

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 7th April 2009 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

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

District Councillor M. Weddell.

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs M. Bell – work commitment

Cllr M. Redman

District Councillor Mrs H. Wright

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 – Item 11 Min 3 - non prejudicial

Cllr Holder - Item 11 Min 5 - non prejudicial

5. Public Forum

Entaco: appears to be a permanent bonfire, resident tipping rubbish. Skips come and go.

Litter outside bulky waste collection in hand. Bottles and smashed glass around basketball area. Problems in the Village on Friday and Saturday night. Was reported to Police. There has been an issue of Youths trying to get into Youth Club and banging on shutters. Police are aware.

Recreation Ground full of broken glass. Is there anyway beer can be sold in plastic bottles as it is a serious problem? Disappointing not picked up on CCTV.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.45pm.

6. Nick Ellison, Rob Weeks, SDC – Studley Air Quality Draft Action Plan

Thanks to the Parish Council for help with quest of distributing survey forms.

Worthwhile as good input with 60 responses being sent direct to SDC and many handed in to Parish Council office.

Prepared interim report, copy of Pie Chart handed to all Councillors.

Three preferred options out of seven:

- Re-signing long distance HGVs
- Reduce queuing/congestion
- Re-signing local HGV traffic

Two points to clarify:

- timing of declaration there were conflicting dates. Late February area was declared. The Order came into effect in March.
- nature of pedestrian crossing, it is already a Puffin crossing.
- 42% of residents suffered ill health which was made worse by air pollution. Main problem is asthma.
- Planning Policy would like to be better managed in future.
- Previously recommended 3000 homes for Redditch that was split between Stratford and Bromsgrove is now unlikely to go through as proposed but to be met by Bromsgrove rather than Stratford area. Considering issue in next few months but final decision will not be known until the end of the year.
- Re-alignment of A435 even if slightly wider would help but very expensive and there would be a lot of disruption.
- Positive or negative effects – responses did not perceive any negative effects. If proposals were implemented both residents and businesses thought there would be an improvement.
- Further actions:
 - most said a bypass was needed, it was not too late.
 - Long distance traffic should be banned or discouraged.
 - There should be a 30mph speed limit throughout the Village. Some even said 20mph or some sort of traffic calming.
 - Desirability for green open space and planting.
 - Weight and width restrictions. Sat Navs should be re-mapped. Safer cycle routes needed.
 - Could stagger school hours.
 - Consensus that Aldi is an unnecessary mistake by SDC. The air quality impact of the Aldi store was the subject of a detailed assessment and it would not significantly change the air quality.
 - If A435 improved should not cause problems on other routes.
 - Voluntary agreement with Allelys transport but still persist in coming through Village.
- Resumé – if things are done it will solve everything – quality of life, health, community life.

If actions do not solve everything is there a legal obligation to try something else? Will carry on monitoring.

Could consider closing Station Road entrance off Barley Mow Island and have one way system down Redditch Road to Washford or traffic lights at Sernal and Washford. Principle is to remove queuing.

Transport Planners need to be involved. On agenda is detailed assessment of all the junctions to A435. Cllr Beaman is part of the working group.

Air quality will never improve as volume of traffic will not reduce. A435 is a strategic route therefore HGVs will still use it. Reduction of queuing/congestion will be the best option. Hopeful that other options than re-alignment will be implemented.

Industrial development on Winyates Triangle would impact on Studley and A435 – would any S106 agreement money be available? SDC will try. The development will be subject to air quality.

Timetable will be adjusted to suit the Parish as well as District Council. Also consulting in Henley and Stratford.

Thank you from the Chairman for presenting the results and giving up time to attend meeting. Nick Ellison will come to Parish Council meeting 5th May 2009.

Parish Council meeting reconvened at 8.30pm.

7. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

None.

8. Items for Discussion

Min 423 Street light on property at Riverside. Photographs of garden passed to all Councillors. 3 gardens with lamp posts. Clerk to check with WCC for details of adoption

RESOLVED: Clerk to write that Parish Council have no objection to the lamp post being moved but at expense of resident as would set a precedent..

9. Planning Applications for Consideration

None.

10. Planning Decisions Received

09/00005/FUL M Stefan, 27 Watts Road, Studley.
Two storey side extension.
Permission with conditions 11th March 2009

Cllr Beaman:
09/00096/FUL Studley Football & Social Club, Abbeyfields Drive, Studley.
Permission granted at West Area Planning Committee Meeting 2nd April 2009

11. Correspondence

SDC

Min 1 Training Course for Inspection of Play Areas for volunteers including theory & practical elements Saturday, 25th April 2009 9.00am – 2.00pm Snitterfield Sports Club, Snitterfield. Cost £10.00 per candidate.
Cllr Vale to attend.

Min 2 Training Sessions for 'Planning Basics' . Six Councillors to attend session at Globe House, Alcester on Wednesday 20th May 2009 between 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

WCC

Min 3 Driveway between Studley Library, Youth Centre and Village Hall. WCC considering action to restrict parking along access route. Request that both members of staff and users of the Village Hall refrain from parking on access route. Noted.

- Min 4 Vehicle restriction policy at WCC's nine Household Waste Recycling Centres key changes include limited access for twin cab pick-ups plus some 'modified' large vehicles (previously prohibited) and a simplified permit application process for householders whose only vehicle is a small van, pick-up or large 4 x 4 effective from 30th March 2009.

Other

- Min 5 Letter received from Mrs Higgins re allotment plot. Clerk to write.
- Min 6 Redditch Skip Hire increase in charges from 1st April 2009 but price freeze for standard skips.
- Min 7 WALC: places still available on the induction training briefing day for new Clerks & Councillors Saturday, 18th April 2009 at Fillongley Village Hall. Free programme from NALC Tuesday 28th April 2009 for Local Councils & Markets at Lichfield Guildhall.
- Min 8 Thank you from Margueritte Bayley that not the intention of Parish Council to stop Friday Shopper Coach.
- Min 9 Advance warning of possible Freedom of Information request to Burial Authorities by WALC and NALC for feature on BBC 's Panorama Programme concerning graveyards.
- Min10 Footpath AL136 mud is over boot depth by new galvanised kissing gates between fields. Clerk to write to WCC.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 11 SLCC minutes of meeting 15th January 2009
- Min 12 Alcester/Bidford & Henley Studley Community Forum wrap-up meeting notes
- Min 13 Parish Talk SDC Newsletter
- Min 14 The Playground Planet Russell Leisure's quarterly newsletter
- Min 15 In2Sports newsletter
- Min 16 Community Emergency Plan Presentation Initial Draft
- Min 17 WALC Newsletter
- Min 18 SDC Incident log February 2009 & Parking Enforcement figures
- Min 19 Heart of England Community Foundation Newsletter

12. Approve Accounts for Payment

Cllr Vale left the room whilst the cheques were signed.

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

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 21st April 2009

Meeting Closed 8.55pm

