

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 7th August 2007 at 7.30pm.

1. Public Forum & Min 132 (with Councillors permission)

Letter of complaint about skatepark received from G. Downie read out at request of residents. Copy of letter from Cllr Mrs Wright that she has written to Nick Ellison, SDC about noise received and noted.

- Complaints from residents concerning noise, horrendous amount of rubbish, motorbikes, shopping trolley also used on skatepark.
- There all hours of night 2.15am – 3.45am.
- Being dropped off by parents with cans of drink.
- Telephone Police who have been excellent. Dispersal Order in area, kids are moved on but then they come back.
- Every night is Friday night. Rest of Studley is quiet, but screaming on skatepark, bumping and banging at all hours.
- If residents wanted to move, would not be able to sell houses.
- Skatepark was talked about for 10 years. This is the only place to put it. Discussed and put in newsletters, on website.
- Resident complained that plan was changed and skatepark not sited as on original plan.
- Plan not changed.
- Parish Council are aware of problems which need to be sorted out.
- Parish Council have contacted manufacturer and SDC and now awaiting reports. Can then make a decision.
- Anti social behaviour is unacceptable, need to have a curfew, needs to be supervised. Maybe erect a fence which could be locked 8.00pm until 8.00am. Someone would have to lock it. Not the Police.
- Two suggestions made, first is to keep diaries of dates and times of problems and secondly to take registration numbers of cars dropping of kids with bags of drink. Need to build up evidence. Perseverance is the answer, keep phoning the Police.
- The facility was wanted by majority of Village and a lot of research was carried out. Some problems of noise can be dealt with but the Parish Council cannot control children, need to go through Police, get an incident no. and then it is recorded and actioned on.
- Residents concerned about retaliation. Can't sit in their own back garden. Incredible that Parish Council sited it there. Why should resident have to sort it out?
- Very difficult, need to look at whole situation.
 - a) Noise – discussed today with Managing Director of GBH, it has the best soundproofing.
 - b) Need to discuss possibility of a fence.
 - c) Maybe have a bund.

These are the options to look at. All of the community has a responsibility to report anti social behaviour to Police. Parish do sympathise and the situation is being looked at. The kids are now all in one area and are being recorded on camera making it easier to get evidence.

- Residents need help immediately, not in 6 months time.
- Kids have been told that if they do not behave they will lose the skatepark.
- This has always been a recreation area for children.
- Parish Council did not think it through, resident will be seeking legal advice.
- All agreed that Parish Council need to debate suggestion of a fence – to be put on next Agenda. Big issues are noise and behaviour but worse it is an eyesore.
- Concerns that children now have to play football near to the road. Need hedging to obliterate eyesore and for safety reasons to prevent the ball going into road. A bund would be better but not leylandi

- Residents invited to next meeting and to be kept informed. Also suggestion to attend next PACT meeting.

Chairman: sorry that there is a problem, the Parish Council takes this seriously but please bear with us to sort out as soon as possible.

Members of the public left the meeting with thanks to the Parish Council for listening.

If looking at a fence problem of who would control it. Maybe bund would be better. Need to find out if byelaws are enforceable.

Police patrolled the area last Friday and there were no incidents. However concerns about glass.

Alcohol ban not passed due to technicality. To be resubmitted.

A lot of praise from some parents for the skatepark.

Thanks from the Chairman to PCSO Johnson for his hard work.

Cllr McCarthy: new signs have appeared outside the Barley Mow. Have they got permission? Cllr Beaman to check.

2. Chairman declared the meeting open

3. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair J. Bacon, W. McCarthy, E. Holder, G. Noke, Mrs H. Wersocki, Mrs S. Redman, Mrs M. Woodrow, C. Rickhards, Mrs. M. Bell.

District Councillor M. Weddell, PCSO G. Johnson. 8 members of the public.

4. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs J. Vale, M. Redman.

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.

None.

6. Matters Arising (for information only)

None.

7. Items for Discussion

Min 113/06 Cllr McCarthy: Public Open Space

Copy of the Summary Management Plan already sent out to all Councillors.

- Letter received from Lottery re funding, got what we asked for. Very pleased. Cheque should be received by 13th August 2007. End of grant report to be sent by 2nd August 2008.
- Lot of conditions, copy of definitions for Parish Council office.
- Written to SDC to get lease as soon as possible.
- Management Plan similar to that of Alcester but less to do.
- Warwick Wildlife Trust will do species check.

- Cllr McCarthy went through the plan with the Councillors.
- Now asking Parish Council if they are happy with the plan it will be sent to SDC. Rob Weeks will work through it as fast as possible.
- If everyone is happy, go from there and start talks in September,
- Will promote Village in good light.
- Cllr Rickhards through the Chair thanked Cllr McCarthy for his hard work, a very good effort.

