

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 12th June 2012 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declares the meeting open.

2. Present

Chairman; Cllr P Beaman, Mrs S Redman, J Bacon, E Holder, J King,
Mrs M Woodrow, Mrs A Wade, A Smith & C Rickhards.
1 Police Officer & 7 members of the public

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and noted from:– Cllr Rickhards &
Cllr M Redman– Personal and A Clarke - illness

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 Beaman – Item 10 - Payment to employer

5. Public Forum

Cllr Rickhards informed the meeting that the old Library building had been sold but he was unable at this stage to divulge who the new owner is. A condition of the sale was that the Quadrangle would be kept as it is and Studley in Bloom would continue to cultivate it. He confirmed there is reason to be optimistic that the new owner may facilitate gardening operations.

Cllr Rickhards informed the meeting that it had been announced that Studley Fire Station was likely to be closed earlier than anticipated on 1st October 2012. He would be attending a meeting at Warwickshire County Council on 13th June where the announcement would be discussed and he would be asking pertinent questions regarding the period between October 2012 and April 2013.

PCSO Johnson advised the Parish Council that he and his colleague had been called to Dunstall Allotments following an altercation involving two plot holders. He asked that the two plot holders be reminded of the expected behaviour on the allotments as set out in the Tenancy Agreement. A member of the public spoke of a legacy issue between the two parties which she felt would only be resolved by separation.

Cllr Beaman thanked PCSO Johnson for raising the issue and advised that the matter would be discussed by the Council later in the meeting and the comments and proposals made would be considered.

PCSO Johnson reported that anti-social behaviour in Studley was the lowest ever known. There had been some aggravation on the Pool Road Car Park but this was being monitored by the Police and CCTV. Burglaries are averaging about 1 per month. He also reported that the Police were now on Twitter – SNT Alcester North which was proving useful for gathering information.

A member of the public raised an issue at Studley Cemetery where a memorial had been established without permission and was upsetting to the relatives of the plot where the memorial was encroaching.

Cllr Beaman thanked the member of the public for raising the issue and informed them that this was an agenda item to be discussed later in the meeting.

Cllr Holder reported that the Community First Responders were undertaking a 24 hour CPR challenge on the coming weekend and asked if any Councillors would like to sponsor them.

6. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

None

7. Items for Discussion

Min 59 Allotment Issues – A further discussion took place regarding the issues raised in Public Forum.

Cllr King proposed a letter be sent by the Parish Council to every plot holder at both Dunstall and Station Road Allotments reminding them of the terms and conditions of the Tenancy Agreement re-iterating that anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated. Seconded Cllr Smith, voting unanimous.

Min 60 Studley Cemetery - Various issues have been raised in regard to the Cemetery. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would leave a notice asking for contact to be made. The cemetery would also be included on the annual village inspection in July.

Min 61 Litter Bins - the litter bin by the bus stop on Station Road and the litter bin on the green opposite the railway pub are being filled with general household rubbish. This is causing a health & safety issue for the contractors who empty the bins as they are being filled with heavy loads and the bags are too heavy to lift out. If situation continues then Stratford District Council will seal the bins so they cannot be used. The Parish Clerk has affixed notices to both bins and will monitor situation.

Min 62 Awards Evening – Following discussion, **Cllr Rickhards proposed a move to one awards evening per year to take place late September, seconded Cllr Bacon, voting unanimous.**

- Min 63 Jubilee Woods Project - Cllr Beaman reported that there is money available under the above project and would the Parish Council like to plant a wood. **It was resolved that Parish Clerk to make enquiries and report back.**
- Min 64 Retirement Dinner for Dot Mitchell will take place on Friday 15th June 2012 at Studley Castle.
- Min 35 Update on Assistant Clerk – interviews are scheduled to take place on Saturday 30th June.
- Min 65 Grass Cutting in Studley – Cllr Beaman is appalled at the state of grass cutting in the village. The District Council have reduced the amount of cuts to 5 per year which take place during March, May, Mid June, August September/October. Studley has so far this year received 1 cut. Cllr Beaman issued an invitation to the District Council to attend the Parish Council meeting to discuss the matter but no reply was received. **Cllr Beaman proposed that a letter of complaint be sent about the Standard of grass cutting, together with a copy of the invoice paid to the Lengthsman for the work he has had to do cutting grass to enable Studley in Bloom to plant. A copy also be sent to Warwickshire County Council. Seconded by Cllr Mrs A Wade, voting Unanimous.**

