

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 6th April 2010 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

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

District Councillor M. Weddell.

Liberal Democratic MPCandidate Martin Turner.

Conservative County Council Candidate Justin Kerridge.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and noted from:

Cllr P. Tedd - illness

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 Beaman – Planning Application No.10/00307/FUL Prejudicial Interest

Cllrs Holder, Rickards – Planning Application No.10/00307/FUL Personal Interest

Cllr Vale – Item 11 Accounts for Approval Prejudicial Interest

5. Public Forum

None.

6. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

Min 396 Allotments, Station Road. Tenants are not aware that they have to maintain the 3' gap by the fence. It was agreed at a meeting with Cllrs McCarthy and M. Redman and John King, Chairman of the Allotment Association that the gap which is to protect the fence between the allotments and a property in Monks Drive will be monitored and maintained by the allotment tenants.

7. Items for Discussion

Min 265 Unfurling of Flagpole on Saturday, 17th April 2010 at 1.00pm.

Invitations have been sent out. Priscilla Cooke will be attending with

members of her family. 7 Parish Councillors to attend.

Min 406 Cllr Mrs Wersocki: Studley Precept. Has noticed that Studley Precept is much less than comparable sized places such as Alcester, Bidford, Shipston, Wellesbourne and Southam. Query as to what they spend their money on, is it improving facilities or just a higher standard of maintenance?

- Some areas are traditionally high. Changes to grass cutting a few years ago caused a big rise in the precept in some areas.
- The Parish Council decides the precept and try to keep it as low as possible.
- SSSC could be improved and maintained if supported by the Parish Council. This facility is a big asset to the Village.
- Drainage problem on Tennis Courts would cost approximately £20,000 and quote for drive £20,000.
- Parish Council is still paying off loan for Skatepark facility and the Village Hall. About 4 years to go then money will be available.
- By then facilities could be gone if not improved.
- Other Villages have large sums of money from Parish Council which are matched by District Council and other funding.
- Perhaps one option is for Parish Council to raise the precept next time.
- Some facilities will be lost. There are no volunteers or 'new blood'. Parish Council should be concerned as it would be a great loss to the Village.
- A lot of time and money has been spent on refurbishing the Club. There is a limit to what can be done and it is always the same people.

RESOLVED: separate meeting to be arranged with SSSC after the election. Parish Council representatives to sort out dates.

Min 407 Request received for the replacement of two trees in the Millennium Green. Trustees are responsible for replacing the trees. Still £2,000 in the account. Obligation in Deed that Parish Council are responsible for the upkeep of the Millennium Green. Autumn is the best time for planting trees.

RESOLVED: Clerk to arrange for replacement of two trees at Crooks Lane end of Recreation Ground. Also to write to remaining two Trustees of Millennium Green to reform.

Min 408 Request received for permission to carry out measures for rabbit control on Allotments.

Proposed Cllr McCarthy that permission be given to Mr Knight to carry out rabbit control on the Allotments, seconded Cllr Holder. Voting unanimous.

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

- 10/00307/FUL Mr P Wright, 17 Station Road, Studley.
Construction of single storey kitchen and toilet
extension to the rear of the property.
No representation.
- 10/00523/FUL Mr P Fullard, 4 and 6 Mallard Road, Studley.
Proposed replacement garages at 4 and 6
Mallard Road.
No representation.

9. Planning Decisions Received

- 09/01555/FUL Mr J Gibson, Land Off Hardwick Lane, Clarkes Green, Studley.
Extensions to existing stables, providing seven additional
stables (five for livery, two for personal use) and a tack room.
Permission with conditions 19th March 2010
- 10/00092/FUL Thornborough Developments Ltd (Mr K Moore)
63 Green Lane, Studley.
Raise existing roof and erection of two storey rear extension.
Permission with conditions 18th March 2010
- 10/00196/FUL Mr McGhee, 100 St Judes Avenue, Studley.
Proposed single storey rear extension.
Permission with conditions 25th March 2010

10. Correspondence SDC

- Min 1 In response to the Communities and its partners SDC recognised the need to create more affordable housing for local people in its Corporate Strategy 2008-2012. Range of initiatives launched to bring into use some of the 600 plus properties kept empty by owners for more than 6 months. One initiative the Empty Homes Assistant Grant provides funding to assist owners of disused houses to bring them back to a habitable standard. Number of conditions to be followed. Contact Carol Roberts SDC or e mail: carol.roberts@stratford-dc.gov.uk
Information to go on Parish Council website and in next newsletter.
- Min 2 Review of Selection Criteria for the Parish Council representatives on SDC's Standard & Ethics Committee. Comments required by 3rd May 2010.
Cllr Beaman refrained from voting.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write that the Parish Council would:

1. Like to keep the appointment of representatives as far as possible from within their local quarter of the district.
 2. Applications from individual Parish Councillors should be accepted as well as those nominated by Parish Councils.
- Min 3 Notification of County Council By-Election – Studley Division on Thursday, 6th May 2010. Notice received for notice board.
- Min 4 Core Strategy – extension of deadline for responses extended to 22nd April 2010. Comments already sent.
- Min 5 Notification of Tree Preservation Order No.663 The Land at Needles House, 36 Redditch Road, Studley.

WCC

- Min 6 Invitation received from the Chairman of the County Council to an 'At Home' Drinks Reception on Saturday, 17th April 2010 at Shire Hall 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Cllrs Holder and Rickhards are attending.
- Min 7 WCC are to review CAROWIP (Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan) with a view to achieving integration with the Local Transport Plan (LTP). The CAROWIP can be downloaded on: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/carowip Views required by 3rd May 2010.

RESOLVED: Clerk to reply as follows:

- a) The Parish Council are aware that the footpaths have improved enormously and most are now well marked and gated.
- b) Paths that have been blocked off without permission, such as AL133 from the Slough through Allelys Depot and AL141 off Pratts Lane, Mappleborough Green. Nothing seems to have been done about either of these footpaths therefore they should either be closed or landowners be made to provide an official diversion.
- c) There are quite a number of permitted footpaths around the country and these should be included in the plan as a way of increasing access to the countryside.

Other

- Min 8 WALC: Briefing Event for all Chairmen and Aspiring Chairmen Saturday, 12th June 2010 at Village Hall, Fillongley. No one available to attend.
- Min 9 Request for funding from Citizens Advice Bureau. Clerk to write with same response sent last month.
- Min 10 WALC: Endorsement of Warwickshire's Sustainability Community Strategy. Clerk to respond.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 11 WALC Newsletter
- Min 12 COMMA, The Community Aggregates Fund 2010-11
- Min 13 Annual Play Inspection updated report

Min 14 NALC Public Consultation and Communications
Min 15 Standards for England The Complaints Process
Min 16 Newsletter Collation for Feb-March 2010
Min 17 WALC Minutes of the Liaison Committee for Parish and Town Councils
meeting on 1st March 2010
Min 18 Parish Plans Newsletter
Min 19 Stratford District Biodiversity Network

11. Approve Accounts for Payment

Cllr Vale left the room whilst the accounts were being signed.

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

570 – Information Commissioner £35.00. 571 – SDC £559.33.

572 – J. Vale £272.67. 573 – F Winters £40.00. 574 – SDC £350.00.

575 – P A Janes £320.00. 576 - 2geedesign £50.25.

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 20th April
2010**

Meeting closed 8.35pm

Signed: Chairman