

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 15th September 2009 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman Mrs S. Redman, Mrs A. Wade, Mrs M. Woodrow, E. Holder,
Mrs H. Wersocki, J. Bacon, W. McCarthy, P. Tedd.
District Councillor Mrs H. Wright, County Councillor M. Barry.
3 members of the public.
Mr & Mrs Higgins.

3. Apologies for Absence

Vice Chair C. Rickhards, Cllr P. Beaman – Holiday Commitment
Cllr M. Redman – Work Commitment
Cllr J. Vale – Family Commitment
District Councillor M. Weddell

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 E Holder Item 6 – non prejudicial interest

5. Public Forum

Cllr Mrs Wright: Tony Gennoe is on holiday so has asked Cllr Mrs Wright to bring to the attention of the Parish Council the planning application for Allelys Holding Ltd for the change of use of a timber store to a Waste Transfer Station. There is no indication of how many skip lorries will be using the site and what route they will be taking.

Cllr Holder has downloaded the details and there will be 5 additional vehicles entering and leaving the site each day. Should not have any impact on the traffic. Planning approval was originally given to Jewsons in 2002 for a small transfer station.

The plans are available for inspection in the library.

To be included on the next agenda for discussion.

Fire Service:

- Officially announced yesterday the proposal to close 7 fire stations including Studley and to upgrade Alcester to a full time station. 9

appliances will be lost. Studley being heavily penalised. 43% of the time appliances are not available but this is not the case in Studley.

- We need to fight the proposals. There will be a union meeting next week to see how to go forward.
- Cllr Barry has order 300 copies of the consultation as they are only available on the website. Option on the form for comments but will not be taken on board by WCC as only key words can be read by the computer. Writing separate letters is recommended
- Some proposals are good but appliance should be kept in Studley. Need to stress that Studley is more efficient. Main bulk of call outs are for flooding and road traffic accidents.
- Wednesday, 21st October 2009 Consultation Meeting to be held in the Village Hall at 6.30pm. Chief Fire Officer will attend at 7.00pm.
- Fire at Sibcas on Saturday. Studley appliance was there first and prevented fire spreading. Otherwise could have been catastrophic.
- Costs £124,000 pa to run Alcester Fire Station. Will cost £1.1 million to run as a whole time station.
- Section 13 Agreement provides cross border cover. Redditch is the busiest station in Hereford & Worcester with 3 appliances and 20 retained staff. They also cover parts of West Midlands. If one appliance out nothing else available.
- Model does not taken into effect 'what if' scenarios.
- Health & Safety Executive are still investigating Atherstone on Stour fire so do not know how they can bring these proposals forward.
- As many of the fire fighters work shifts they are always available. Studley average availability 96%.
- Urban 10 minute response time, rural 20 minutes will fail everytime.
- Will need to arrange a meeting to organise a strategy. Campaign needs to be a co-ordinated approach.
- Chief Fire Officer made statement that people 'do not like to lose the building' but need to make sure it is known that people 'do not want to lose the service'.

6. Mrs Sarah Higgins re Allotment Plot

Letter received from Mrs Higgins concerning the Council's decision to refuse her an allotment plot. Mrs Higgins' contract was terminated in 2007 and she admitted that due to personal problems she had not been able to cultivate the plot but circumstances have now changed and would like to rent a plot again. Although there are not any plots available at the moment there were when she applied last September but she was told she could not have one by the Allotment Association who allocate the plots.

RESOLVED: meeting to be arranged between Mr & Mrs Higgins, Cllrs Bacon and Tedd and the Chairman and Secretary of the Allotment Association to try and resolve this issue.

7. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the last meeting.

8. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

None.

9. Items for Discussion

None.

10. Planning Applications for Consideration

None.

11. Planning Decisions Received

09/01313/FUL Mr Eric Bartlett, 43 Archer Close, Studley.
Single storey front extension.
Permission with conditions 19th August 2009

09/01184/OUT Mr Green, Holt Farm, Alcester Road, Studley.
Erection of agricultural workers dwelling.
Permission refused 20th August 2009

12. District and County Council Reports

District Councillor Mrs H. Wright:

No District Council Report available but comment that the use of computers in Libraries has reduced by 75% since charges have been introduced. Cost of administration is greater than what is received.

County Councillor Martin Barry:

No County Council Report available but comment that the local Police Newsletter for Neighbourhood Watch is to be started again.

13. Correspondence

SDC

None.

WCC

Min 186 Notification received that the new route is now open for part of footpath AL164 Studley. It has been inspected and certified by one of WCC's footpath inspectors and the file is now closed.

Other

Min 187 WALC: Sustainable Communities Act 2007 Amendment Bill. Legal Briefing handed to all Councillors. Parish Council is being asked to

write and support the amendment to this Bill. Any comments can be forwarded to the Clerk

- Min 188 WALC: Studley Parish Lands Charities – Nominative Trustee. on 16th November 2009 Cllr Mrs Wade's term will expire. Therefore need to nominate a representative to replace her. Mrs Wade has been an active and well-respected member of the Trust Board and will be missed. Response needed for next meeting of board on 11th November 2009.

RESOLVED: All agreed Cllr Mrs Woodrow to be the Nominative Trustee.

- Min 189 WALC: Quality Status Promotion Fund to assist Councils to attain Parish and Town Council Quality Status. Maximum amount that can be applied for is £500. Studley not eligible.

- Min 190 Studley in Bloom has been awarded a Silver Gilt Award. Received on behalf of the 'In Bloomers' by Justin Sayers who said well done Studley and a big thank you to everyone. Award also received by Justin Sayers for Services to Heart of England in Bloom.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write letter of congratulation to Justin Sayers and his team. Also letter to be sent to Nick Wild, WCC and Rob Weeks, SDC for their efforts in helping to clean up the Village. This was very much appreciated.

- Min 191 Letter received from Mrs Hunt who feels there is a need for more affordable housing in the Studley area.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write explaining that there is a housing monitorium in Stratford so no more houses are being built at present. Sites have been proposed by the Parish Council in the Stratford on Avon Local Plan which is in draft form but should come into effect by 2011. The Parish Council sympathise with the lack of affordable housing in the Village especially for young people but the problem seems to be that housing is only affordable once and there needs to be some mechanism in place to keep it that way. Atcheson Close has a shared ownership scheme run by Jephson Housing and whenever possible they try to offer houses that become available to Studley residents first.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 192 Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership – monthly bulletin

- Min 193 SDC CCTV Report

- Min 194 Henley & Studley Community Forum Minutes of Meeting 13th August

- Min 195 WALC 60th Annual Report

- Min 196 WALC Annual General Meeting 29th October 2009 Shire Hall, Warwick

- Min 197 ICT Workshops @ Stratford District Council

- Min 198 Clerks & Councils Direct

- Min 199 The Clerk

- Min 200 WCC Funding Bulletin

14. Committee Reports

None.

15. Delegates Reports

Report on Youth Club given by Cllr Holder

New Bursar and Caretaker/Cleaner have now been appointed. The floor of the Youth Club has been refurbished and the Club is now open again on a Tuesday evening from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

A meeting has been arranged to discuss parking issues on the road between the Village Hall and the Youth Club. Cllr M. Redman to attend.

16. Approve Accounts for Payment

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

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**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 6th October
2009**

Meeting closed 8.50pm