Min 132 Skatepark Issues (Continued)

Unfortunate that there are problems, need help from residents to sort them out. Being well used. Investigate noise problems swiftly. Need to take the point seriously and let residents know that Parish Council is listening. Letter to be sent to affected residents in Crooks Lane/Station Road reiterating what we will do and what they need to do. Priorities: gate/fence to be repaired, litterbins need ordering, notices updating (open from 9.00am until 8.00pm or dusk whichever is earlier), motorbikes to be banned. Installation of fence or a bund to be discussed at next meeting. Obtain advice from Police.

Min 133 Councillor required to judge commercial premises. Cllrs Holder and Mrs Bell volunteered.

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

07/01863/FUL Mr and Mrs R Richmond, 106 Station Road, Studley.
Erection of one dwelling on existing garden land.
**Objection for the following planning reason:
reiterate previous objection of highway safety,
dangerous exit onto busy A448.**

07/01928/FUL Mr and Mrs G Pielow, Cranhills, Clarkes Green, Studley.
Erection of replacement dwelling and demolition of existing outbuildings and industrial units (amendment to planning consent Ref: 06/03147/FUL granted 22 Dec.2006)
No representations.

07/01965/FUL Barry Stone – Agent, 32 Lansdowne Road, Studley.
First floor rear extension to existing detached dwelling.
No representations.

9. Planning Decisions Received

07/01175/FUL CVP Ltd., Priory Mill, Castle Road, Studley.
Demolition of single storey lean to extension and garage building. Erection of two storey extension and remodelling of east elevation.
Permission with conditions 17 July 2007

07/01043/FUL Mrs Pamela Lee, Land Adj To, 11 Station Road, Studley.
Erection of new dwelling. Renewal of 02/03682/FUL.
Permission with conditions 12 July 2007

10. Correspondence

SDC

- Min 134 Independent Inspection of Play Areas planned for October 2007 if required. All agreed to go ahead.
- Min 135 Land rear of 43 Eldorado Close. Letter received from Hannah Bloodworth concerning overgrowth from allotments encroaching into her garden. Permission requested to have them cut back. Cllr Holder went to have a look and some of the overgrowth already cut back. Pass to SDC and ask them to remove remaining branches.
- Min 136 Insurance note and advice for residents affected by flooding. Posted on our website with a link to SDC.
- Min 137 Flood message received from the Queen regarding her shock and deep concern for all those affected by recent flooding and thanks to all local authorities and emergency services.

WCC

None.

Other

- Min 138 Redditch & South Warwickshire Combination football league concerning the dangerous state of football pitch due to rabbit holes. Noted but more concerned about litter problem following football matches. Clerk to write.
- Min 139 Letter from Scout Group requesting a grant for member to attend World Jamboree in Essex. Pass to Grants Committee.
- Min 140 Sewerage smell on Station Road. Severn Trent to arrange inspection.
- Min 141 Discount for BT Business Customers to pay by Direct Debit. Payment will be taken at set time monthly or quarterly. Amount dependant on bill. Can save £24.08 per year or more. Pass to Office Committee.
- Min 142 Andy Jones, Heart of England Housing Group. Number of sites identified in Studley on land owned by SWHA for event to take place for residents on 22nd August 2007 at 3.00pm with attractions and entertainment.
- Min 143 WALC – Burial Reform. Proposals to re-use graves over 100 years old where permission from family has been sought. Does not apply to Studley and as yet no date set for implementation. Pass to Amenities Committee.
- Min 144 WRCC – introduction of expression of interest form issued by South Warwickshire Community Development Network to foreshorten the application process for grants. Form can be sent to other groups requiring funding. Copy for Credit Union.
- Min 145 Government Office of West Midlands. Careful consideration given by Secretaries of State to our objections to detrunking of A435. Satisfied that the nature and weight of our objection is such that a local inquiry is unlikely to produce any significant new evidence and therefore unnecessary. However the

Secretary will take into account our objection and any further representation we may wish to make. If any, need to be submitted by 13th August 2007. Clerk to write and reiterate our objections, copy to J. Smith MP,

- Min 146 Warwickshire Crimestoppers request for funding. Pass to Grants Committee.
- Min 147 Borrowing Approval received from Department for Communities and Local Government for £45,000 to complete Skatepark facility and for improvements to Recreation Ground.
- Min 148 Posters received from John Maples to promote availability of Surgeries.
- Min 149 WALC – Draft Protocol for Involvement of Parish Councils in Service Delivery. Draft Protocol given to Councillors for views by 24th September 2007.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 150 CVS – Arden Newsletter
- Min 151 In2Sport Newsletter
- Min 152 Active Learning for Active Citizenship
- Min 153 WALC Newsletter

11. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr Mrs S Redman that the schedule of cheques for payment approved, seconded Cllr W. McCarthy. Voting unanimous.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 21st August 2007. This meeting will commence at 7.00pm.

Meeting Closed 9.17pm

