

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 10th January 2012 at 7.30pm.

1. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair Mrs S Redman, A. Smith, J. Bacon, Mrs A Wade,
E Holder, M Redman, Mrs M Woodrow, J King, C Rickhards

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and noted from: Cllr A Clarke (Illness)

3. 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 - Accounts (item 10) & Min 376 Studley Library – Personal interest

Cllr King and Cllr Smith – Allotments (Min 292) – Personal interest

Cllr Rickhards Min 376 Studley Library – Personal interest

4. Public Forum

No items

Matters Arising (*for information only*)

Min 225 CCTV – confirmation of receipt of email dated 19th December 2011 of Parish Council decision to contribute £1000.00 to fund at present time. Stratford Town Council are disappointed with the decision of Studley Parish Council. Some other Parish Councils and businesses in Stratford are not making any contribution.

5. Items for Discussion

Min 289 First Midland has withdrawn 66/67 Bus Service with effect from 3rd January 2012. Service 143 has been amended to cover part of 66/67 route.

Min 290 Future Work Plan / Neighbourhood Plan – need to start thinking about future planning and what achievements we would like to see in the Parish in the next 10 years. The Localism Act will expect the Parish Council to take on more services and this will afford the Parish Council the opportunity to do so. The existing Parish Plan can be used as a

basis and other organisations and groups can be involved and contribute. There will be more pressure on the Parish Council so it is important to plan what we require as well as for business planning and leisure for the future. A village survey will be carried out by an officer from Stratford District Council in September 2012 on behalf of Studley Improvement Partnership and the results of this can feed in to the Plan. A meeting will be held on a Saturday morning in early June with interested parties. Housing needs survey and Business survey already carried out and can be used.

- Min 291 Repair of fencing at Station Road and driveway at Dunstall Allotments. Funding has been allocated for purchase of fencing in the sum of £923.00. A group of volunteers from the allotments are prepared to erect the fencing. The Parish Council appreciate the self help. John Vale will be asked to investigate the issue with the driveway flooding at Dunstall Allotments and report on his findings.
Parish Clerk to monitor water charges at both Allotments for next 12 months.

- Min 292 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations will take place in Studley on Monday 4th June 2012. Cllr M Redman to approach Studley Sports and Social Club and further discussion to take place at Parish Council meeting on 7th February 2012.

- Min 376 Studley Library & Village Hall Deed of Surrender
 A meeting took place between Cllr Beaman and Cllr Mrs S Redman concerning the Deed of Surrender which has been sent to the solicitor together with the Management Agreement . The solicitor decided that there is no need for a Management Agreement and suggests that the Village Hall Management Committee, the Parish Clerk, Assistant Parish Clerk and Cllr Beaman meet to discuss the detail and to determine how the Village Hall will be run and report back to the Parish Council. Cllr Bacon queried if the Parish Council are aware of what they are taking on as agreement was made in principle to look at it at last meeting. To be included on agenda for meeting on 24th January 2012. Library payment to be received in next two weeks and the alterations to the Village Hall Building can then start. The Library will close on 23rd March 2012 and will reopen in the Village Hall on 2nd April 2012.

6. Planning Applications for Consideration

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| 11/02706/FUL | Mr & Mrs R Weaver, 17 Lansdowne Crescent, Studley,
Proposed two storey side extension.
Support General principles of Development |
| 11/02775/FUL | Mr Warren Sanders, 1A High Street, Studley
Proposed change of use of redundant first floor storage area |

to residential to facilitate 1 no. two bedroom apartment.
No representation

11/02736/FUL Mr Seamus Roche, 21B Alcester Road, Studley
Proposed change of use of former fitness gym and changing
room facilities at first floor into 2 no. one bedroom apartments.
No representation

7. Planning Decisions Received - None

8. Correspondence

SDC

Min 293 Town/Parish Council Precepts 2012/13 – confirmation that Precept for 2012-13 has been forwarded to SDC and the Council Tax Base has been calculated at £2073.08.

Min 294 The Government has launched a funding programme (known as BDUK) to improve broadband speeds across the UK. SDC have organised events during January/February 2012 for Parishes in their area to update them with the project and inform of ways in which Parishes can support progress.

WCC - None

Other

Min 295 Local Government (Discretionary Payments) (Injury Allowances) Regulations 2011: SI 2011/2954 will come into force on 16th January 2012 and revokes parts of the 1996 Regulations whilst revising and updating the provisions which impact on Local Government. Copy circulated to Cllrs.

Min 296 A complaint from Mr J Jackson has been received about the amount of dog excrement on the grassed area in Station Road/St Judes.
Parish Clerk to order signage to erect

Min 297 CAB Outreach at Studley - A letter has been received from Susan Green detailing the success of the outreach surgery held in the Village Hall. Funds are in place until end of March 2012 to support the service and CAB are keen to continue to provide the service but need to secure the funding. Parish Council to make a financial contribution and offer a room in the Village Hall rent free for the foreseeable future. Further funding agreed in the new financial year in the sum of £500.00.
Proposed Cllr Beaman. Seconded Cllr Bacon. Voting unanimous

- Min 298 Notification from BT Business about transferring the Parish Council Broadband Service on to the new network.
- Min 299 Letter received from Masfields Architects addressing issues raised by Parish Council and local residents regarding planning application 11/01006/FUL for a car park off Crendon Close to serve Ellis Heating and Plumbing Ltd prior to resubmission of planning application. Awaiting application before any comment made.
- Min 300 Letter from Came & Company reminding policy holders of endorsements applied to policies (insurance) in respect of any damage caused by the escape of water from any tank, apparatus or pipe to the property insured between 1st October and 31st March.
- Min 301 Confirmation received from Severn Trent that all Parish Council future water bills will be paid by Direct Debit.
- Min 302 NALC Employment Briefings:-
- a) Retirement Gratuities – as of 16th January 2012 The Local Government (Discretionary Payments) (Injury Allowances) Regulations 2011, SI 2954 (the “2011 Regulations”) will revoke Part V1 of the 1996 Regulations – councils will no longer have the discretion to pay a retirement gratuity.
 - b) The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Communications Briefing. The project celebrating the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee is proceeding well. It is believed that 1012 Beacon locations have been confirmed and Beacons will be lit between the hours of 10 pm and 10.30 pm on Monday 4th June 2012.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 303 Campaign to protect Rural England – Planning explained
- Min 304 Parish Partners Briefing
- Min 305 Studley High School Ofsted Report
- Min 306 WCC Press Releases
- Traffic Signal Improvements for Birmingham Road Junction
 - Library E-Collection grows in time for Christmas
 - New £1.26 million bridge for town station
 - Looking after our children in Warwickshire

9. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed: Cllr M Redman that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, Seconded Cllr Mrs A Wade. Voting 6 for and 1 abstention

Direct Debits

Date	Payee	Amount Paid
25.11.11	SDC	£ 70.00
31.12.11	Severn Trent Water	£396.96
31.12.11	Severn Trent Water	£487.23
22.12.11	BT	£ 81.90

Cheques

Cheque Number	Payee	Amount Paid
929	JRG Forestry	£220.00
930	P A Janes	£320.00
931	M Millinchip	£100.00
932	G S Adams	£1020.00
933	Lyreco	£97.15
934	J Vale	£301.37
935	Redditch Skip Hire	£183.60
936	GS Adams	£538.20
937	I Geddes	£ 45.71

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday 24th January 2012

Meeting closed 9.20pm