

## Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.30pm.

### 1. Chairman declared the meeting open

Proposed by the Chairman and agreed by all to bring forward Item 12 Correspondence min 415 and Item 9 Planning Applications.

### 2. Present

Chairman C. Rickhards, Vice Chair J. Vale, P. Beaman, E. Holder, Mrs A. Wade, Mrs H. Wersocki, D. Somner, W. McCarthy, Mrs S. Redman, M. Redman, Mrs M. Woodrow.

District Councillor M. Weddell.

5 members of the public.

### 3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and noted from:

Cllr J. Bacon – illness

District Councillor Mrs H. Wright - holiday

### 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 15 Accounts – personal interest

Cllr Vale Item 15 Accounts – prejudicial interest

Item 12 Min 415 Golf Range – personal interest

### 5. Public Forum

None.

### 6. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were received, approved and signed by the Chairman.

### 7. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

Min 372 Tennis Club request to claim back VAT on their behalf –advice sought from our Internal Auditor. Advised that we would not be able to do so.

Min 414 Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you for donation of £270.00 which was raised from the sale of raffle tickets at the Awards Evening and from donations in lieu of Christmas Cards from Councillors.

Thank you from the Chairman to all who bought raffle tickets.  
Min 414 The community meal at the Youth Club will now be on Wednesday,  
16<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Cllrs Holder, M. Redman, Mrs Redman and Mrs  
Wade to attend.

## 12. Correspondence

Min 415 Letter received from Mr Francolini – currently working on plans for the  
Golf Driving Range to re-model the golf centre and wishes to lease the  
soccer pitches and surrounding land at Brickyard Lane to put in more  
facilities for disabled people and a family area together with mini golf  
and a refreshment area.

The Chairman informed Mr Francolini that the Parish Council could  
not make any decisions this evening but the lease will be discussed at  
the next meeting.

Mr Francolini:

- Specialises in family golf. The land used to be a tip and there are serious issues with land drainage etc. Proposes to spend £500,000.
- Tried to purchase the next field to extend the disabled area but the price was not accepted.
- Has been in the area for 10 months. Gangs of youths use the area for anti social behaviour. Issues with the pitch, concerned about the amount of dog excrement, syringes, litter etc.
- Would like to lease the Brickyard Lane site and put Studley on the map as the best golf facility in the Country. Plus could bring in Sky championships.
- Would like to improve the site and bring revenue to Parish Council.
- Area would be completely secure and it would also help improve house prices.
- No alcohol licence to be applied for, it is family golf.
- Studley youth can be encouraged to use site for training and may see golf as a sport.
- Interested in bringing in people from hospital and to provide facilities for wheelchair users and for rehabilitation.
- It will not be a membership club everyone will be welcome. All courses are open to the public and are not elitist.
- Lease on golf range is for 75 years.
- All welcome to go and have a look.

Thank you from the Chairman to Mr Francolini.

To be discussed by the General Purposes Committee before the next meeting.

**9. Planning Applications for Consideration  
(Cllr Beaman refrained from voting)**

- 11/00272/FUL      Mr G Booker, 36 High Street, Studley.  
Proposed new double entrance doors to  
shop front and ramp.  
**No representation.**
- 11/00376/FUL      Mr S Frampton, 4 Highfield Road, Studley.  
Erection of dwelling.  
**Objection for the following planning reasons:**
- 1. Policy STR4 of the Stratford on Avon Local Plan Review. Gardens now classed as greenfield sites and not brownfield. 'Garden Grabbing' should be discouraged.**
  - 2. Against Policy STR2 – over provision of housing.**
  - 3. Drainage remains an ongoing problem. Unless dealt with further, this development will only exacerbate the problem. Another drainage /sewer will not solve the issue and this will affect the amenity of the area.**
  - 4. Not in keeping with the streetscene.**

**8. Items for Discussion**

Min 376 Studley Library – request for information  
Clerk read out the information received. Library is very economical to run. Reply also received from David Carter. Public meeting to take place on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011 in Village Hall. Sub group to meet on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011.  
Cllr Mrs Wade: asks that everyone write to our MP. Is happy to hand any letters to him.  
Still no reply from Alan Farnell, Leader of the Council. This is not acceptable. Clerk to write again and if no reply we can go to the ombudsman.  
Cllr McCarthy: need to concentrate on if we can run the library ourselves.  
Cllr Mrs Wersocki: where would a voluntary group get that sort of money?  
Cllr Weddell: would also need money for a book fund and maintenance.  
Cllr Somner: Has WCC taken into account the fact that Studley residents may be using Redditch Library as their opening hours are better?  
Cllr Rickhards: If anyone would like to help with the petition, they will be very welcome.

