

Studley Parish Council

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

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman Mrs S. Redman, M. Redman, Mrs A. Wade, E. Holder, P. Beaman, C. Rickhards, Mrs M. Woodrow, W. McCarthy, Mrs H. Wersocki, J. Bacon.
County Councillor M. Barry.
4 members of the public.

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllr J. Vale – Personal commitment
District Councillor M. Weddell – Personal commitment

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.

Planning Application No.09/01178/FUL – Cllrs Holder, Mrs Woodrow, Mrs Wade, Mrs Wersocki – non prejudicial. Cllr Rickhards – personal.

Planning Application No.09/00749/FUL – Cllrs Bacon, Holder, Rickards – non prejudicial.

Item 10 Min 110 Cllr McCarthy – non prejudicial

5. Public Forum

Mr Paul White- Bedding Shop.

- Representing Studley Retailers and has a petition signed by every shopkeeper who was open today and some residents.
- Roadworks A435 13th – 24th July 2009 will cause chaos in the Village again. Roads will be jammed all day and everyone will be affected. Retailers are already suffering with the current recession and road works are killing businesses. Once you lose customers you never get them back.
- Has been in contact with County Councillor Barry.
- WCC do not want to know, it is all about money.

- Retailers in the Village always support organised groups such as the scouts but who will support the retailers. Feels it is a waste of time coming to the meeting.
- Today was given a copy of Studley Voice. Front page asks residents to support local businesses, query as to why second page advertises shoppers coach to Redditch which is subsidised by the Parish Council. Money could be given to better use such as for vouchers to shop in Studley.
- Response from Councillors that the Parish Council tries to support all sections of the community including pensioners. This is not a new service, has been running for at least 15 years and in a recent survey, pensioners asked that it continue.
- Road works have to be done when they make the least possible impact.
- The Parish Council does everything it can to support local businesses but no one sees what we do or gives us any support. Residents do not attend meetings which are held twice a month. Parish Councillors spend a lot of their own time for the Village and do all they can to get the County Council and District Council to listen.
- The petition will be forwarded to WCC tomorrow.
- County Cllr Barry: has spoken to the relevant agencies. Road works will go ahead as planned, notices put up in plenty of time. Not practical to carry out work in hours of darkness due to noise. Diversions considered but not suitable for HGV drivers. The work is essential and the timings give the least disruption.

Thank you from the Chairman to Mr White for coming to the meeting.

6. Matters Arising (for information only)

Min 90 Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights – Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2009.

7. Items for Discussion

Min 105 Cllr Mrs Wade: Disclaimer Notice for Children's Play Area

Following an incident where a child fell in the play area and cut herself feels there should be a disclaimer notice. Public Liability insurance covers any injuries caused on Parish Council property. Recreation ground is litter picked every day but ignorant people come and smash bottles. A lot of glass recently collected from around basket ball area at Youth Club and always needles and litter in Marble Alley.

RESOLVED: Clerk to send note to Police to pay more attention to these areas and to visit the shops to stop underage youths buying glass bottles of alcohol. (Still gathering evidence to get an Alcohol Free Zone).

Cllr Beaman to ask Rob Weeks to come to a meeting to discuss CCTV. Clerk to seek advice from NALC re disclaimer notices.

Min 106 Cllr Wade: Community Forum Meetings

Henley & Studley Community Forum Meetings are very good. They are held every 3 months and it is Parish Council and residents opportunity to bring the needs of Studley to the attention of Officers who attend from SDC and WCC. Dates of meetings are:
13th August 2009 Wootton Wawen Village Hall
12th November 2009 Henley Memorial Hall
11th February 2010 Studley Village Hall
Need to get as much support as possible as Area Committees are being phased out.

8. Planning Applications for Consideration (Cllr Beaman refrained from voting)

- 09/01098/FUL Mr Graham Dobbs, 20 Station Road, Studley.
Proposed single storey extension to rear of garage.
No representation.
- 09/01097/FUL Mr D Carver, 28 Watts Road, Studley.
New garage.
No representation.
- 09/00749/FUL Jayne Denham, 38 Gunners Lane, Studley.
Change of use of part of rear residential garden to rabbit rescue centre with associated works.
Objection for the following planning reasons:
1. Application affects the nature of the area which is a dense residential area with small gardens (DEV1).
2. Has a detrimental effect to the amenity of neighbours.
3. Undue disturbance and intrusion to neighbouring properties.
4. 46 cages excessive causing an influx of pests and smells. A health and hygiene issue.
- 09/01035/FUL Robate Developments Limited, 1A High Street, Studley.
Change of use from A1 (Retail) to A2 (Financial and Professional Services Office).
No representation.
- 09/01032/FUL Mr L Marsden, 14 Mallard Road, Studley.
Erection of conservatory to rear of the house.
No representation.

