

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 6th June 2006 at 7.30pm.

1. Public Forum: Problems in Allendale Crescent.

Two residents attended on behalf of elderly parent.

- Community hotspot for less desirable.
- Exposure of highly vulnerable aged people in this area.
- Residents have tried very hard to make things better but it has not worked. Spoken to the youngsters who were very polite but have not moved away.
- Three issues: a) Has there been any dialogue? b) Exposure, c) Drop in point and what is the action plan?
- Liaising with South Warwickshire Housing Association to try and stop youngsters congregating and drinking. May be possible to include area in exclusion zone.
- 18 months ago Neighbourhood Watch held a meeting with District Councillors and residents. Situation did improve but has now got worse. Further meeting to take place on 19th July 2006 with residents to report back.
- Locality Action Plan over last 12 months. Hedges have been cut down to stop youngsters hiding. Situation monitored all the time.
- This is an area of vulnerable people, need some positive action. With some lateral thought and a little money can get some results.
- Problem with shortage of cash which is why the youth club is not open more often.
- No an easy solution as problem just moves elsewhere.
- Need to work with SWHA and Police.
- A few individuals cause the problems. Two worst culprits now out of prison.
- Regular meetings take place with NHW. Co-ordinators always report problems to Police for action.
- May be a seasonal sport. Would SWHA be prepared to create an area for youngsters to congregate?
- Thanks to Cllr Holder from the residents for all his hard work, he has done everything he can to re-assure the elderly.
- Pod may be the answer.
- Cllr Holder attended Tenants Association meeting. Spoke to Tom Cole from SWHA. Waiting for a telephone call from him. Pressure needs to be put on SWHA.

Thank you from the Chairman to residents. Will not let problem rest. Need to work together. Parish Council will give their support.

Fire Station face axe threat:

Alleged closure plans. Chief Fire Officer has said closure not proposed at present.

- In 11 years Studley Fire Station has never been off the run.

Rumours that Redditch Fire Station is to move to land by McDonalds island. If this happens Studley will close. Need to battle to retain station.

- Call out system used to be 8 minutes now 20 minutes which enables them to close retained stations.
 - Shortfall of £500,000 but long term 1.5 million. Need to find the money and therefore close station.
 - Something that we need to be concerned about. Should not wait until this happens. We need to fight.
 - Studley Fire Station also attends accidents on M40/M42.
 - Parish Council will do what we can. Drum up support. Article in our next newsletter. Need to write as a Parish Council as it affects our local community. May be arrange a petition.
 - If station goes, young firefighters would also disappear.
- Clerk to write to County Fire Officer asking for confirmation that closure will not go ahead. Thanks from the Chairman to Fire Officer for attending meeting. Joint campaign with Fire Service and Parish Council.

2. Chairman declared the meeting open

3. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair S. Phipps, E. Holder, Mrs A. Wade, Mrs H. Wersocki, W. McCarthy, Mrs M. Woodrow, J. Bacon, J. Vale, M. Redman.
4 members of the public.

4. Apologies for Absence

Mrs S. Redman.

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.

Min 71 Studley Sports & Social Club, Tennis Lease – All Parish Councillors
Non prejudicial

Min 75 Credit Union Ltd, request for grant – Cllr M. Redman
Non prejudicial

6. Matters Arising (for information only)

Min 63 Co-op Site: reply received from Lech Kocon, SDC confirming that looking at site to determine the best course of action.

Min 56 Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.3: reply received from John Berry confirming that the Parish Council's involvement will be welcomed and encouraged. Anticipate work will start in September.

7. Items for Discussion

Min 55 Local Authority Byelaws in England Discussion Paper: no comments at present except that good idea to include a timescale for review of Byelaws.

- Min 64 Newsletter Items: Clerk has already started Summer Edition. Article on Christmas lights to be included. To be distributed end of June. Cllr Phipps to collate items for Autumn Edition.
- Min 65 Siting of bench on The Green. Wrote to 16 residents, received 3 replies. All in favour. Cllr Phipps to arrange.
- Min 66 Meeting to be arranged re skateboarding facility. Cllr Mrs Wade has spoken to P. G. Kaba. Young people need ownership and should contribute with fundraising activities. So far nothing has been done. Skateboard facility is for everyone and will be the responsibility of the Parish Council. Meeting to be arranged when P. G. Kaba comes back from holiday in July. Recreation Committee to meet at 7.00pm before next Parish Council meeting on 20th June 2006 to discuss further.
- Min 67 Speed Radar Gun: Stow on the Wold were given their County Council's Radar gun to check speeding traffic which then enabled them to have a flashing sign to slow down traffic. May be a good idea to apply to Warwickshire County Council. Refer to next meeting for further discussion. Cllr Holder will speak to Camera Enforcement Agency.

