applies of approximately £50.00 per hour which includes staffing, hire and diesel costs. The entertain children in conjunction with other information services. This service does not fall within the Parish Council's criteria for issuing grants.
- Min 360 Confirmation from Mappleborough Green Parish Council and Sambourne Parish Council that they will each send two representatives to the Draft Core Strategy meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

### **6. Items for Discussion**

- Min 376 Studley Library  
Transfer Agreement and other documents received from Warwickshire County Council which are to be checked through ready for signature. Now have 12 volunteers for training on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012. Router for the broadband has now been installed. Approach received from the Silver Surfers asking if they would still be allowed to continue. Sure that there will not be a problem and should be encouraged. Cllr Beaman is meeting with Tanya Butcher on 7<sup>th</sup> March to ascertain what shelving and furniture will be required, Removal organised for the week of closure. If the Customer Access Terminal is to be moved into the Quiet room settees could be used in the foyer. Everything is moving forward very quickly. WCC are very keen on having a grand opening.
- Min 226 Studley Village Hall Deed of Surrender  
Cllr Mrs Wade would prefer that a further meeting be arranged with the sub-committee to discuss options and what we want in place so there are no 'grey' areas before anything is signed. Need to start again as there are a number of items in the draft agreement which needs to be discussed as this was written for a different way of operating. The basis is there but needs change. Probably just require a Memorandum of Understanding and the Parish Council to decide the governance on what and who should be involved. The size of the committee should be limited and the majority be Councillors. Meeting arranged for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber.
- Min 364 Litter picking Library area  
Area litter picked on a daily basis by the Parish Council with a small donation of £511.00 by the library service. As the library is

closing and is up for sale would the Council like the litter picks to continue.

**Resolved that the litter picks continue for the foreseeable future.**

- Min 292 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations  
Clerk has received a number of positive responses but unfortunately as the event takes place during school half term none of the local schools can take part.  
Need some Councillors to join a sub- committee  
Clerk to arrange a meeting date preferably a Wednesday morning and contact all interested parties.
- Min 365 Neighbourhood Plan  
The Neighbourhood Plan was discussed at a recent Studley Improvement Partnership meeting. It is felt that it would be sensible to start and review the questionnaire with 2 members of the Parish Council and 2 members from SIP. It can then be distributed in September.  
Cllrs Bacon and Mrs Wade to start the process.  
Simon Purfield from SDC will organise the survey together with the analysis. Would be a good suggestion that everyone look at the draft Core Strategy.

## **7. Planning Applications for Consideration**

**(Cllrs Beaman and Holder refrained from voting)**

- 12/00197/FUL Mr Sean Power, 3A, Bromsgrove Road, Studley  
Proposed two storey front side & rear extension , single single storey front porch & erection of detached garage to front.  
**Objection**  
**Garage to the front of property not in keeping with streetscene (DEV1) and in contravention of Stratford District Design guide.**
- 12/02668/OUT P. Smith & C. Marchant, Land on Birmingham Road, Studley  
Outline planning application for the erection of 4 dwellings  
**No representation**
- 12/00368/FUL Six Degrees Managed Data Ltd, Birmingham Road, Studley  
Extension of car park to provide 18 no. additional spaces.  
**No representation**

## **8. Planning Decisions Received**

- 11/02706/FUL Mr & Mrs R. Weaver, 17 Lansdowne Crescent, Studley  
Proposed two storey side extension .  
**Permission with conditions 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012.**

## 9. Correspondence

### SDC

- Min 366 Notice of objection to Planning application 12/00031/FUL – Land to the rear of 2, Node Hill Close, Studley. Objections received from the Highways Authority and occupants of 2, Node Hill Close. Proposal is to refuse the application as plot is of insufficient size to accommodate 2 dwellings. It would be cramped, out of character and unacceptable to highway safety.
- Min 367 One day free planning event for Parish and Town Councils on Neighbourhood Planning on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012 10am – 4.30pm in Austin Court, Birmingham. Cllr Mrs Ann Wade to attend.

### WCC

- Min 368 Invitation to 'At Home' reception on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2012 from Chairman of Warwickshire County Council. Cllrs Mr & Mrs Redman, C. Rickhards, Clerk & Assistant Clerk attending.
- Min 369 Review of Warwickshire Mobile Library Service is underway as use in rural areas has declined. Would be grateful if Parish Councils could support and raise awareness of the service.

### Other

- Min 370 Repairs have been carried out on the play equipment and has advised on other maintenance work including re-coating of the skate park.  
**Proposed Cllr P. Beaman seconded Cllr Holder that skatepark be re-coated. Voting unanimous.**
- Min 371 Invitation from VASA to a meeting of the Volunteer Forum Sector on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 10am at the NFU Sports and Social Club in Tiddington.
- Min 372 Confirmation from NPower that the street lighting electricity bills will be collected by direct debit.
- Min 373 Legal Briefing from NALC regarding the judicial review decision regarding prayers at Council meetings. Copy passed to Councillors. Section 111 of the 1972 Act does not give Parish Councils the power to hold prayers at meetings or summon Councillors to attend a Council meeting at which prayers are on the agenda.
- Min 374 Letter received from a plot holder concerning various issues on the Allotments, Redditch Road. Clerk to respond.

### Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 375 WALC Parish & Partners Briefing  
Min 376 Core Strategy 2012  
Min 377 Clerk and Councils Direct  
Min 378 WCC Press Releases

- Discover what is in line for our Councillors
- Registration opens doors at Shire Hall

#### **10. Approve Accounts for Payment**

**Proposed: Cllr E. Holder that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, Seconded Cllr A. Smith. Voting unanimous.**

#### **Cheques**

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
DD	BT	£119.64
DD	SDC	£70.00
968	Plyvine Catering Ltd	£714.21
969	M. Millinchip	£80.00
970	Clarity Copiers	£98.93
971	P.A. Janes	£670.00
972	J. Vale	£152.00

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

**Meeting closed 9.10pm**