

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 15th May 2007 at 8.00pm following the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

1. Public Forum

PCSO Gareth Walton: After 2½ months of gathering evidence SDC now agreed to Dispersal Zone to include SSSC to Alcester Road, Recreation Ground, Village Hall, Bell Mead. Should be in place 1st June – 31st December 2007. Any more than 2 people in a group can be legally moved on. Thanks from the Chairman to PCSO Walton.

2. Chairman declared the meeting open

3. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair J. Bacon, E. Holder, Mrs M. Bell, G. Noke, M. Redman, Mrs S. Redman, Mrs M. Woodrow, J. Vale, W. McCarthy. County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy. District Councillor M. Weddell. Roger Newham WCC, PCSO G. Walton, Barbara Beaman, Joyce Pitman. 5 members of the public.

4. Apologies for Absence

District Councillor Mrs H. Wright, Cllrs Mrs H. Wersocki, C. Rickhards.

5. 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 E. Holder, J. Vale – Min. 52 –non prejudicial

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

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| 07/01103/FUL | C. Ruane & Miss J. Miller, 11 Manor Road, Studley.
Two-storey side extension to form garage with bedroom and bathroom over.
No representations. |
| 07/01102/FUL | UK Solutions Limited, Birmingham Road, Studley.
Temporary site access for construction site traffic only to enable construction of new 2 storey building and plant compound granted planning permission 17 November 2006 (06/02613/FUL)
No representations. |
| 07/01175/FUL | CVP Limited, Priory Mill, Castle Road, Studley.
Demolition of single storey lean to extension and garage building. Erection of two storey extension & remodelling of east elevation.
Objection for the following planning reasons:
1. Increase in traffic in a narrow road. |

2. Design and height not in keeping with area and existing buildings.
3. Query cutting down of trees during nesting time.

7. Presentation by Roger Newham, WCC re A435 detrunking

Welcome to Studley from the Chairman. Here to discuss the detrunking of A435.

- Problems on A435 of potholes, surface breaking up, Castle Road junction dangerous. As near to handover Highways seem reluctant to do anything. Advised to approach WCC. Will WCC make sure work is carried out before handover?
- Handover is not imminent, Roger Newham would expect repairs to be done by Highways.
- Surface breaking up needs immediate action. Signage for re-routing, will it be done before or after detrunking?
- Pretty unlikely Highways will fund anything, not duty bound.
- Already a speed limit in Village, need more parking, laybys and crossing. Will be judged on volume of traffic and pedestrians wishing to cross.
- When detrunking occurs requirements will be put into a pot. Seminar held each year for capital programme depending on priority.
- Query into speed limit, Could be 30mph at Spenal with gateway entrance into Village. Speed limits need to be self enforcing as Police will object.
- Review of speed limits across the County on A & B roads.
- Following technical review the A435 will be looked at. Then go on priority list. Will not be looked at outside this programme.
- Gateways can be looked at but not sure if can be justified or funded depends on mean speed.
- Parish Council may be able to fund it but WCC may not necessarily be able to resource it.
- Review should be complete by this time 2008. Government requirement that appropriate speed limits be introduced by 2011. As part of this community concern will be taken into account and will influence priority.
- Should Parish Council put forward ideas and WCC can put a price on implementation?
- Parking bays could have an impact but pollution and congestion could increase. May look at slower limit near schools.
- Weight restriction already asked for on High Street and also discussions concerning lorry routes.
- Would video evidence help our cause?
- Could the pedestrian crossing be moved near to Tesco? In principle it could be moved but a lot of rules and regulations. Changes have occurred which may mean this could be looked at. As A435 such a busy road not sure if enough of a priority to have it moved.
- Bidford had a lot of money spent and have been successful in lowering speed limit.
- Would be beneficial if signage could be changed to divert traffic away from Studley to Birmingham or M42.
- Query, going back to weight limit re lorry route map. As less than 10% using High Street would not lower weight limit.
- Would it be beneficial to send e mail with relevant points?
- Costing needs to be part of overall issues. Helpful to have an idea of costs. Puffin/ pelican crossing £60,000, zebra crossing £20,000, gateway £10,000.
- Air quality control to be addressed as a separate issue.

Thank you from the Chairman to Roger Newham for coming to the meeting.

8. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

9. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

None.

10. Items for Discussion

Min 41 Adoption of revised Code of Conduct:

Proposed Cllr Beaman that Studley Parish Council adopts the Standards Board Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils including Paragraph 12 (2) with immediate effect, seconded Cllr Bacon. Voting unanimous.