09/01178/FUL Dr's Harris, Tongue & Walter, Pool Road Medical Centre.
Single storey extension to existing retail pharmacy.
No representation.

9. Planning Decisions Received

09/00723/LBC Mr I Whitlock, 4 Priory Court, Studley.
Replace window with door to rear garden.
Listed Building Consent Granted 8th June 2009.

09/00724/FUL Mr I Whitlock, 4 Priory Court, Studley.
Replace window with door to rear garden.
Permission with conditions 8th June 2009.

10. Correspondence

SDC

Min 107 SDC now have a web page containing the grass cutting schedule for the District. It is listed in the order that the Contractor visits the Parishes. Is updated weekly to show the areas which have been cut and the week date of cutting. Allows Parishes to monitor progress and report back. Graph produced shows a reduction in waste going to landfill and increased recycling.

WCC

Min 108 Three out of four trees recently planted at Fosters Avenue have been snapped off due to mindless vandalism. The residents had been proactive in asking WCC to replace the trees that were removed last year. The Ginkgo planted outside the library is doing well.

Other

Min 109 Letter received from Steve Faulkes concerning trees overhanging his back garden. No action has been taken since his letter dated 4th March and after spring growth problem is worse. First brought to the attention of the Parish Council in September 2008. Problem is unattended wilderness on adjacent strip of allotments. Would like to be advised in writing of Parish Council's intended plan of action and timescale.

This was brought to the attention of the Allotment Association last year and we thought the work had been done. The Council has also paid for some trees to be taken out from the hedge earlier this year.

RESOLVED: Clerk to bring to the attention of the Allotment Association and to visit the site with Cllr Vale to assess the situation.

- Min 110 Request for grant of £500.00 received from Studley High School towards production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' which is part of 'The Dreaming of Shakespeare' project. To be considered by Grants Committee on 21st July 2009.
- Min 111 Thank you letter received from Redditch & South Warwickshire Combination League for support in the provision of Brickyard Lane football pitch over last season 2008/2009. List of clubs next season attached. Season commences on Sunday, 9th August 2009 and will finish on Sunday, 16th May 2010.
- Min 112 From September 2009/2010 Girl Guiding UK celebrates 100 years of operation. To mark the historic occasion the Brownies, Rainbows and Guides from Studley District would like to plant an oak tree, 100 daffodils and provide a 5 foot hardwood bench with a plaque in the cemetery. Asking the Parish Council for advice and permission to do Autumn.
- RESOLVED:** Clerk to write letter of congratulations and thanks for their kind offer which is accepted. Clerk will make necessary arrangements.
- Min 113 SLCC 'A Grave Matter' a day long course on Wednesday, 22nd July 2009 in Dudley. Aimed to help manage the cemetery within the law, efficiently and sensitively. Cost £95.00 per delegate. Clerk to check if Cllr Vale would like to attend.
- Min 114 West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy Phase 3 Revision – Final Project Plan 2009 and Options Consultation 29th June 2009 – 14th August 2009. An online questionnaire is available on the Regional Assembly website at www.wmra.gov.uk
- Min 115 Confirmation from Public Works Loan Board that direct debit of £3232.97 will be debited from Parish Council account on 22nd July 2009.
- Min 116 WALC: NALC Autumn Conference 'Putting People First' 4th-5th September 2009 at the Royal College of Physicians, London.
- Min 117 Impact of the recession on rural housing. The Commission for Rural Communities is looking at the impact of the recession on rural housing and would like to hear of latest experiences. Responses needed by Friday, 10th July 2009. Can be emailed to: evidence@rsnonline.org.uk

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 118 Charity Commission News
- Min 119 CCTV Year to date breakdown
- Min 120 SLCC email newsletter
- Min 121 Rural Services Network Parish newsletter
- Min 122 Warwickshire Climate Change Community Newsletter
- Min 123 Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership 3rd Anniversary Event

- Min 124 LCR The Official Journal for NALC
- Min 125 Clerks & Councils Direct
- Min 126 SLCC 35th National Conference 2009
- Min 127 Stratford-on-Avon Equality and Diversity Workshop Report
- Min 128 Parish Plans newsletter
- Min 129 Rural Services Community newsletter

11. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr Beaman that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr M. Redman. Voting unanimous.

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

Meeting closed 8.50pm

Signed: Chairman