

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 16th January 2007 at 7.30pm.

1. Public Forum

None.

2. Chairman declared the meeting open

3. Present

Chairman, P. Beaman, Vice Chair J. Bacon, Mrs A. Wade, E. Holder, J. Vale, Mrs M. Woodrow, W. McCarthy, J. Bacon, Mrs S. Redman, M. Redman, Mrs M. Bell.

County Council Mrs H. McCarthy, District Councillor Mrs H. Wright.

4. Apologies for Absence

Cllr 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 Mrs S. Redman, M. Redman – Planning Application No.06/03469/FUL
Non prejudicial

All Councillors – Planning Application No.06/03508/FUL – 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 (for information only)

Min 294 Confirmation from Inspector Warren Ayres that problems on car park at Studley Burial Ground will be looked at by PCSO's. Mobile Officer from Force 3 also to patrol.

Min 113 **Cllr W. McCarthy: Public Open Space**
Confirmation that reference number allotted for request for funding. Decision in May.

8. Items for Discussion

Min 296 **Cllr Mrs Bell: High Street & Infant School.** Checked signage. Query if public awareness can be made to get markings on the road to slow traffic down near the school. It is often so busy that drivers are oblivious that school exists. Cllr Mrs Wade has already brought up this problem with WCC through Studley Improvement Partnership. Very dangerous. 20mph speed limit should be implemented. Perhaps school should get involved. All schools need 20 mph speed limit. Need to pursue. Coming close to speed monitoring, Need to write to new Schools Liaison Officer. Cllr W. McCarthy to contact.

Min 297 **Cllr Mrs Wersocki: Expansion of Redditch**

Moratorium against building will be lifted 2-3 years. Redditch key area for new development. Very difficult unless agreement either with WCC or Bromsgrove. Need to be aware that land owned by English Partnership and the Open Space between Studley and Redditch be protected. Mentioned to Pat Reid that important it is retained.

Getting Communities Involved, Alcester & surrounding areas & What is planned for Studley:

Stratford to work with local communities. Query with District Councillors if Studley will be involved. Lots of options. When Council has decided it will go out to consultation but at present not known where developments will be. Divisions and Studley classed as main town. Not sure if good thing or bad thing. First indication but District Councillors will advise.

Min 298 **District Councillor Mrs Wright: Parish Plan update.**

Coming to final conclusion but need to consult with Parish Council before publishing. Major theme that has emerged is concerns about the environment which is the same as in previous Parish Plans. May need to give everyone a copy and perhaps have a workshop to give input and to understand the Plan. Most of the action is how the Parish Council will take the plan forward. Awaiting final draft from Mary D'Albert. Would be grateful for any photographs. Contrasting photographs would be good. When the Planning Officer looked at the Plan he thought it to be complex. Meeting arranged for Saturday, 27th January 2007 at 9.30am.

Min 299 **County Councillor Mrs McCarthy: Lay-by, Bromsgrove Road**
Although lay-by is in Sambourne it is the residents of Studley who asked for a litter bin. Sambourne Parish Council willing to pay half the cost but as on the edge of Sambourne not particularly bothered. Comments noted.

9. Planning Applications for Consideration
(Cllr Beaman refrained from Voting)

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| 06/03382/FUL | Mr & Mrs I Washington, 62 St Judes Avenue, Studley.
Single storey extension to side/rear of dwelling.
No representations. |
| 06/03511/FUL | Mr & Mrs S Yates, 6 Monks Drive, Studley.
Ground floor kitchen extension, utility, toilet & storage.
First floor two bedrooms.
No representations. |
| 06/03585/FUL | Co-operative Group Ltd., Co-op Retail Services,
Alcester Road, Studley.
Residential development comprising 15 no. 2-bed
houses, 5 no. 3-bed houses, 29 no. car parking
spaces, cycle and bin storage areas and associated
landscaping.
Objection for the following planning reasons:
1. Mass and density of the building facing the
Alcester Road. |

2. **Public safety, especially for children as not much amenity space.**
3. **Traffic problems with cars entering and leaving the Co-op store and the development on to an already busy island on A435.**
4. **Area subject to Air Quality survey and this is still an ongoing issue.**

06/03469/FUL	Mr T Blizzard, Apple Tree Cottage, New Road, Studley. Dormer loft conversion. No representations.
06/03508/FUL	Studley Parish Council, Studley Sports & Social Club, Eldorado Close, Studley. Rear extension to pavilion to provide toilet facilities & erection of 2m high perimeter fence. No representations.
06/00014/FUL	R W J Wright, Land Adj 2, Node Hill, Studley. Erection of 3 no. mews type dwellings and associated works. Objection for the following planning reasons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Over development of a small site. 2. Parking and traffic an issue on a narrow, residential road. 3. Not in keeping with other residential properties.