Min 52 Allotments:

Meeting to be arranged for Thursday, 17th May 2007 with Chairman of Allotment Association and Councillors. Need to discuss financial responsibilities and running the Association. Need to be told that Parish Council will no longer accept invoices that have not received prior written approval. May need to put levy on water.

Min 113 Cllr McCarthy: Open Space update

Chased up David Buckland, SDC. List of requirements for lease sent to Clerk. Copy to all Councillors for discussion at next meeting.

Min 298 Adoption of Parish Plan:

Proposed Cllr Beaman that the Parish Plan be formally adopted by Studley Parish Council. Seconded Cllr Bacon. Voting unanimous.

11. Planning Decisions Received

None.

12. District and County Council Reports

District Council Report given by Cllr P. Beaman.

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Summary:

- Due to elections last month fairly quiet at SDC. Fiasco of new high tech counting system. Dedication of Officers counting the good old-fashioned way looked to be far quicker.
- Welcome to Mike Weddell as our new Councillor. Look forward to working with him to keep up the pressure to get the best for Studley.
- Only 4 out of 22 Parishes had an election. Suggested that there be an investigation as to why so few Parish Councils had an election as the majority were elected unopposed. Not good for democracy.
- SDC due for another round of CPA.
- Extract from C.E. weekly newsletter affecting Studley:
Jenny Theobald and Joanne Rooke (Community Services) have been asked to present a workshop on their work in Studley at the National Conference on Intergenerational Work to be held at the Centre for Intergenerational Practice in Manchester 17 – 19 July 2007. This recognition of their work is a great accolade – well done.
Our Community Links social transport scheme was one year old in April.
The qualitative feedback from customers continues to be very powerful and makes a real difference to people's lives.

County Council Report given by Cllr Mrs H. McCarthy

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Summary:

- Attended a County Council meeting and given a presentation by Bryan Stoten, Chief Executive of NHS Warwickshire.
- Attended a Cabinet meeting, the Cabinet endorsed the refocused Vision Statement for the County Council without any opposition from the leaders of the two opposition parties. (Copy given to all Councillors)
- Also attended seminar on the key issue of the Revised Code of Conduct. Main points are that complaints will be dealt with locally at the appropriate local level rather than nationally, a strengthening of the Code as regards bullying and intimidation (by Councillors), Councillors are no longer required to report one another, changes to the provisions relating to confidentiality if disclosure is thought by the discloser to be in the public interest, gifts and hospitality of £25+ will not only have to be registered as personal interests but also declared at meetings for the next 3 years, members should declare interest not only in relation to family and friends but any person with whom they have close association and this includes business associates. One other main change is that members with prejudicial interests can attend a meeting to make representations, give evidence and answer questions, but must immediately withdraw after doing so.

13. Correspondence

SDC

- Min 53 The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 – Training Sessions. Greig Hall, Alcester Wednesday, 27th June 2007 at 6 – 8pm. Cllrs M. Redman, Mrs S. Redman, E. Holder J. Bacon, Mrs Bell to attend.
- Min 54 Declaration of Result of Poll – Mike Weddell (Conservative) elected for Studley.

WCC

- Min 55 Proposed programme for Surface Dressing & Microasphalt Carriageway works for Studley 2007/08.

Other

- Min 56 SSSC Broken Wall Redditch Road/High Street footpath. Making enquiries into removing wall and looking at security fencing. Need to check liability. May look at precept next year.
- Min 57 Village Hall Newsletter training 23rd June 2007 at Atherstone or 30th June 2007 Weston under Wetherley Village Hall.
- Min 58 WALC: update car mileage rates plus 2007/08 pay negotiations ongoing.
- Min 59 WALC: programme of briefing events from June 2007. To be copied for all Councillors.
- Min 60 WALC: Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit System and formally minuted as part of financial risk management. (Copy given to all Councillors)
- Min 61 WALC: No Smoking Legislation Seminar Wednesday, 23rd May 2007 at Rugby between 10.00 am and 12 noon.
- Min 62 CCTV visit to be arranged. Dates for next meeting.
- Min 63 Speaker Update – Westminster Briefing Conference Wednesday, 27th June 2007.
- Min 64 5-a-side teams required Arrow Vale Sports Centre Mondays 6.30pm - 9.30pm.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 65 Standards Board for England Bulletin 33

Min 66 The Clerk

Min 67 Charity Commission News

Min 68 LCR Journal

Min 69 Clerks & Councils Direct

14. Committee Reports

None.

15. Delegates Reports

None.

16. Approve Accounts for Payment

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

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 5th June 2007
Meeting Closed 9.15pm**