

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 15th August 2006 at 7.30pm.

1. Public Forum

Footpaths: problem with hedgerows overgrown and grass needs to be cut on footpath in Pool Road/New Road. WCC will be doing a walkabout next week. Clerk to report.

2. Chairman declared the meeting open

3. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair S. Phipps, Mrs A. Wade, E. Holder, J. Vale, Mrs H. Wersocki, W. McCarthy, J. Bacon, Mrs S. Redman, M. Redman, Mrs M. Woodrow. Apologies for late arrival Mrs M. Bell. County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy, District Councillor Mrs H. Wright. 19 members of the public.

4. Apologies for Absence

None.

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.

Min 154 All Councillors, non prejudicial interest.

Min 146 Cllrs Mrs A. Wade, W. McCarthy, non prejudicial interest

6. Presentation of Annual Awards for best Allotments and Gardens

Welcome to everyone from the Chairman who presented the Awards. Favourite time of the year and thanks to all for their hard work which is very much appreciated.

7. G. Pielow re planning proposals – Cranhills, Clarkes Green

Min 146 Mr Pielow was unable to attend the meeting. Clerk to check situation with Monitoring Officer, SDC.

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*)

Min 23 Deployment of SpeedAware vehicle – mobile SpeedAware Operator with a flashing vehicle activated sign deployed 2nd August 2006 on A448. Clerk to ask for report.

10. Items for Discussion

- Min 114 Managing Housing Supply Draft Supplementary Planning Document – comments required. Deferred to next meeting.
- Min 144 Flooding re Planning & Drainage (Cllr Mrs A. Wade).
Concerns about flooding due to water running down the High Street, through the slip road into the Infant School. Having to use sand bags and as there is under floor heating, potentially dangerous. Old drains only meant to cope with 300 houses. Studley now three times bigger but there has never been any drain improvement.
It is crazy for any new houses to be built until drainage improved. Unfortunately not taken into consideration at planning stage. Should write to both Severn Trent and SDC that drainage should be considered. Planning guide that frontages should have porous surfaces but people often tarmac drives and water runs off. Cllr Mrs Wright dealing with this issue and is very aware of the problems. Residents need to prove that water runs into soakaway then can get reduction in water bills. Foul and rain water runs into same system which isn't sufficient.
Clerk to write to SDC and re-iterate problems.
- Min 145 Joint Partnership with Bidford & Alcester re Allotments (Clerk)
As Bidford & Alcester have no spare allotment plots, suggestion to buy land between us all.
As we have spare plots and there is an increasing demand it would not be beneficial for Studley.

11. Planning Applications

(Cllr Beaman refrained from Voting)

- 06/02236/FUL HSBC Bank Plc, Alcester Road, Studley.
Installation of 1 no.automated teller machine (ATM).
No representations.
- 06/02203/FUL Hermin McIntosh, 25 The Grove, Studley.
Erection of ground floor and first floor extension
to side.
No representations.

12. District and County Council Reports

District Council Report given by Cllr Mrs H. Wright.

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Summary:

- Development of the Local Area Agreement for Warwickshire
A Local Area Agreement is a contract between central government and local government to deliver the priorities of local people. The LAA for Warwickshire is due to come into operation from April 2007.

Implication for Studley – it will have a significant impact for the future distribution of resources during the period 2007 – 2010. Further information is available.

- Parish Liaison Officers Pilot Scheme – this scheme has been discontinued.
- Stratford on Avon District Local Development Scheme
The revision of the Local Development Scheme to include the proposed Managing Supply Planning Document has been agreed.
Implication for Studley, no further housing until the exceptions are known.
- Review of Budgets in the District Council
Implications not yet known.
- Waste Collection
Area of discussion that remains confidential, although a press release has suggested the possibility of bringing it back in-house.

County Council Report given by Cllr Mrs H. McCarthy.

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Summary:

- Very few meetings take place during August, but an ongoing concern is what is happening in the area of Vulnerable Children. Request that the matter of young people leaving foster care and council care is looked at in particular.
- The Acute Services Review for Warwickshire is due to take place on 31st August and 1st September at the Manor Hall Centre. Will be asking the question on maternity services – patient choice- as they are affected by Oxfordshire (Horton Hospital) and Worcestershire (Alexandra Hospital). Will endeavour to ask any questions that can be linked to the Acute Services Review in Warwickshire if received before 22nd August.

Subject areas suggested are:

Accident & Emergency Services – George Eliot & Warwick

Maternity Services

Proposals for Rugby St Cross

Clinical Support

Primary Care

Older People

Cancer Services

University Hospital

Very difficult to angle questions to do with the Alex around these subjects but will do it via the possible implications for Coventry and Warwickshire Hospitals from other Acute Services Reviews.

13. Correspondence

SDC

Min 146 Independent Play Area Inspection. Offer by SDC to carry out free Inspection. Clerk to respond and accept offer.

Min 147 Decision of appeal – planning application no.05/02320/FUL
Poachers Lodge, 69 Green Lane. Appeal dismissed.

Min 148 Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No.628, 34 Node Hill approved at West Area Planning Committee.

WCC

Min 149 Minerals Core Strategy Issue & Options – comments required by 8th September 2006.

Other

Min 150 A435 ADR (Area of Development Restraint) reply received from Ashley Baldwin from Redditch BC. At present looking at development restraints on ADR land. Information collected will not necessarily determine outcome of the land.

Min 151 Central Networks funding up to a maximum of £2,500 available for local projects. More information and application form available from www.central-networks.co.uk

Min 152 Anti social behaviour in the Village. Copy of letter sent by resident for publication read out. Clerk to acknowledge letter and to invite Inspector Warren Ayres to Parish Council meeting.

Min 153 NALC – memorial safety in cemeteries. Councils have a duty as far as practicable to prevent injury or death from unstable memorials. Guidance given.

Min 154 SSSC loan repayment – e mail received confirming that the loan repayments will soon be finalised.

Min 155 Funding problems – surgery being held on 3rd October 2006 at Studley Village Hall.

Min 156 BT confirmation that BT Answer 1571 now in place in Parish Office at £1.50 per month.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 157 Age Concern Summer Newsletter

Min 158 Standards Board Bulletin Newsletter

Min 159 Minutes of Parish Clerks & Chairman Liaison meeting 26th July 06

Min 160 WCC Environment & Economy 'Our Year' Review 2005/06

14. Committee Reports

None.

15. Delegates Reports

Report of Public Open Space meeting given by Cllr W. McCarthy

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List of points to be discussed when a management plan is drawn up.

Several people at meeting had ideas. Tried to speak to Martin Peel, SDC re management plan. Agreed with most of what is suggested in plan. Youth from High School should be involved in helping in the area. Could be included on management group.

Proposed Cllr W. McCarthy that the Management Plan be sent to SDC for their opinion, seconded Cllr E. Holder. Voting unanimous.

16. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr S. Phipps that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr M. Redman. Voting unanimous.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 5th September 2006

Meeting Closed 8.40pm