10. Planning Decisions Received

06/03281/VARY	Karyn Maddison, 46 Node Hill, Studley. Refusal 5th January 2007
06/03041/OUT	Administrators of E J Allen Deceased 92 Alcester Road, Studley. Refusal 21st December 2006
06/03147/FUL	Mr & Mrs G Pielow, Cranhills, Clarkes Green. Permission with conditions 22nd December 2006
06/02982/FUL	Martin McColl, 36A High Street, Studley. Permission with conditions 15th December 2006
06/03125/FUL	Stephen Ellson, 9 Castle Road, Studley. Permission with conditions 5th December 2006
06/02987/FUL	Mr A Gibbs, Land Adj 1, Riverside, Studley. Permission with conditions 4th December 2006

11. District and County Council Reports

District Council Report given by Cllr Mrs H. Wright.
Copy handed to all Councillors.

Summary:

Arden Area Community Committee 11th January 2007:

Presentation from Stratford-on-Avon Credit Union highlighted that inequality within our district was to an individual level and not at a population level, which made it difficult to address. The value of the Union was in its accessibility to make saving on low incomes possible and the ability to credit for people on low incomes to obtain credit at reasonable rates.

Review of Area Committees:

Members favoured retaining the localisation of area committees.

Safer Neighbourhoods:

Members were advised of the current arrangements for the implementation of the partnership approach to safer neighbourhoods. This was to support the Safer Neighbourhood initiative.

There were no grant applications for Studley.

General Items:

The governance arrangements for merged Stratford and Warwick Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership were agreed. Studley has benefited from this partnership when it functioned as a single area; therefore it is important that we are not disadvantaged by a bigger organisation.

Tourism directly employs 18% of the working population in South Warwickshire. Therefore the Executive of the Council determined short and medium term actions.

Public Relations and Communication within the Council have been considered and a report produced. The report addressed the issue of finding actions that would be effective, modern and responsive to customers needs.

A special Council meeting was called on Friday, 8th December to consider the proposed Avon Bridge. The Council voted against the proposal.

The Council Tax base for 2007/8 has been calculated. The tax base will be used in the budget setting process, and in the calculation any Collection fund surplus or deficit.

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Summary:

Two main things to report, on 11th January the Cabinet 'endorsed' the Detrunking of the A435 (and A446) subject to the agreed funding arrangements, and the Recommendations of the Acute Services Review have just come out.

Detrunking of A435:

The Report to Cabinet read 'that Officers advise that this Authority has no objection to the proposed detrunking of the lengths of the A435 (and A446) within Warwickshire subject to the agreed funding arrangements.' This is due to take place in May 2007. Cllr Mrs McCarthy spoke at the Cabinet meeting to assure one and all that the funding arrangements were inadequate, the requirements for this stretch of road were not mentioned in the report and residents would be pressing hard for crossings at Mappleborough, Studley and Kings Coughton plus traffic calming along the whole length and changes to signing etc. County agreed to the

detrunking to prevent the Highways Agency applying for a Judicial Review which would have given us even less funding.

Suggest that an A435 Group is now formed for any interested people.

Would need to be very active to pursue the changes that are needed.

Cllr Mrs McCarthy willing to give any possible help to such a group.

Recommendations from the Acute Services Review:

Copy only just received and therefore not yet had time to read it.

12. Correspondence

SDC

- Min 300 Request for precept to be sent to SDC by 31st January 2007. Calculation for Studley calculated at £2071.44 (Band D).
- Min 301 SDC Local Development Framework – Draft Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)
Draft SPD – Local Choice -Meeting the need of Rural Communities
Draft SPD – Developer Contributions towards Transport Schemes in Stratford-upon-Avon
Draft SPD – Car and Cycle Parking Standards
Can be viewed on website www.stratford.gov.uk Any representations by 15th February 2007.
- Min 302 Parish Clerks & Chairmen Liaison Meeting. Special meeting 29th January 2007 at 6.00pm for Code of Conduct training. In addition the next ordinary meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21st February 2007 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, SDC.
- Min 303 Planning Application no.06/03091/ADV Lloyds TSB for new fascias has been withdrawn.
- Min 304 SDC currently looking for events to advertise in 'What's On' for February, March and April. Any events which could be of interest will be considered.

