## **Studley Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2006 at 7.30pm.

#### 1. Public Forum

None.

#### 2. Chairman declared the meeting open

#### 3. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair S. Phipps, Mrs A. Wade, J. Vale, W. McCarthy, Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs S. Redman, M. Redman, J. Bacon, E. Holder, Mrs H. Wersocki. 27 members of the public.

## 4. Apologies for Absence

None.

#### 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.

Cllr P. Beaman – Planning Application No.05/03545/FUL – Prejudicial

#### 6. Presentation of Youth Shield Award to Kelly Burak

The Chairman presented the Youth Shield Award to Kelly Burak in recognition of her work at the Youth Club. Helps with tuck shop, stock control, and spreadsheets. Kelly is an asset to the Club. Congratulations from the Parish Council and well done for all the work done for the Village.

#### 7. Co-option of Eric Holder onto the Parish Council

Welcome from the Chairman to another Parish Councillor. Declaration of Acceptance of Office form signed by Cllr Holder.

## 8. Planning Applications

The Chairman withdrew from the room whilst this plan was discussed.

05/03545/FUL David Payne Homes Ltd., Land rear of

17 Hamilton Drive and, 111, 113, 115 and 117

Crooks Lane, Studley, Warwickshire.

Demolition of existing dwellings (111 and 113

Crooks Lane) construction of 19 dwellings together with all ancillary works including formation of new

access drive.

### Objection for the following planning reasons:

- 1. Overdevelopment of the site.
- 2. Loss of open space and open nature of the Village by high density housing on such a small site
- 3. Severn Trent should be made aware of the existing flooding problems on Crooks Lane. An even bigger problem will be caused with the construction of this development.
- 4. Drainage not good enough improvements would need to be made.
  - 5. Yew Tree needs to be retained as bats roost in the tree.
  - 6. Highway safety due to increase in traffic.
    Turning space within the site too small for turning of refuse and emergency vehicles.
  - 7. Parking already an issue, will only get worse with extra housing.
  - 8. Access and egress to site a danger on the bend.

#### 9. Matters Arising (for information only)

- Min 231 Co-op Store: reply and apologies for not responding. Unable to progress until planning permission has been granted. Hope to see improvement in coming weeks when area will be inspected and damage and the fence repaired. Already reported to Enforcement Officer. Other sites in Village have hoardings making area look tidier.
- Min 280 Stratford-on-Avon District Local Plan Review 1996-2011 Proposed Modifications Deposit 27/10/05 8/12/05. Confirmation that objections have been duly made for consideration by SDC.

#### 10. Items for Discussion

Min 356 Confirmation of Neighbourhood Watch meeting Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2006. Open meeting for reports from various bodies. Clerk represented the Parish Council at last meeting and will do the same again.

Min 357 Traffic Problems in Studley:

- Alcester have traffic calming, weight restrictions and bypass.
   Studley has nothing.
- Have waited long enough and been patient, now we should go out and try to get traffic calming.
- Lead should come from Parish Council. Get all relevant authorities to see what can be done sooner rather than later. Need to agitate to get things done.

- Route from Evesham, signposts still show route to Birmingham through Studley. Should be routed via A46.
   Studley still a designated lorry route.
- De Jong report has some good ideas.
- Report at SDC last week on Air Quality Action Plan. Studley 2<sup>nd</sup> worst area. May mean goods vehicles get re-routed.
- May need to form sub committee to look at roads in whole area.
   Need to do a survey of the roads for traffic calming.
- Clerk to invite interested parties to Parish Council meeting, Stratford District Council, Warwickshire County Council, Worcestershire County Council, Highway Agency, Redditch Borough Council, Government Office for West Midlands, Advantage West Midlands, County Councillor and District Councillors.
- To be discussed further at next meeting.

