

# **Studley Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at 7.30pm.

## **1. Public Forum**

None.

## **2. Chairman declared the meeting open**

## **3. Present**

Chairman P. Beaman, J. Bacon, Mrs M. Woodrow, J. Vale, S. Phipps, W. McCarthy.

County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy.

19 members of the public.

## **4. Apologies for Absence**

District Councillor Mrs H. Wright. Cllrs Mrs H. Wersocki, Mrs A. Wade.

## **5. Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs W. McCarthy, S. Phipps – Planning App. No.05/03204/FUL

Planning App. No.05/03206/LBC

Non prejudicial

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

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

## **7. Matters Arising**

Min 262 Reply received from John Maples concerning down grading of Alex hospital. Writing to Gillian Entwistle, Acting Chief Executive asking her to bring him up to date with situation.

Reply also received from John Rostill, Chief Executive, Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust enclosing copy of report identifying examples of how the Trust could save £20 million. Only in pre-consultation stage, formal consultation likely to start January 2006. Clerk to write and invite Mr Rostill to Parish Council meeting.

## **8. Items for Discussion**

Min 261 Vandalism at the Allotments. Apologies from Chairman for not attending allotment holders meeting. Welcome to Maurice Landor, Allotment Associations.

Copy of notes of Site Inspection of Redditch Road Allotments, Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2005 by members of Parish Council and Allotment Holders handed to all Councillors.

- Clerk explained what action the Parish Council could afford to take.

- Once an Allotment Association has been formed with trustees and bank accounts then grants can be applied for.
- Suggested that roll of barbed wire and staples may be useful to make repairs. Plotholders willing to supply manpower.
- Signs have been erected by Parish Council and Police.
- At meeting with Police pointed out that more problems occur during school half term. More Police presence required.
- Clerk has already contacted SSSC asking that members take responsibility for their children. Parish Council representative on their Committee.
- Chairman asked if Parish Council have done as much as possible or is there anything else we can do?
- Clerk to order barbed wire and staples.
- Mr Landor able to give guidance and very impressed with Parish Council's willingness to help.
- Existing fences too low and not prickly enough. Pyracantha and berberis make good hedging. Good idea to run barbed wire through back of hedging.

Chairman: Parish Council will continue to give guidance and support.  
Thank you to everyone for coming to meeting.

#### Min 253 Countryside Access & Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Consultation: all agreed that comments given by Cllr W. McCarthy be accepted as Parish Council's response to Draft CAROWIP Plan.

- **Accessibility** – targeting should be done with care and should not damage access of regular users. Parish Council agree that a programme of gates for stiles should be encouraged and also point out that some bridgework is urgently needed. Careful use of resources is vital here.
- **Education** – Strongly agree actions relating to dog owners in this section (P26). No resources are indicated to train teachers in map work etc.
- **Health and well-being & social benefits** – only £3,000 devoted towards training walk leaders seems small. We should welcome the £10,000 put towards walk packages for doctors to hand out.
- **Paths Networks & Connections** – Resources quoted as £100,000 per large bridge, the aim is to promote 2 new greenways predictably Kenilworth, Berkswell, Leamington & Rugby. We thought it would be those areas in the North and East. We welcome the apparent fact that Sustrans will be putting in resources here.
- **Paths on the ground** – there appears to be firmer commitment to bridgework here, which is worth applauding. We also strongly agree that £15,000 is being allocated towards improving surfacing of access to school routes.
- **Records, changes and mapping** – we ask the question on the phasing of GIS input. We notice that Slough Lane is now considerably wider than it was but not where it used to be as a green lane.

- **Strategic Developments** – no comment, as there appears to be little change from our previous remarks.
- **Tourism & Leisure Monitoring** – the points that we made in our previous response have been addressed.

Min 278 Nominations for Youth Shield Award – response required for next meeting.

## 9. Planning Applications

05/03204/FUL  
05/03206/LBC

Cllr W. McCarthy left the room whilst this plan was discussed.

Father Austin, St Mary's R C Church, Alcester Road, Studley.