8. Planning Applications for consideration

- 12/01160/FUL Mr R Wright, Land adjacent 2, Node Hill Close, Studley
Erection of 2 No. dwellings.
Object on grounds of highway access, vehicles exiting site would have to go via opposite side of road and be a hazard to oncoming vehicles
- 12/01171/FUL Studley GM High School, Crooks Lane, Studley
Proposed extension to form new toilets, main entrance lobby and administration office.
**Formally support on general principles of development
DEV1**

9. Planning Decisions Received

- 12/00554/FUL 0Mr Damien Bridge, 34 Holt Gardens, Studley
Proposed two and single storey side extension and canopy pitch roof porch to front.
Permission with conditions 22 May 2012
- 12/00775/FUL Mr Clarke, 28 Station Road, Studley
First floor rear extension and hipped roof over
Permission with conditions 22 May 2012

11//02668/OUT P Smith and C Marchant
Land on Birmingham Road, Studley
Outline planning application for the erection of 4 dwellings.
Refusal 24 May 2012

10. Correspondence

SDC

Min 66 Dog Fouling Enforcement – A letter has been received from Stratford District Council asking for the Parish Councils thoughts on Town Council and Parish Councils pooling funds to appoint for a temporary period a trained individual to target specific areas within the funding Parishes/Towns.

Proposed Cllr Smith that a letter be sent in response agreeing in Principle subject to certain conditions. Seconded Cllr Mrs M Woodrow, voting unanimous

WCC

Min 67 Changes to Street Lighting in Warwickshire – Warwickshire County Council have decided to operate approx 80% of County Council owned street lights on a part night basis . 39,000 street lights will be switched off between midnight and 5.30am. Further details available at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/partnightlighting.

Proposed Cllr Bacon that letter of objection be sent – lack of Public consultation, poorly considered with issues on A448 & A435. Seconded Cllr King, voting unanimous.

Other

Min 68 Studley Community First Responders thanked the Parish Council for the Donation of £100 raised on the raffle on the night of the Community Awards.

Min 69 Notification of WALC Parish & Town Council Liaison Meeting on 20th June 2012 at 5.30pm at Stratford District Council offices.

Min 70 NALC – PC18-12 Policy consultation – Improvements to the Policy and Legal Framework for Public Rights of Way.

Min 71 NALC – LO8-12 Legal Briefing. Code of Conduct for Parish Councils Template.

Min 72 WALC – LA1S Up2Date (15.24.s.12)

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 73 Shipston Live – A new kind of Community Forum

Min 74 WALC Newsletter

Min 75 Warwickshire County Council Press Releases

- Roundabout review finds solution
- Protecting your property
- Monster craft sessions at Stratford Library
- Capital Programme for Transport approved
- Transport for Growth Strategy outlines key areas
- Park & Ride into the night
- Electric car charging points tried out
- Religious Leader backs county approach to safeguarding children

11. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed: Cllr Mrs S Redman that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, Seconded Cllr Mrs A Wade. Voting 7 in favour and 1 abstention.

Cheques

Cheque	Payee	Amount
023	Abbeyfields Community Group	100.00
024	ASAP Printing	194.67
025	Firoka (Studley Castle)	100.00
026	M. Millinchip	100.00
027	KEP Print	270.00
028	Reddiskips	183.60
029	2Geedesign	45.38
030	M Pegg	295.00
031	P A Janes	320.00
032	R McGhee	75.00
033	J Vale	1518.90
034	Mrs L Gailey	1098.46
035	HM Revenue & Customs	522.65
036	Mrs L Gailey	131.69
037	Petty cash	64.91
038	Biffa – Verdant Group	2556.00
039	GS Adams	3854.05

Direct Debits

04.06.12	BT	113.36
23.06.12	Siemens	413.40
25.06.12	Clarity Copiers	98.93

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday 26th June 2012

Meeting closed 9.25pm