

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 15th November 2011 at 7.30pm.

1. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, A. Smith, Mrs M. Woodrow, J. Bacon, Mrs S Redman, M Redman, J King, Mrs A Wade, E Holder, C Rickhards
District Councillor Mrs H. Wright.

2. Apologies for Absence - None

3. 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 Beaman & Cllr Rickhards Item 8 Min 376 Studley Library – personal interest
Cllr Beaman Item 15 Accounts – personal interest

Public Forum

Nigel Green passes on best wishes to Parish Council

4. Councillor M Gittus re SDC Planning Committees

Cllr Gittus sent his apologies. He was unable to attend due to a family bereavement. Re-schedule for meeting in January – suggested 17 January 2012

5. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were received, amended and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

Min 227 Confirmation of response re bulky waste collection. Coughton felt insufficient residents would use the service so would not provide funds. Sambourne and Mappleborough Green are to discuss at their next meeting. Sambourne would appreciate guidance as to contribution. Parish Clerk to write to Sambourne Parish Council.

7. Items for Discussion

Min 376 Studley Library

Cllr Beaman contacted by Bugle communications – Talk Talk have funding for community projects and would like to donate £1600.00 to Library project. A plaque acknowledging donation to be displayed in Village Hall.

Cllr Beaman met with MP Nadhim Zahawi who is prepared to support the bid to SITA Trust for a grant of up to £8000.00 for improving facilities eg; additional cameras, carpets, lighting. Will find out in January 2012 if approved and outcome in February 2012.

£1100.00 has been received from Big Society Fund and £6000.00 start up costs from WCC. There has been no resolution on existing building. It is not worth £123,000.00 and should be demolished and used as a car park, it should not be left as it is.

Cllr Rickhards and Cllr Beaman to meet with volunteers. 12 volunteers will be trained at a time.

Min 237 Donations for Christmas Hamper

List of items to be emailed to Councillors. Volunteers required to assist putting tables out at Christmas Fair on 10 Dec 2011. Christmas lights will be erected and turned on 27 November 2011.

8. Planning Applications for Consideration –

11/02341/FUL Advance Housing, 62 Station Road, Studley.

Proposed conversion of existing house in multiple occupation to 4 no. one bed self contained flats. Proposed single storey side extension to facilitate one additional bed self contained flat at ground floor.

Support improved facilities for residents and in line with general principles for development

11/02412/FUL Litchfir Properties Ltd, 26-32 High Street, Studley.

Change of use from offices to three flats on first floor
26-32 High Street, Studley.

Support in line with the Parish Plan and housing needs in village

11/02264/FUL Creative Video Products Ltd, Priory Mill, Castle Road, Studley.

Installation of compressor with cedar boarded compound (2.6m high) retrospective.

No representation

9. Planning Decisions Received – None

10. District and County Council Reports

Cllr Beaman has missed last 2 Planning Committee Meetings. The meetings have been very long and the Chairman is not happy with 2pm start so may revert to evening meeting.

Cllr Wright - concerned about debts incurred by other Parish and Town Councils. Relieved Studley not in same situation.

Stratford District Council may have the resources to maintain the public toilets at Barley Mow island.

Parish Council may have to take advice from WALC concerning New Homes Bonus – 80% to SDC (Stratford District Council), 10% to WCC (Warwickshire District Council). The Parish Council may bear the cost as could be unfairly treated.

Gypsy Traveller accommodation sites to be decided. 52 sites within the District and locally could be within Winyates Triangle.

CCTV contract for maintenance awarded.

Local Development Framework still not in place. Could result in planning developments on appeal.

Cllr Rickhards -reported that Studley Fire Station is still closing. Upgrading of Alcester Fire Station to full time by March 2013.

Home Safe checks successful.

Youth Club – Hub going ahead. Pushing for multi agency working. Early intervention.

Studley Car Boot Sale – meeting with officers took place on 15th November.

Proposals for waiting restrictions for areas adjacent to site with no waiting at any time. St Johns Close, no waiting 8am-noon. No waiting on Jill Lane to Oak Tree Lane. Consultation to take place. Mrs Quinney paying £5000.00 toward costs of the consultation.

Complaint about overcrowding on the 3.40pm number 26 Bus. WCC and Stagecoach have given commitment that the bus will always be a double decker. Attended the inauguration of the new vicar at St Mary's Church.

