

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 12th January 2010 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

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

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllr J. Vale – Adverse weather conditions

Cllr M. Redman – medical

Cllr P. Tedd – bereavement

District Cllr M. Weddell – political 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.

Cllrs Holder & Mrs Wade, Min 280 – non prejudicial interest

5. Public Forum

Cllr McCarthy: Worcestershire County Council – Waste Core Strategy
Item for discussion on next agenda.

6. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

None.

7. Items for Discussion

Min 294 Cllr Bacon: Stratford District Council will supply five new combination bins, need to review locations.

Clerk to inform SDC of locations and also request the repair of the litter bin on the High Street.

Min 280 Youth Service Report: The Youth Club was closed following a member of staff being verbally abused and threatened. It is a chance for the kids to calm down. The staff have been working with young people with extremely challenging behaviour. Staff have been meeting regularly to plan for the centre's opening on 22nd February 2010 and Robert McCluskey will be taking over as Locality Coordinator as from

1st February 2010. Anna Stowe will be moving to another area. Parents/ carers will be informed of the reason for closure and will receive a copy of the new Ground Rules, a Behavioural Contract which will have to be signed by the young person and parent acknowledging that they have read the Ground Rules and agree to abide by them. Parents will be invited to attend an Opening Evening on Tuesday, 19th January 2010 from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Other agencies attending are Kully Takhar (Anti Social Behaviour Officer from SDC), Steve Jones (Orbit Housing Officer) and a representative from Warwickshire Police to raise awareness of the new dispersal powers granted for Studley.

Cllr Holder passed copy of draft Warwickshire Youth & Community Service Quality Assurance – Observation Report to each Councillor.

- Next Monday the Management Committee will be going through the report.
- Cllrs Mrs Wade and Holder who are members of the Committee are not aware of the Opening Evening and should be involved.
- Cllr Holder has made point to Rob Townsend that information is not being passed on to the Parish Council.
- It is a damning report.
- Leadership was one-tracked, should have concentrated on what was happening inside the Club not outside.
- Findings in report show no leadership. Surprised why young people employed are not trained on how to handle young people.
- Staff training is the answer to dealing with young people with difficulties but in the end some people with challenging behaviour have to be excluded.
- After School Club had better behaviour perhaps one group can learn from another.
- Anna Stowe made an incredible difference to the furnishing of the interior of the Club.
- Concerns that a lot of resources are being used for a few kids.
- Good start but would like to see the Club open every night, would reduce vandalism considerably.

Meeting on Monday to be attended by Cllr Mrs Wade, Cllr Holder and possibly Cllr Rickhards. Sorry for what has happened but will ask if Parish Council can help as we do not want to lose the Youth Club. It is needed as a facility for the Youth of the Village.

Min 218 Scout Hut Fencing: Quote received for new wooden fencing around the Scout Hut. All quotes to be forwarded to Scouts for their decision but money to be put into precept for work to be carried out.

Min 234 Community Awards Presentation Evening: change of date to Saturday, 27th February 2010. Still awaiting menus. Evening to be used as an occasion to raise money for a local charity and local organisations to be invited. Ideas required for next meeting.

- Min 295 Request received from resident on Redditch Road to replace the grit bin that was removed last year. Slope on pavements makes it very difficult for residents to get out in icy conditions. Bin was removed last year due to decaying condition. Cllr Holder to contact Housing Association to see if they will install a new bin. Item in next newsletter for residents to suggest where to put grit bins.
- Min 296 Drainage Problems: Ray Lamb has sent a copy of the drainage system for Station Road but this does not cover Highfield Road. Need to approach Severn Trent for copy of drainage/sewerage system for the whole of the Village. Clerk to check cost first. Drainage will be considered by the Planning Officers when looking at the planning application for Highfield Road. Thanks to Ray Lamb for his help.

8. Planning Applications for Consideration

None.

9. Planning Decisions Received

09/02045/FUL Mr D Wells, 20 Orchard Way, Studley.
Replacement of existing flat felted roof over single storey bay and porch with monopitched tiled roof to incorporate insulation over bay.

Permission with conditions 7th December 2009

10. Correspondence

SDC

- Min 297 SDC has been allocated a grant of £203,125 over the next two years from Warwickshire Play Partnership and the Department for Children's Families & Schools (DCFS). Funding to be used to develop or expand existing natural & imaginative play spaces/areas (i.e. stone circles, soft landscaping) across the District. Min. £10,000, max. £50,000 and all projects funded must be completed and open to the public by 31st March 2011. Expression of interest for year 1 is 31st January 2010 and for year 2 is 1st July 2010. Clerk to apply for application pack.
- Min 298 Town/Parish Council Precepts 2010/2011 – Studley. Precept required by SDC by 31st January 2010. Provisional Council Tax Base for Studley has been calculated at £2065.94. Payments will be paid in two equal instalments by 30th April 2010 and 30th September 2010. Clerk to ask for extension of date if required.
- Min 299 Annual Play Inspection Report. To be discussed at a meeting of the General Purposes Committee at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 19th January 2010.

WCC

- Min 300 Dates for Community Forum meeting to be approved on 11th February 2010 are: 1st July, 7th October, 16th December 2010 and 23rd March 2011.
- Min 301 Warwickshire Local Transport Plan 3 Consultation – summary of results received. All information can be viewed on:
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ltp3
- Min 302 Community Forum Evaluation Questionnaire. Deadline missed as last meeting was cancelled. However copies were sent to some Councillors.

Other

- Min 303 WALC: Review of Locality Forums Terms of Reference. Response required by 15th January 2010. Clerk to respond that Studley Community Forum is working well and well attended by Councillors, Officers and Police. Still need to encourage more residents to attend.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 304 Parish news from the Rural Services Network
- Min 305 SDC Parish Talk magazine & Parish Talk Special
- Min 306 NEWSFLASH for communities in rural areas & funding information
- Min 307 SLCC 2010 Practitioners' Conference
- Min 308 The Norton Foundation – grant applications

11. Approve Accounts for Payment

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

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 19th January 2010

Meeting closed 8.50pm

Signed: Chairman