- Min 411 Studley Housing Needs Survey. Copy of report circulated to all Councillors.  
Phil Ward to be invited to Parish Council meeting to discuss the report.
- Min 399 WALC: Policy Consultation
- a) A Community Right to Buy – Assets of Community Value  
New powers will ensure that community organisations have a fair chance to bid to take over assets and facilities which are important to them.  
Interesting that when bidding for assets could mean you have to bid against private enterprise. Library and Youth Service are services which could be supported. Would have to put £24,000 onto the precept which is not a lot compared with some Parish Councils. It is not fair to raise precept for something that others are getting. We would be paying twice.  
Responses to consultation by Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011 to [chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk)
  - b) A Community Right to Challenge  
An important part of the Government's attempt to shift power from Whitehall to local councils. It also seeks to devolve power direct to citizens and communities.  
Responses by Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011 to [chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk)
- Min 412 Cllr Beaman: Parish Plan Update  
Due for an update, should be re-visited. Planners to be contacted to ask if they will accept the Parish Plan until another one is in place. Sub-committee to be formed after elections in May as a lot of work involved.
- Min 380 The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge  
To be discussed at meeting of General Purposes Committee arranged for Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011.
- Min 413 Cllr Rickhards: Heritage Trail for Studley  
A representative from SDC recently addressed a SIP meeting and produced examples of Heritage Trails. SIP has funding and ideas were kicked around such as a history or pub trail. If anyone would like to contribute any ideas Cllr Rickhards can pass these to SIP. Possibility of putting Studley on the map, has a notable history. Will also take idea into schools and look at emblems.

## 10. Planning Decisions Received

- 10/02496/FUL Mr S Frampton, Eight Acre Field, Bromsgrove, Studley.  
Retrospective permission sought for widening of existing vehicular access, laying of hardstanding, erection of stables and 2 no. shipping containers for feed storage.  
**Permission with conditions 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011**

Cllr Beaman strongly objected to this planning application as did the Parish Council. A junior officer decided to ignore members and approve this application. Cllr Beaman will be asking for an explanation.  
Clerk to write that the Parish Council is disappointed that our objections were not taken into consideration.  
Cllr Beaman to notify Parish Council of any planning applications in surrounding areas (Coughton, Sambourne, Mappleborough Green) that may affect Studley.  
Clerk to also check online.

10/02774/EXT Firoka (Studley Castle) Limited, Studley.  
Application for the renewal of planning permission  
07/02756/FUL for the demolition of existing Moline suite, and  
addition of new two storey conference wing to replace.  
Demolition of freestanding ancillary buildings, and provision of  
courtyard entrance/service access to new wing.  
***Extension of Time is approved 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011***

10/02776/LBC Firoka (Studley Castle) Limited, Studley.  
Demolition of existing Moline suite, proposed new two  
storey conference wing to replace. Demolition of adjacent  
freestanding ancillary buildings. (Resubmission of Listed  
Building consent 07/02757/LBC)  
***Listed Building Consent is Granted 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011***

## **11. District and County Council Reports**

**District Council:** Cllr Beaman attended very long Budget Meeting. Details at further meeting.

**County Council:** no further information from Cllr Rickhards

## **12. Correspondence (Continued)**

### **SDC**

Min 416 Core Strategy Consultation Workshop at Studley Village Hall on  
Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011 6.30 – 8.30pm. Cllr Beaman attending as  
District Councillor together with Cllr Rickhards and Cllr Mrs Woodrow.

Min 417 Notice of Referendum and Nomination Papers for Parish Election on  
Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

### **WCC**

Min 418 Invitation from Chairman of WCC to an 'At Home' Drinks Reception  
on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2011. No one available to attend.

Min 419 SpeedAware – Changes to current scheme. Due to extensive savings  
having to be made, scheme cannot continue in its current format. The  
Government is keen to promote localism, especially with community  
volunteers.

Two options now available to Parish Councils:

**Option 1 – Speed Aware Package - £250.00 which includes**

- 4 complete days of SpeedAware Officer visits with flashing anti-speed signs – multiple locations.
- Covert before and after speed survey.
- 2 week fixed flashing anti-speed sign – dependent on fixing to existing street furniture.
- Localised anti-speeding campaign using plastic signs.
- Door to door delivery of SLOW DOWN wheelie bins stickers.
- Full report on the campaign.