Erection of a hardwood conservatory at the rear after demolishing existing outbuilding.

**No representations.**

## 10. District and County Council Reports

### **District Council Report given by District Cllr P. Beaman**

Copy handed to all Councillors.

### **County Council report given by County Cllr Mrs H. McCarthy**

Copy handed to all Councillors.

**Bypass:** The County Council has now withdrawn its legal challenge on the Bypass because:

- In December 2004, Cabinet approved a High Court challenge to the decision of the Government to revoke the highway orders put in place in the early 1990s to facilitate the Studley Bypass.
- The sole ground of the challenge was that the Government had rejected the Bypass scheme without the benefit of an NATA/AST Appraisal.
- However in May this year the Government claimed that an Appraisal had been carried out and, after some delay produced evidence showing that a minimal assessment was carried out in 2003.
- It is disturbing that an important decision was made in 2003 without the knowledge of those affected and that the Government failed to discover that an Appraisal had been carried out for 17 months after it became a key issue in the public inquiry and subsequent High Court proceedings.
- At the Cabinet meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2005 the decision was taken on the advice of the County's legal team to formally withdraw the challenge as it would be impossible to succeed.
- The County Council has now formally settled with the Government side who will pay £12,000 towards the County Council's costs.
- When the A435 is detrunked, the Parish Council can start lobbying the County Council for traffic calming measures along the route.

Clerk to write to WCC thanking them for their efforts on our behalf and ask that all traffic calming be put in place before the County Council take over the A435. Clerk to look at DeJong report which put forward good proposals. Cllr Mrs McCarthy concerned about length of time for detrunking.

## **11. Correspondence**

### **SDC**

- Min 279 Play Area inspection report 2005 – minor defects discovered. Clerk to contact Avon Leisure to arrange repairs.
- Min 280 SDC Local Plan Review proposed modifications. Copies concerning Studley distributed to Councillors for their comments.
- Min 281 Notice of Determination to grant Licence to Nags Head, Redditch Road on 1st September 2005. Clerk to send copy of list of conditions to residents.

### **WCC**

- Min 282 Statement of Community Involvement – submission consultation. Cllr W. McCarthy agreed to report back to Parish Council at next meeting.

### **Other**

- Min 283 Resignation of Cllr Mark Pittaway. Clerk to notify SDC and also to write letter thanking Mark for his service as Parish Councillor. Vice Chair to be elected at next meeting.
- Min 284 WALC Demand for Induction Day for new Cllrs & Clerks. If sufficient demand will organise one in January besides one in June.
- Min 285 John Lawson's Circus looking for a three day visit mid September 2006. Clerk to write to suggest Crooks Lane Recreation Ground. Payment will have to be agreed.
- Min 286 Warwickshire Police – Police Reform Consultation 16<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at Stratford High School, Alcester Road at 6.30pm.
- Min 287 BT Business Plan end of contract. Low call rates for 12 months. Commitment to spend £250.00 p.a. As not reached that amount, only £52.77 spent, a reconciliation payment of £172.23 will be shown on next bill.
- Min 288 Studley ATC 480 Squadron request for support. Pass to Grants Committee. ATC open evening on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2005 from 7.30pm onwards. All welcome.
- Min 289 Anti social behaviour around Village Hall and surrounding areas. Studley a priority for action. Kully Takhar & Joanne Smith already active in Studley working with partners to address enforcement & diversionary issues. Community safety is one of SDC's corporate priorities and they are committed to find some solutions to the problems in Studley. Clerk to write to Chief Constable, MP, Magistrate Services. Definite decline in behaviour and disappointed with level of punishment being given.

### **Correspondence for Circulation**

- Min 290 Clerk & Councils Direct
- Min 291 WCC Viewpoint
- Min 292 The Clerk

**12. Committee Reports**

None.

**13. Delegates Reports**

None.

**14. Approve Accounts for Payment**

**Direct Debit payment to SDC £279.00.**

**Proposed Cllr W. McCarthy that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr Mrs M. Woodrow. Voting unanimous.**

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2005**

**Meeting Closed 9.00pm**