

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 15th April 2008 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair J. Bacon, Mrs A. Wade, E. Holder, Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs M. Bell, C. Rickhards, M. Redman, W. McCarthy. Sergeant Bob Shaw, District Councillors M. Weddell, Mrs H. Wright. County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy.

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs J. Vale, Mrs S. Redman, Mrs H. Wersocki.

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.

None.

5. Public Forum

District Cllr Mrs Wright: Would like to inform the Parish Council that SIP (Studley Improvement Partnership) are applying for a grant for the Village Centre Manager and have to include details of costs and financial contributions. Parish Council have been very generous allowing use of rooms, photocopying and Clerk's time. Will estimate Parish Council 'in kind' costs as these are quite considerable. Carried out survey of businesses. Recognise how poor local economy has become. Gathered lots of information. Invited all businesses to a meeting 14th May 2008 at the Village Hall 10.30am – 12.30pm to see how we can help. All Councillors invited. Trade Association to be formed. Village Centre Manager will help with training needs. Concerns that Stratford District Council cannot provide a comprehensive list of Businesses. Shipston Parish Council have not responded to invitation to share Village Centre Manager Project.

6. Sergeant Bob Shaw re Alcohol Restricted Zone

Head of Safer Neighbourhood Team.

- Outline of how to apply for designated Alcohol Restricted Zone. Has spoken to Steve Newman at SDC. Already processing Southam and other areas, can include Studley so Sergeant Shaw has already made formal application.
- District Council must be satisfied that alcohol contributes towards problem then can put in an order. No time limit. Not a comprehensive discretionary power.
- Preliminary discussions have taken place. PCSO started to build an evidence package.
- Decision taken at Stratford on Avon Area Committee, can take up to 6 months.
- Need to define the area. Same as for dispersal order. Brickyard Lane Recreation Ground could be included.
- Need to check from what date evidence is valid. Cans and bottles littering a whole area can be classed as evidence if can be identified as nuisance and disorder.

- A map could be marked with problem areas and sent to Sgt Shaw. He will check if needs to be a contiguous area and also check on dates from when evidence allowed.

It is good news that the process is underway. Any evidence of nuisance disorder to the public is important. May need to cover areas where there has been a history of problems.

Thank you from the Chairman to Sergeant Shaw for attending and for his Officers diligence. It is much appreciated.

7. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Amended and signed as a true record of the last meeting.

8. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

Min 396 Lease, duly sealed, of Land at Studley to Parish Council received from SDC. As lease is for less than 7 years not compulsory to register it but it may be beneficial. May be subject to Stamp Duty Land Tax. Invoices for rent and legal fees to be forwarded.

Min 384 Cheque for £1,700.00 received from SWHA Community Fund for the provision of two vandal proof benches requested by residents.

9. Items for Discussion

Min 4 Cllr Beaman: Annual Parish Meeting

Will be held on Tuesday, 3rd June 2008 at 7.30pm following the Parish Council meeting which will commence at 6.30pm. SDC would like to come and address meeting on new waste arrangements. Will ask Inspector Warren Ayres to come and discuss Policing and Rob McCluskey to talk about the Youth Club.

Min 18 Cllr Holder: Dog Fouling on the Recreation Ground

Approached by young people that residents are taking their dogs on the Recreation Ground. Warning Notices have disappeared. Clerk to arrange for Notices prohibiting dogs to be erected at all entrances. Dog fouling was major issue at PACT meeting. Problem to be highlighted in next newsletter. Dog Warden has visited Studley and provided letters that will be distributed to every resident. PCSO will be able to issued fixed penalty notices under new Act.

Min 19 Cllr Vale: Age Concern- Charges for Handyman Services

Complaint received that Age Concern charge management fee which needs to be included in leaflet. Clerk to follow up.

Min 20 Articles for Newsletter

Suggestions received: Parish Lands, Nature Reserve, Youth Club.

10. Planning Applications for Consideration

(Cllr Beaman refrained from Voting)

08/00608/FUL Mr & Mrs Taylor, 41 Toms Town Lane, Studley.
Single storey front extension.

No representation

11. Planning Decisions Received

08/00052/FUL Mr & Mrs R James, 23 Wickham Road, Studley.
Ground floor extension to rear to enlarge kitchen
and alterations to roof over existing dining room

extension.

