

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 6th October 2009 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. **Present:** Chairman Cllr Mrs S. Redman, Vice Chair C. Rickhards, E. Holder, Mrs A. Wade, Mrs M. Woodrow, M. Redman, Mrs H. Wersocki, W. McCarthy, P. Tedd, J. Bacon. District Councillor M. Weddell.
Mr S. Faulkes, Miss A. Stowe Studley Youth & Community Centre & 6 members of the public.

3. **Apologies for Absence:** J. Vale – Holiday. P. Beaman - Work Commitments.

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.

Min 205 & Min 214– E. Holder ,Allotments – Non – predjudicial.

5. Public Forum

- Anna Stowe plus representatives from Studley Youth Club would like to continue to use the goals at Studley Sports & Social Club but not allowed. Thought an agreement was in place following previous Police and Parish Council meeting. This is not the case as SSSC a private membership club paid for by members. There seems to be a lack of communication. Children looking for somewhere to play. Would like to have new goal posts on Crooks Lane Recreation ground.
- Cllr Mike Redman to clarify the situation at SSSC. A number of teams use the pitches and they need to be free of glass and dogs etc for health and safety reasons. A lot of money spent keeping the pitches in good condition to help provide an income for the club.
- Recreation ground is a kick around area only, but Youth Club would like to see full size goals installed. Children would like it marked out. Cllr Bacon suggested use of Brickyard Lane as pitch already marked out. If keen a Youth Club worker or parent could accompany them there.
- Suggestion that Youth Club should approach other clubs such as BKL. Problem would be if subs have to be paid.

- Cllr Bacon stated there is a continuing problem with glass and graffiti. Disappointed at the way skate park and recreation ground is being treated. Important that the area is respected.
- There is also a problem of the Youth Club being broken into plus drinking problems. Sgt Bob Shaw now asking Parish Council for evidence for drink free zone. CCTV evidence can be requested. To be included on next agenda.
- Ongoing problem of persistent parking at the Youth Club for next agenda. Anna to attend meeting with costs.

Thanks from Cllr Mrs Redman for attending the meeting.

6. Mr S. Faulkes – Re: Overgrown Allotments

- Problem with plot holders not clearing the rear of their plots and overgrowth and rubbish collecting against the fencing erected by the Parish Council.
- According to the deeds the fence is not the responsibility of Mr Faulkes and the Council should be asking the plot holders to clear the ivy etc from their plots.
- Mr Faulkes believes this should already have been done following his previous correspondence. Letter from the Clerk in July to say the area had been assessed and would be cleared. Photographs passed around to show the problem. Mr Faulkes concerned that when the fence decays will be a security problem.
- Cllr McCarthy stated that boundaries are the responsibility of the Parish Council.
- Cllr Mike Redman suggested 2 Councillors go to speak to the plot holders concerned and then it be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- All agreed to have a site visit arranged for Saturday morning 10th October. Cllrs M. Redman, W. McCarthy and E. Holder to attend and report to next meeting.

7. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

Pre-meeting for proposed closure of Studley Fire Station to take place on Wednesday 14th October at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber. All Councillors are urged to attend.

8. Items for Discussion

Min 202: Cllr Mrs H. Wersocki, Public Footpath Allelys Holdings Ltd

- Public Footpath should go through Allelys but have built over it and restricted access. Cllr Wersocki is awaiting letter as Council wanted to close it. Cllr Bacon has spoken to Footpaths Officer at WCC Chris Williams confirming there is a proposal to close the footpath but they are

in discussions with Redditch to divert when alternative route is found. Sambourne Parish Council needs to be informed of possible closure. Apparently the footpath has been closed for 20 years and only just been built over.

Min 203: Nags Head – Problems

- Mrs Pittaway on Redditch Road is having constant problems from the Nags Head due to noisy unacceptable behaviour, swearing and even a stabbing. Old people very nervous. Stratford Licensing Committee to be contacted. Cllr M. Redman confirmed their license had been previously suspended.

Proposed Cllr M.Redman, seconded Cllr W. McCarthy Clerk to contact the Police to investigate disturbances and violence and the effect on the old people.

Min 204: Christmas Raffle – List passed around.

Min 205 Dates for Allotment Meeting - Cllr Bacon to check dates.

