

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 7th June 2011 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair Mrs S Redman, M. Redman, Mrs M. Woodrow, E. Holder, J. Bacon, Mrs A. Wade, A. Smith, N. Green.
District Councillor Mrs H. Wright.
3 members of the public.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and noted from:
Cllrs Rickhards, J. King.

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.
None.

5. Public Forum

Resident speaking on behalf of the Community First Responders: there are three volunteers, two from the Fire Station and Martin Barry. When the scheme was first started it was to help residents in the Village until the ambulance arrived, but has grown to assisting people in Redditch. It is all at the volunteers' own expense, fuel, kit, vehicles, insurance. Would now like to get into a charitable scheme. They cover all sorts of medical emergencies, including cardiac arrests and covered 60 jobs in the Village during one month. It has put a strain on the social lives of volunteers.

Would like to increase number of volunteers to 6 or 7 and would like vehicle with a blue flashing light. A marked vehicle would enable them to get to an incident quicker and to attend to road traffic and make the scene safe. Officially at present should not attend a RTA.

Would like to bring the situation to the attention of the Parish Council for any help they can give by way of funding and to make people aware.

Cllr Bacon: glad this has been raised, the Parish Council should do all we can to endeavour to help. Suggest item for discussion on next agenda. Need to make

people aware, perhaps put in next newsletter. Shocked that everything comes out of their own pockets.

Cllr Mrs Wade: when a child was taken ill at school the first responders were there when the ambulance could not find the school.

Cllr Beaman: this is an absolutely essential service for the Village, thanks to everyone who helps. The Parish Council will do everything to help.

Item for next agenda.

Thank you for attending the meeting.

Cllr Mrs Wright: next year is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Would the Parish Council be interested in promoting something in the Village? Need to start organising now. It is a once in a lifetime event.

Cllr Mrs Redman: perhaps could work with SSSC.

Item for next agenda.

Cllr Holder: last bulky waste collection was very successful with no real problems.

6. Matters Arising (for information only)

Min 31 Confirmation that rubbish at the rear of properties on Alcester Road has been removed.

Min 52 Confirmation from SDC that reply concerning the future of public conveniences will be considered as part of the review.

7. Items for Discussion

Min 65 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Beaman has spoken to Rob Weeks, SDC. Still not sure what is happening. They are aware of our interest and will respond as soon as they know what policy will be in place and how it will be implemented.

Min 66 Housing Needs Survey

Cllr Beaman has given a list of possible sites to Phil Ward. These are Namco, Church Street, Co-op and Eldorado (SSSC).

At recent Core Strategy meeting Cllr Holder asked for the Birmingham Road site to be removed.

Clerk to contact Rob Weeks to invite him to a Parish Council meeting for further discussion.

Min 81 Office Photocopier

The Office photocopier needs to be upgraded. This will improve efficiency and savings will be made to the cost of electricity.

Proposed Cllr Beaman that the office photocopier be upgraded, seconded Cllr Holder. Voting unanimous.

Min 82 Approval of Accounts 2010/2011

Copy circulated to all Councillors

Proposed Cllr Holder that the Accounts 2010/2011 as presented be approved, seconded Cllr Mrs Wade. Voting unanimous.

Thanks to the Clerk for all her hard work, her efforts are greatly appreciated. Pleased to see we have some reserves in force to enable the Parish Council to call on in the future.

Need to think about increasing the precept for the benefit of the residents of the Village.

May need to have a consultation to see what they require.

Min 376 Studley Library

The Business Case and Mission Statement with our proposal to move the Library to the Village Hall has been completed and sent to WCC, thanks to the Clerk. Cllr Beaman has received a request to submit a budget for the proposal which is difficult when we don't know what funding we will receive.

Cllrs Mrs Wade & Rickhards attended a Communities Library Workshop with representatives from Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Yorkshire and Buckinghamshire County Councils who all give funding support to their Community Libraries and some support the staff. WCC is the only one not to give any financial support.

If the library building is sold we would like to have some money for it.

At present WCC have no plans for the building.

Thank you to Cllr Mrs Wade for attending the workshop.

Now have 30 volunteers to help run the library. Need to arrange a meeting to decide the way to go forward.

Cllr Mrs Redman: if any funding is available the Parish Council should look at all possibilities not just the library to see what is best for the Village. There are other facilities that need a lot of work.

Cllr Bacon: in the light of the request for a budget to run the library we should ask if WCC will give financial support on an annual basis.

Clerk: we have asked for up to £20,000 for the first year.

**8. Planning Applications for Consideration
(Cllrs Beaman & Holder refrained from voting)**

11/01062/FUL

Mr Christopher Preen, Hardwick Barn, Clarkes Green, Studley.

Proposed single storey infill extension.

Objection for the following planning reasons:

- 1. Extension to a barn conversion is not acceptable.**
- 2. Due to the size of the extension it will be visually harmful to the character and amenity of the area.**

9. Planning Decisions Received

- 11/00547/FUL Mr A Burton, 6 Lansdowne Road, Studley.
Proposed two storey rear extension
Planning permission is granted 19th May 2011
- 11/00842/FUL Mr D P Sargeant, 13 Teal Road, Studley.
Proposed conservatory to the rear.
Planning permission is granted 25th May 2011

10. Correspondence

SDC

- Min 83 Annual inspection of play area – report. Any problems at present are low risk. Noted.
- Min 84 Proposed Amendments to the Developer Contributions to Transport Schemes in Stratford-upon-Avon Supplementary Planning Document comments required by 17th June 2011 to:
www.stratford.gov.uk/devcontributions SDC feel it is fair for developers to contribute under Section 106 for schemes that would mitigate impact on additional traffic caused by a development.
Clerk to write that the Parish Council would welcome this as long as it is applied to the whole of the District and not just Stratford Town.

WCC

- Min 85 Issue brought up at Community Forum relating to lack of fast broadband in the area. Evidence needed as to how current broadband provision is working. Will only work if can demonstrate that faster broadband is needed. To register follow link:
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/superfastbroadband Information should be submitted by end of June.

Other

- Min 86 Thank you letter received from Bill McCarthy for his gift of a rosebowl.
- Min 87 WALC Induction Days: Being a Good Councillor and Clerk at Fillongley Village Hall, Coventry Road on Saturday, 17th September 2011 and the Town Hall, The Parade, Royal Leamington Spa on Saturday, 8th October 2011. Councillors to inform the Clerk if they would like to attend.
- Min 88 Letter received from Mr Wall concerning warning letters for Dunstall Allotments.
Clerk will respond explaining procedures.
- Min 89 The Handicare/AgeUk Referral Scheme helping elderly people access a range of products to help quality of life. Noted.

Min 90 Relaxation of planning rules for change of use from commercial to residential.

Copy circulated to all Councillors. Responses required by 30th June 2011.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 91 WALC newsletter

Min 92 Studley 'Mini Total Place'/Place Based Budgeting Pilot Draft Report of Stakeholder event on 22nd March 2011

Min 93 Henley & Studley Community Forum Notes 23rd March 2011

11. Approve Accounts for Payment

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

Direct Debit CIT Photocopier Rental £386.48

812 – WALC £824.00. 813 – P A Janes £320.00.

814 – Bromsgrove & Redditch Trophies £85.45.

815 – Clarity Copiers Ltd £106.69. 816 – I Geddes £72.31.

817 – P Jones £350.00. 818 – J Vale £1070.85.

819 - Lyreco £82.68. 820 – P A Janes £20.00.

821 – M Millinchip £80.00. 822 – Verdant Group Ltd £1278.00.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 21st June 2011

Meeting closed 8.55pm

Signed: Chairman