Permission with conditions 18th March 2008

12. District and County Council Reports

Apologies that no reports available

13. Correspondence

SDC

- Min 21 Notification of application for Street Trading Consent from Ms Karen Lowe to sell hot and cold food and drinks from a portacabin on car park of Allelys, Green Lane Monday to Saturday 9.00am – 13.30pm. Landowner already given permission. Any objections by 14th May 2008. Clerk to write no objections but need for strict hygiene precautions due to rodent problem.
- Min 22 Notification of Planning Appeal – Local Inquiry. Planning Application No.07/00784/OUT GEAC Enterprise Solutions Ltd., Land To The Rear Of, Needle House, Studley. To be held at Elizabeth House, Stratford on 25th June 2008 at 10.00am. Inquiry expected to last up to two days. On agenda for June meeting as important that a Parish Councillor attends.
- Min 23 Notification of withdrawal of Planning Application No.08/00066/FUL Land To The Rear Of, 34 and 36 NodeHill, Studley.
- Min 24 Crime & Communities Review – Have Your Say. Review commissioned by Prime Minister looking at how local communities, Police, local criminal justice agencies and other partners can work together to reduce crime, raise community confidence and lower fear of crime. Home Secretary has now launched ‘Have Your Say’ for the general public to make their views known. Questionnaire can be filled in online at www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/crime

WCC

- Min 25 Consultation on the Planning Application Validation List. From 6th April 2008 new National Standard Planning Application Form or 1APP to supersede all existing forms. To streamline the system Local Authorities are encouraged to adopt their own local list of requirements - the local validation list. Any comments to be within 6 weeks (8th May).
- Min 26 WCC to undergo two significant inspections . The Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) focusing on ability of organisation to provide good services also Children’s Services undergoing Joint Area Review. Studley Parish Council asked to complete Stakeholder Survey
- Min 27 Residents invited to take part in an Environmental Art Challenge to encourage people to think about environmental issues. Information on website www.warwickshire.gov.uk/environmentalartchallenge Clerk to pass copy to Youth Club and also put on Parish Council website.

Other

- Min 28 SLCC Cemetery Management Course at Coventry Wednesday, 21st May 2008 to cover Law, Health & Safety and Administration. £85.00 per delegate.
- Min 29 N power electricity price increases for unmetered supplies tariffs with effect from 1st April 2008. Amount will appear in next bill.
- Min 30 ICO Data Protection Act 1998 – confirmation of renewal.

- Min 31 Allotment Association re invoice for Redditch Skip Hire Ltd. Clerk to write that Parish Council need any requests for payment of invoices to be received in writing for consideration.
- Min 32 Request for grant received from SSSC. Clerk to write and ask for 3 detailed quotes.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 33 Charity Matters Newsletter
- Min 34 SDC Parking Enforcement, Studley Report
- Min 35 Parish & Town Council Chairmen & Clerks Liaison Meeting – Minutes of Meeting 13th February 2008
- Min 36 Warwickshire Annual Review – Our Year Working for Warwickshire
- Min 37 WRCC Country Matters Magazine
- Min 38 West Midlands Regional Assembly Speaking Out Magazine
- Min 39 WALC Newsletter plus Statement on Post Office Closures
- Min 40 In2Sport Newsletter
- Min 41 Purple, The Magazine of Breakthrough Breast Cancer

14. Committee Reports

None.

15. Delegates Reports

Report given by Cllr McCarthy from Friends of Studley Nature Reserve

Copy passed to all Councillors

Summary:

Outline of work done to date includes:

- Lease obtained by Studley Parish Council.
- Wildflower meadow section cleared of brambles and hawthorn.
- RADAR gate installed by WCC.
- Requests for information of underground pipe-work or cables sent to Centrica, Severn Trent and Stratford DC.
- Quotes obtained for benches, litter bins and notice board.
- Contacted Warwickshire Probation Service to clear grass path etc. Awaiting start date.
- Work begun on repair of vehicle gates.

Discussions taken place around type of benches, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to be contacted on how to deal with re-growth of brambles, regular butterfly records being sent to Warwickshire Branch of Butterfly Conservation, notice to be installed concerning dog fouling, wet area to be dug out to encourage pond life and insects. Also agreed that the Friends should submit regular reports on progress for the Parish Council magazine.

Report of Youth Club given by Cllr Holder

Copy passed to all Councillors

Summary:

- Problem of youths from other area now resolved.
- Senior Youth Club averaging 25 each night and the Junior Youth Club 11 each night.
- An average of 25 youngsters attend after school club sessions.
- Female members have started work on a dance project and will hopefully be putting on a show.
- Summer programme is at present being planned.

Clerk to e mail P G Kaba to invite to Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Mrs Wade attended Planning Meeting at Redditch Borough Council

Very impressed with helpfulness. Concerns about plan of where housing would go. 3,500 to go outside Redditch. Need to monitor situation.

Report of Allotment Association Meeting on 27th March 2008 given by Cllr

McCarthy

Copy handed to all Councillors at last meeting

Summary:

- Concerns of one plot holder mis-using his plots
- Problem with fence along west side of Station Road site
- Drainage off Dunstall Site still a problem. Ray Lamb to be contacted to find out if he has any maps showing land drains of the site. Investigation of manhole cover might reveal some clues.
- Association looking forward to holding an Open Day. Date to be notified.
- Main project is the installation of raised beds at Dunstall site.

16. Approve Accounts for Payment

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

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 6th May 2008
Meeting Closed 8.45pm**