

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 7th December 2010 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman C. Rickhards, Vice Chair J. Vale, W. McCarthy, M. Redman, Mrs S. Redman, D. Somner, Mrs A. Wade, E. Holder, J. Bacon, Mrs M. Woodrow.
District Councillor M. Weddell.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and noted from:
Cllr P. Beaman – social commitment
Cllr Mrs H. Wersocki – social commitment
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 Vale Item 11 Accounts – prejudicial interest

5. Public Forum

None.

6. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

Min 274 Confirmation of grit bin order. Now have been received and sited in appropriate places. Awaiting confirmation from WCC that they have been filled. Cllr Rickhards will also follow up.

7. Items for Discussion

Min 241 Nominations/Voting for Community Awards 2010
The Shields will be awarded as follows:
Silver Jubilee (Individual) – Debbie Price
Millennium (Group) – Neighbourhood Watch
Youth – Izzy Runacres
The presentation evening will take place on Saturday, 26th February 2011 at Studley Sports & Social Club.

Min 242 Approval of Precept 2010/2011

Proposed Cllr Holder that the precept for 2010/2011 be approved, seconded Cllr Mrs Wade. Voting 9 for, 1 abstention.

8. Planning Applications for Consideration

10/02487/FUL Mr Simon James, 72 St Judes Avenue, Studley.
Proposed two and single storey side extension.
No representation.

10/02497/FUL Mr C Sears, 10 Holt Gardens, Studley.
Proposed first floor extension to rear.
No representation.

9. Planning Decisions Received

10/01617/FUL Mr C. Preen, Hardwick Barn, Hardwick Lane, Studley.
Proposed two storey infill extension.
Planning permission refused 12th November 2010.

10. Correspondence

SDC

Min 300 Corporate Strategy Consultation in preparation in tandem with SDC making financial plans for the next four years. Belief that key issues will be better tackled by the Council developing detailed plans more closely with residents and businesses at local level. Draft Strategy passed to all Councillors. Deadline for completing questionnaire is Friday, 7th January 2011.

Min 301 47 – 51 High Street, erection of four town houses extension of time for planning application (10/01948/EXT). Objections to the extension have been noted and frustrations in respect of the current state of the site understood but in terms of the principle development nothing has changed since 2005. Therefore consider the granting of extension of time acceptable. Objections received are not based on material planning grounds.

Further e mail received from Planning Department noting existence of Planning Enforcement action on the site. To be contacted when discussed again.

Clerk to write and reiterate our objections and to support our District Councillors comments.

Min 302 SDC have received funding from the County and have managed to purchase a number of jumbo and recycler bins. Would like to install one or two in the main street area of the Village.

Clerk to write and suggest Alcester Road near to the School Crossing Patrol and outside Rutters on the Bromsgrove Road.

WCC

- Min 303 Letter received from Chairman of Henley & Studley Community Forum asking Councils to promote the Forum and urging residents from all areas to attend meetings. Would like to see all communities represented not just those from Henley & Studley. Next meeting is Thursday, 16th December 2010 at Wootton Wawen Village Hall.
- Min 304 Total Place Project. A small project management team has been formed to progress the work. At present uncertainty about public sector funding and service cuts, therefore need to achieve a balance between continuing the project and waiting to see what services are left after the budget process.

Other

- Min 305 Warwickshire Police wish to consult with the people of Warwickshire about policing in the County. Small businesses are a significant part of the community and are keen to gather their views. There is an opportunity to receive information about crimes against businesses. E – Bulletin to be sent twice a year. Would like to hear from you either by telephone, letter or e mail. For more information contact John McPhail on 01926 412238 or e mail johnmcp@warwickshire.gov.uk or www.warwickshirepa.gov.uk
- Min 306 Severn Trent Water. VAT applied to water rates for Station Road Allotments. As the Parish Council does not fall within area future bills will be zero rated for VAT.
- Min 307 New free service from VASA for groups and clubs to advertise their events and activities on the new Sport and Leisure Gateway for Stratford District. To list an activity or event go to: www.sportgateway.co.uk and enter information.
- Min 308 Environment Agency improved Flood Warning Service. Now new three stage warning service – flood alert, flood warning, severe flood warning. This will help prepare and take action during a flood. Messages are now much simpler to understand. Further information which is updated every day can be found on www.environment-agency.gov.uk
- Min 309 E mail from Mrs June Walton concerning the state of the High Street, the empty shops and how run down the area looks. Clerk has already responded that SIP (Studley Improvement Partnership) and the Parish Council are working hard to improve the appearance of the Village which is difficult during the present economic climate.
- Min 310 NALC: Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006 empowers Parish Councils to encourage and promote energy saving measures in their area. Any expenditure incurred should be used under Section 137 the limit of which is now £6.15 per elector. Copy to all Councillors.

- Min 311 NALC: Legal Briefing for clearing snow and ice on highways. Article to be included in next newsletter. Copy to all Councillors.
- Min 312 NALC: Legal Briefing S137 expenditure limit for 2011/2012 increased to £6.15 per elector. Copy to all Councillors.
- Min 313 Unmetered Supply Certificate received from EON for Christmas lights.
- Min 314 Request for grit bin St Judes Avenue and Eden Close. Following discussion it was agreed to order two new bins and to remove the bin from the Priory Mill which is not used to the corner of Canterbury Close. It was also agreed to collect the bins in March, to clean them and to keep them in store in the Recreation Ground compound until November.
Clerk to write and ask if the area around Crooks Lane, Pool Road and the car park can be gritted as it was very icy during the recent bad weather.
- Min 315 WALC: Training Event - Employment Briefing – The Importance of the Employment Relationship between the Council and its Clerk on Saturday, 11th December 2010 at Berkswell Reading Room, Berkswell 10.00am – 1.00pm. £30.00 per delegate. No one to attend.
- Min 316 New Consultation finishing 6th January 2011 asking for your input on improving front line support for communities. Full details can be found on: www.vasa.org.uk/news/article/ocs-consultation-important-news

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 317 Minutes of the Special Enforcement/Planning Meeting held at Earlswood Village Hall on Wednesday, 6th October 2010
- Min 318 Update for WALC Parish Liaison Meeting 25th October 2010 – SDC looking Back and Forward
- Min 319 Parish Plans & Outreach Newsletter No.19
- Min 320 E Bulletin for County Associations, National Council and Member Councils
- Min 321 Energy costs with regard to street lights and turning off at midnight

11. Approve Accounts for Payment

Cllr Vale left the room during this item.

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

- 710 – G S Adams £734.38. 711 – Internet Services £105.71.
 712 – Verdant £417.13. 713 – Clarity Copiers £97.67.
 714 – Glasdon £309.42. 715 – M Millinchip £270.72.
 716 – P A Janes £149.28. 717 – SLCC £168.00.
 718 – JRG Forestry £220.00. 719 – Johnsons Coaches £180.00.
 720 – I Geddes £27.50. 721 – Studley Village Hall £600.00.
 722 – J Vale £142.25. 723 – Redditch Skip Hire £179.78.
 724 – Mrs S Perks £603.42. 725 – Royal British Legion £30.00.

Direct Debit CIT £378.43.

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 21st
December 2010**

Meeting closed 8.40pm

Signed: Chairman

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