Min 358 Tenders for Agreement: Grass Cutting 2006 – 2007
Copy of quotes received passed to all Councillors.
Proposed Cllr Beaman that Redditch Borough Council be awarded the Contract for the Recreation Grounds, seconded Cllr McCarthy. Voting unanimous.
Proposed Cllr McCarthy that R. Hunt be awarded the Contract for the existing Burial Ground, seconded Cllr Mrs Woodrow. Voting unanimous.
Proposed Cllr McCarthy that Select Business Services be awarded the Contract for the Graveyard Extension (item 4) the Village Hall Surrounds and the Open Space Areas, seconded Cllr Bacon. Voting unanimous.
Proposed Cllr McCarthy that JRG Forestry be awarded the Contract for all of the Strimming Areas and Hedge Cutting, Seconded Cllr Phipps. Voting unanimous.

Min 299 Studley Library: re opening hours. County Cllr Mrs McCarthy has suggested a petition concerning the extension to library opening hours, it would really help. It would also help to attend Stratford Area Committee 15<sup>th</sup> March 2006 to speak in the Public Forum to raise this subject. Petition to be available to sign in Parish Council Office, Coffee Shop, Doctors Surgery. Also note on website and advise Newspapers. Could invite County Councillor portfolio holder to receive petition.

# 11. Correspondence SDC

None.

#### WCC

- Min 359 Variations in on-street waiting restrictions in Stratford on Avon District. Following consultations carried out in 2005 to implement changes in on street parking as agreed by SDC, change for Studley technical only. Private road off High Street between library and Village Hall as having no waiting time. Copy of public notice to go through legal procedures to have it amended.
- Min 360 Annual maintenance quotation for footway lighting 2005/06 £13.02 per lamp £3658.62 annually. Revised offer for 2006/07 £13.23 per light + VAT.

Proposed Cllr McCarthy that quote of £13.23 per light + VAT be accepted, seconded Cllr Beaman. Voting unanimous.

#### Other

- Min 361 WALC: changes to VAT claim re credit card purchases. If made on Clerk's credit card the Clerk may be authorised by a specific minute to use their personal credit card and for a cheque to be drawn on Council's account for recompense to enable VAT to be reclaimed. VAT invoice for petrol, content to enable reclaim mileage for both Councillors and Clerks from 1st January 2006.
- Min 362 Surrender of lease for land at rear of Youth Club for Skateboarding facility, signed by Chairman.
- Min 363 Configuration of NHS Ambulance Trusts in England consultation document. Summary handed to all Councillors for discussion at next meeting.
- Min 364 Worcestershire County Council Minerals & Waste Scheme Annual Monitoring Report can be viewed on website www.worcestershire.gov.uk/strategicplanning
- Min 365 E mail from Rev. Richard Deimel confirming sabbatical until 24<sup>th</sup> April 2006.
- Min 366 Mappleborough Green Parish Green letter received concerning proposed cuts at Alex Hospital. John Rostill has agreed to attend one of their meetings. Suggested public meeting at Village Hall. Suitable date to be arranged following result of public meeting on 8th February 2006.
- Min 367 Grant application from Studley Allotment Association for £200.

  Proposed Cllr Beaman that Studley Allotment Association
  be given grant of £200, seconded Cllr McCarthy. Voting
  unanimous.
- Min 368 Standards Boards Bulletin including details of Government recent announcement on Local Government and implementation of the Code of Conduct. Summary of the criteria for referring allegations and confirmation of conference at ICC, Birmingham on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

Min 369 SLCC Regional Conference 28<sup>th</sup> February 2006 at Bank House Hotel, Worcester.

## **Correspondence for Circulation**

Min 370 Decorum standards and ethics newsletter

Min 371 'Quality of Life in Warwickshire 2005' – new report

Min 372 Minutes Stratford on Avon Area Committee meeting 23.11.05

Min 373 'The Essentials' WCC Stakeholders publication

Min 374 Plantscape Product Catalogue

Min 375 The Clerk

Min 376 The Jennifer Trust – Do Something Different in 2006

## 12. Approve Accounts for Payment

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

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 21st February 2006

Meeting Closed 9.05pm