WCC

- Min 305 Integrated Risk Management Plan 2007/2010 for Fire and Rescue Authority sets out the proposed vision, priorities and objectives over next three years Can be viewed on website www.warwickshire.gov.uk/irmp Document available for consultation until 9th February 2007.
- Min 306 A435 Detrunking. Report being submitted to Cabinet on 11th January 2007 recommends that WCC accepts the detrunking. The Highways Agency have no proposals to carry out improvements in 2007/8 as have to compete for funds. Once the road is WCC's responsibility any improvements are subject to approval by Members and available funding. Roger Poole does not think that at this stage he can add anything useful to a Parish Council meeting. He will write again when more is known of timetable for proposed handover.
- Cllr Wersocki – not happy. Highways Agency ought to be taking down all the signs that direct traffic to M42 via A435 but no plans to do so. Spoke to Michelle Harbage, can object on any grounds. Objections go to Highway Agency, then to Government Office for the West Midlands.
 - Should object concerning the signs.
 - Not making any effort to divert heavy traffic from the Village before detrunking
 - All agreed that Parish Council to write and object and each Councillor to write

personally.

Other

- Min 307 Traffic calming proposals in Sambourne – J. Maples happy to attend meeting but only available on Friday afternoons. Lee White, WCC able to attend on 19th or 26th January. Clerk to contact J. Maples and WCC as proposals are just lowering of speed limit.
- Min 308 Problems on Allotments re plot no.D14B & D15B. As not cultivated handed over to new ploholders. All procedures followed but previous tenant not happy. As tenant had moved letters not received. Allotment Association request strong worded letter be sent to Mr Smith advising him to remove tank and sheds by 31st January 2007. Confirm that contact be made directly with Parish Council and not Allotment Association. Letter should be sent recorded delivery. On a positive note £1,000 grant received from SWHA.
- Min 309 Worcestershire Minerals & Waste Development Framework Confirmation of adoption of Statement of Community Involvement on 30th November 2006.
- Min 310 Council for Voluntary Service: Affiliation renewal – Parish Councils fee £27.50. Agreed to pay.
- Min 311 Bidford on Avon Parish Council invitation to presentation by Jim Graham, Chief Executive WCC on Monday, 22nd January 2007 at 7.00pm Parish Offices, Bramley Way, Bidford on Avon to discuss the recent Government White Paper and its implications for Parish Councils. Cllrs Mrs Wersocki & Mrs Wade to attend.
- Min 312 Studley Parish Lands Charities. On 3rd March 2007 Cllr W. McCarthy's 4-year term will expire. Nominations required. Cllr McCarthy willing to continue.
- Min 313 Request from Robert Marshall for funding to attend 21st Scout Jamboree in July 2007. Clerk to write that request should come from Scout Group.
- Min 314 Grant Application from Studley Improvement Partnership for start up costs. Grant meeting arranged for Tuesday, 6th February 2007 at 7.00pm prior to Parish Council meeting.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 315 Clerks & Councils Direct 2007 – Suppliers Guide
- Min 316 Clerks & Councils Direct Newsletter
- Min 317 WALC Newsletter
- Min 318 Village Ventures 2007 Competition
- Min 319 ROSPA Play Area Inspections
- Min 320 West Midlands Regional Assembly – Speaking Out
- Min 321 Big Lottery Fund News
- Min 322 LCR Newsletter
- Min 323 The Clerk

13. Committee Reports

None.

14. Delegates Reports

Studley Sports & Social Club Report given by Cllr Mrs S. Redman

Apologies that no written report available.

Steward has resigned. Leaving in May. Resignation has been accepted.

In the process of recruiting. Timetable set to employ new steward.

All debts to Parish Council now paid. Getting more local support & income from events. Query on redrawn lease for SSSC for 25 years. Would like original term of 99 years.

Action Studley to hold Quiz Night on Friday, 23rd February 2007 at 7.30pm at SSSC in aid of Christmas Lights fund.

Village Hall Management Committee – Hazel Wright

Having Chairman's Civic Dinner Saturday, 3rd March 2007 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Speaker Chief Superintendent Richard Sear from Warwickshire. Tickets £17.50. Invitations will be sent out, hope all will attend.

23rd June 2007 Business Fair in Village Hall to bring all businesses together for display and demonstrations.

15. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr E. Holder that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr P. Beaman. Voting unanimous.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 6th February 2007

Meeting Closed 9.20pm