8. Planning Applications (Cllr Beaman refrained from Voting)

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| 06/01366/FUL | Mr C Preen, Hardwick Barn, Hardwick Lane, Studley.
Replacement stable/store block
No representations. |
| 06/01337/FUL | Mr T M Farmer, 36 Watts Road, Studley.
Extension to side and rear plus convert roof space to create living accommodation for elderly parent only.
Objection for the following planning reasons:
Should be a clause that it cannot be made into a separate flat, should remain part of existing dwelling. |
| 06/01367/AGNOT | Paul Neil Harvey, Land SE of Hardwick Lane, Studley.
Erection of single storey open-fronted shed.
No representations. |

Planning Applications already determined

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| 06/01288/FUL | Mr I M Jones and Jill Ebbon, 1 Southmead Gardens, Studley.
Kitchen extension.
No representations. |
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06/00718/FUL

Amendment

Shirley Park Amusements, Land Rear Of,
11Alcester Road, Studley.
Alteration to car parking.

Objection.

**Discussed at the West Area Planning Committee
on 1st June 2006: Objection.**

06/01284/FUL

Mr & Mrs Sheriff, 7 Knottesford Close, Studley.
Extension to existing dwelling.

No representations.

9. Correspondence

SDC

Min 68 Community Links Transport. Scheme went live mid April. Now have four mini buses with full disability access. Four hundred have registered but few have actually booked. Promotional material available. Would be happy to provide article and picture for Parish magazine if required. Already promoted in our newsletter.

WCC

Min 69 Equality Legislation Awareness. Parish Councils are first point of contact therefore important to be aware of responsibilities of equality issues. Copy of briefing document handed to all Councillors.

Other

Min 70 Notification of appeal decision planning application no.04/04001/FUL
The Police House, Bell Lane. Appeal dismissed.

Min 71 Letter from Thomas Guise, Solicitors re Lease to Studley Tennis Club.
Proceeding with the implementation. Query concerning appointing the Chairman as a Trustee, although possible is a bit wary as Trustee's duties have been very much tightened up in the Trustee Act Legislation in 2000.
A specifically named person may be preferable.

Min 72 WALC's annual report would be grateful of news of Council's achievements in the last year. A copy of Chairman's report would suffice. Clerk to also send article and photographs of Christmas lights.

Min 73 Notification of appeal decision planning application no.04/03927/OUT & 05/01363/OUT on land adjacent to the Co-op Store, Alcester Road.
Appeal on both of these plans have been dismissed.

Min 74 Charter 88 is addressing issues of empowering citizens and communities.
Support required. Copy of letter enclosed to forward to M.P.

Min 75 Request for grant from Credit Union to purchase shredder for new premises. Pass to Grants Committee.

Min 76 Threat of closure for Studley Retained Fire Station. Discussed during Public Forum.

Min 77 E mail received from Steve Barley re War Memorial. 20 – 30 fallen service men from both wars whose names are not recorded. Would be happy to raise funds to have their names included. Advice required. Clerk to write.

Min 78 Warwickshire Advisory Lorry Route. Representative from WALC sitting on the working party. Observation should be made and looked at carefully by Councils. A large number of responses will aid the Association in lobbying the County Council for improvements. To be looked at by Clerk.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 79 West Midlands Regional Assembly 'Speaking Out'

Min 80 Local Works Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill

Min 81 Standards Board for England – Bulletin 29

Min 82 Warwickshire Communities – Free & easy community websites

Min 83 Worcestershire County Council Waste Core Strategy – Preferred Options Report. Draft – Minerals & Waste Development Framework

Min 84 Worcestershire County Council Sustainability Appraisal Report Waste Core Strategy – Preferred Options Report Draft

Min 85 SDC Planning & Community Safety, Design & Crime Reduction

Min 86 The Clerk

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, 20th June 2006

Meeting Closed 9.00pm