9. Planning Applications for Consideration

09/01891/FUL	Miss Amy Prottey, Unit 3A, Foster House, 2 Redditch Road, Studley. Change of use of office to beauty salon. No Representation
09/01126/FUL	Mr & Mrs Mark Tomlinson, 2A Holt Road, Studley. Increase in ridge height of existing dwelling including provision of dormers to front and first floor rear extensions to create additional first floor accommodation. Side. No Representation
WCC SO9CM021	Allelys Holdings Ltd. The Slough, Studley. Change of use from Timber Store to Waste Transfer Station. Objection: 1. Loss of amenity to residential properties close by 2. Increase in traffic 3. Increase in hazardous waste 4. Loss of public footpath
09/01874/FUL	Mr R C Kemp, 16 Eden Close, Studley. Proposed single storey front extension. No Representation

10. Planning Decisions Received

09/01178/FUL Dr's Tongue and Walter, Pool Road Medical Centre,
Pool Road.
Single storey extension to existing retail pharmacy.
Permission with conditions 4th September 2009

11. Correspondence

SDC

- Min 206 From Tuesday 1st October Planning Notice Decisions will be sent via email. A hard copy will be sent for one month to make sure SDC capture the variety and wards and Parishes. After that decisions will no longer be sent to ward members and Parish Councils unless they are unable to receive electronic communications.
- Min 207 Confirmation from SDC 2nd half of this years precept payment has been forwarded.
- Min 208 SDC Housing Strategy 2009-2014 Draft for consultation. Taken by Cllr Rickhards.
- Min 209 Independent Playground inspection request already sent by Clerk as replies requested by 2nd October 2009.
- Min 210 SDC now able to offer a photocopying service to Parish and Town Councils if required.

WCC

- Min 211 Issue arising from Community Forum meeting re Gritting Routes 46% of the Highway Network gritted by WCC, higher than the national average. No further additional routes planned. However, during sustained severe weather there may be an option to grit additional routes if resources allow
- Min 212 Documents received from Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service Improvement plan 14th September – 8th December 2009.

Other

- Min 213 Skatepark: some of the ramps have lifted and require immediate attention. Full structural inspection would need to be carried out from the inside at a cost of £900. Also request from youths to have a spine in the middle replacing the grind box part.
RESOLVED: Clerk to write to GBH Ramps that deterioration should not have happened so quickly. If this is a design fault they should deal with it. Also to contact SDC for advice concerning health & safety issue.
- Min 214 Allotment Association – Hedge at Station Road needs completion, already in hand.
Require confirmation of the present position concerning the new

stock fence and gate into Dunstall Allotments which now requires urgent replacement. Letter also received from Plot Holder Brian Ward as his shed together with a number of others has been burned down with the loss of a number of tools and equipment. Needs to know the position regarding Councils Insurance policy. Plot holders need to insure sheds and equipment themselves. Parish Council only liable for grounds.

Agreed that the gate should be replaced rather than the fencing.

- Min 215 War Memorials Trust a charity dedicated to protection of War Memorials can give free advice and grants to assist with repairs and contribute up to 50% with a maximum grant of £10,000. Applications by 30th April and 31st October each year. Applications are required as early as possible. **Resolved to apply.**
- Min 216 WALC – Inconsistencies in approach by Clement Keys issuing qualified Audit using incorrect wording. Reply from Alan Robertson to say they need to look at the problems next year as this years round of audits are nearly completed.
- Min 217 Thank you from Mike Morgan for the support of the Parish Council in his Planning appeal for 60a, Station Road.
- Min 218 Mrs K. Marshall - an email reporting that again damage has occurred to the fencing around the Scout Hut. To be included in next years precept for replacement.
- Min 219 Unmetered Supply Certificate has been issued by EON for the Christmas Lights.
- Min 220 WALC – Planning Portal and guidance of how it works, link can be set up on the Parish Council's website – All agreed.
- Min 221 WALC – Training Briefing event for all Chairman and aspiring Chairman and interested Councillors Harbury Village Hall, South Parade, Harbury 10.00am – 1.00pm Saturday 12th December 2009. £30 per delegate.
The Next Step Briefing for Making the most of being a Parish Councillor Saturday 21st November 2009 Barton on Dunsmore Village Hall, Rugby 10.00am – 4.00pm. £35.00 per delegate.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 222 SLCC Agenda and Notice of AGM 24th October 2009.
- Min 223 NALC Annual Conference and Exhibition 2009 – Summary.
- Min 224 Rural News Focus.
- Min 225 Community Forum Profile – July 2009.
- Min 226 WALC Newsletter.
- Min 227 NALC Legal Topic Note – Handling Complaints and Freedom of Information

12. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr W. McCarthy that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr E. Holder . Voting unanimous.

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday 20th October
2009**

Meeting closed 9.35pm

Signed: Chairman