Pleased that Studley has been complimented at County meetings on the Library bid, Youth Initiative and Total Place Project.

11. Correspondence

WCC

- Min 238 Proposed Puffin Crossing Refurbishment on A435 Alcester Road, by WCC. As part of the refurbishment railings were to be removed but following a number of objections WCC agreed they will be retained. Cllrs Wright and Rickards will meet with Graham Fitton to interpret the rules and make a decision about the reinstatement of the flower boxes. Studley In Bloom must obtain formal permission to put flowerboxes on the railings in any event.

SDC

- Min 239 Stratford on Avon Tree Warden Scheme are making available a number of tree packs to promote trees in the community. Parish Clerk to order a supply of oaks and silver birch trees for planting on the Crooks Lane boundary and Millenium Green.
- Min 240 Due to Budget restrictions SDC are no longer able to fund the annual independent inspection of play areas. The current inspection of the play area expires in February 2012. **Cllr Beaman proposed** that the Parish Clerk arrange an inspection by Digley Associates. **Seconded Cllr Holder – Voting unanimous.**

Other

- Min 241 Timothy Arnold raised concerns about the flooding problems on the public footpath on the Birmingham Road between the Barley Mow Island and the cricket ground. Severn Trent have confirmed that planned improvement work has been delayed until end of January 2012 due to the work being carried out on The Slough. Cllr Beaman has notified Mr Arnold. Parish Clerk to write to Severn Trent to reiterate issues.
- Min 242 Mike Rothery has requested help with funding repairs to the walkway around the War Memorial. Parish Council are happy for the work to be carried out but no decision made as to funding. Parish Clerk to contact British Legion to ascertain if they are able to help with funding.
- Min 243 Patrick Austin Circus, has enquired about visiting Studley during 2012 season. Parish Clerk to request more information and the date of visit.
- Min 244 Warwickshire Lieutenancy Office has issued an invitation to attend County Service to celebrate HM Diamond Jubilee on 12 February 2012 Cllr Beaman and Mrs Beaman to attend.

Min 245 A Financial Clinic for Parish Councillors and Clerks takes place in the Village Hall on 19th January 2012. Cllr Mrs S Redman, Cllr Rickhards and Lesley Gailey (Asst Parish Clerk) to attend.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 246 Warwickshire County Council Press Release:

- Speed Camera Success
- *Consultation on Libraries* in Warwickshire opening hours

Min 247 Warwickshire Police

- Studley Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter
- Alcester North Safer Neighbourhood Team Community Newsletter

Min 248 Clerks & Councils Direct

Min 249 Clerk Magazine

12. Committee Reports

None

13. Delegates Reports

Cllr Holder attended a Youth Club Committee Meeting on 17 October 2011 where it was reported R McCluskey had left the Youth Service. Bev Ingram is now running the Youth Club. The Monday Club is assisting youths seeking work and helping them to complete their curriculum vitae. No Youth Club on a Tuesday but Outreach in village. Normal Youth Club on a Thursday.

Rob Townsend explained the future for the centre and Youth Club and were now in Phase 2 of the ongoing programme. There are now 3 Senior Practitioners and 5 Full Time Youth Workers in Southern Area. Anna Stowe to return in new year and have responsibility for Studley targeting early intervention. Existing staff to apply for new positions. New Framework to start on 1st January 2012 with completion by 1st April 2012. The next meeting will take place on 8th February 2012 when the Management Committee will be dissolved. Existing money will remain in club. On 1st November 2011 Adult and Childrens Services amalgamated.

Cllr Holder reported that the lights in the basketball area have been repaired and are now working.

14. Approve Accounts for Payment

During this item Cllr Beaman left the room.

Proposed Cllr Mrs S Redman the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, Seconded Cllr Holder. Voting 9 in favour and 1 abstention.

Direct Debits

Date	Payee	Amount Paid
30.10.11	SDC	£ 70.00
14.10.11	SDC	£ 157.00

Cheques

Cheque Number	Payee	Amount Paid
907	Inland Revenue	£ 584.39
908	Redditch Skip Hire	£ 183.60
909	G S Adams	£ 538.20
911	Sizzle Creative Co	£ 432.00
912	Verdant Group Ltd	£1704.00
913	Petty Cash	£ 80.00

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for
Tuesday, 6th December 2011**

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Signed: Chairman