**Option 2 – Community SpeedAware – FREE, requires local volunteers**

- Free loan for up to 2 weeks of a Smiley SID flashing sign to be staffed by local volunteers.
- Full training given on site to a minimum of 2 volunteers.
- Volunteers can be members of the local council/organisations & Neighbourhood Watch groups.
- Signs can be used throughout the community subject to safety checks.
- Full support of the County Council Road Safety Team.

Clerk to write and express an interest in Option 2.

- Min 420 Over the next three years WCC has to reduce its budget, including reduction in financial support for bus services. There is no change in the services to Studley and Mappleborough Green.

**Other**

- Min 421 WALC: Correct Tax and PAYE implementation and National Insurance for Parish Council Clerks from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011. Does not affect us as already in place for Studley Parish Council employees.
- Min 422 Notice of Event at Studley Village Hall on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 9.30 am – 1.00pm which aims to give older people advice and information on how to stay healthy in association with SDC, WCC and Age UK.
- Min 423 VASA Your Community, Your Future. Meetings arranged in various areas to give support and information such as grants etc. Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Alcester High School.
- Min 424 Stratford upon Avon and District Citizens Advice Bureau – Studley Outreach opening event Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 12 noon. Nadhim Zahawi MP will be attending.
- Min 425 Copy of letter sent to the Licensing Officer at SDC concerning the application by Costcutter to sell alcohol. Although in favour of Costcutter opening the shop on the High Street Mrs Hutchinson wishes to register her objection to the sale of alcohol.  
Clerk to write to SDC with Parish Council's objection and to notify Mrs Hutchinson that we have done so.

### **Correspondence for Circulation**

Min 426 The Clerk

Min 427 ICT Workshops @ Stratford District Council

Min 428 Clerks & Councils Direct

Min 429 Warwickshire Police Community Newsletter

Min 430 Studley Outreach Launch 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Min 431 LCR The Voice of Local Councils

### **13. Committee Reports**

#### **Minutes of the meeting to discuss the Emergency Plan held on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 6.45pm**

Copy circulated to all Councillors.

#### **1. Present**

Cllrs Rickhards, J. Vale, Mrs M. Woodrow, E. Holder, Mrs H. Wersocki, W. McCarthy, J. Bacon, Mrs A. Wade, D. Somner.

#### **2. Emergency Plan**

- Copy circulated to all Councillors. Reason for meeting is to discuss emergency plan exercise during week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011. It will be a 'no notice scenario' to see how the situation works and how we respond. Clerk will contact everyone by 'phone so need update on mobile numbers.
- Query as to what we envisage will happen? We do not know it could be anytime, day or night.
- Emergency Box is kept in the Parish Council Office. If a problem at the Village Hall perhaps we should have a back-up box elsewhere. Perhaps everyone should have an emergency box.
- Could list potential hazardous sites such as sewerage works, petrol stations. Cllr Holder will do this.
- Will be told by WCC if we need to stay indoors.

Clerk: The Emergency Plan Exercise went reasonably well with just a few minor amendments and additions to be made to the Emergency Plan. Further debrief to be held with Emergency Planning Officers and the various Parishes who took part to enable further comments to be raised and areas for development.

#### 14. Delegates Reports

**Cllr Holder:** The Youth Club is still going well with two new members. Also now have a disabled member. Community Meal at the Youth Club has already been discussed.

**Cllr Beaman:** WALC Training Session on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011 was very good.

Reminder that the cinema club will be showing Bedknobs and Broomsticks on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Doors open at 7.00pm, film showing at 7.30pm.

#### 15. Approve Accounts for Payment

Cllr Beaman and Vale left the room during this item.

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

769 – Mrs D E Mitchell. 770 – Mrs S Perks.

771 – Inland Revenue £731.85. 772 – Redditch Skip Hire £183.60.

773 – Lyreco UK Ltd £557.90. 774 – J Vale £122.50.

775 – Plyvine Catering £57.60. 776 – Johnsons Coaches £180.00.

777 – G S Adams £2663.20. 778 – BT Telephone Charges £86.02.

779 – Petty Cash £24.00.

Direct Debit PWLB ½ year loan repayment £3053.25

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

**Meeting closed 9.20pm**



*Signed: Chairman .....*