

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 16th February 2010 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman Mrs S. Redman, Vice Chair C. Rickhards, M. Redman, E. Holder, P. Beaman, Mrs M. Woodrow, W. McCarthy, P. Tedd.
District Councillor Mrs H. Wright.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and noted from:

Cllr J. Vale – family commitment

Cllr Mrs A. Wade – holiday

Cllr J. Bacon – holiday

District Councillor M. Weddell – training

County Councillor M. Barry – delayed through traffic

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 Beaman – min 348 & min 368 prejudicial interest

5. Public Forum

Cllr Mrs Wright: together with Cllr Barry and Cllr Bacon attended a meeting on 12th December 2009 with Chief Inspector Ian Whiting. Outcome was the identification of two sources of funding £11,541 from the Basic Command Unit labelled 'Your Town, Your Choice' and £10,000 Home Office Grant for anti social behaviour in Studley. Will be split between extra policing and for young policemen to arrange football/netball matches. £4000 given to Youth Club, £6000 to Studley Improvement Partnership for environmental improvements. Meeting on Tuesday, 23rd February 2010 at 10.00am with Rob Weeks, Severn Trent, WCC, SDC, Youth Offending Service. Cllrs Rickhards and Bacon to be Parish Council representatives, Cllr McCarthy, Action Studley and Cllr Mrs Redman to be involved.

Grounds for singling out Studley for funding because of evidence of increasing incidence of anti social behaviour. Suggestion of involvement of community payback scheme.

6. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

7. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

Min 310 Studley Castle Vandalism: e mail received from Mr Edwin that buildings have been broken into again. Cllr Beaman has already responded.

8. Items for Discussion

Min 265 Cllr Beaman: flagpole now installed. List of dates available to fly the flag which Caretaker will be asked to do. First date it can be flown is 19th February 2010. Need to have an official day and to thank Priscilla Cooke. Coffee Team will provide buffet and ATC willing to attend. Clerk to check convenient dates March/April. Item for next agenda. Perhaps get a Parish Council Standard, could have one made.

Min 294 Litter Bins: residents of Park Avenue have been consulted regarding the placement of a new combination bin but have declined the offer. All agreed the bin will now go by the bus stop near the Allotments. Clerk to contact SDC to arrange for the installation of five new bins to be placed around the Village as agreed at previous meeting.

Min 297 Play Builder Funding Application - Cllrs Holder, Tedd, McCarthy, Beaman, Rickhards to form sub committee. Meeting arranged for Tuesday, 2nd March 2010 prior to meeting with Chris Fennell, Community Leisure Manager to discuss application.

Min 348 Street Lighting Maintenance – two quotes received from Warwickshire County Council and G S Adams.

Cllr Beaman left the room during this discussion.

Proposed Cllr M. Redman to accept the quote from G S Adams for one year for both the maintenance of the street lighting and the Christmas lights as stated, seconded Cllr Holder. Voting unanimous.

Min 349 Cllr Beaman: Core Strategy Consultation, unusually all three District Councillors are in agreement. Despite meeting with Paul Harris and Colin Staves that Parish Council did not want housing on the Redditch Road site as it is totally inappropriate and this was also agreed by two Inspectors, this document, which has inaccuracies, mentions 75 residential dwellings fronting the Redditch Road and accommodation for the elderly.

Parish Council need to raise this point plus blight remains on A435 which is not included in Core Strategy therefore not able to get funding. No mention of three potential sites put forward by Parish Council, left out completely. Cllr Beaman questioned whether the Redditch Road has been pushed forward. Appalling that there is a notice board on the site advertising housing.

Consultation period from 25th February – 31st March 2010. Need to get some response together and re-iterate previous objections. Lot of issues to consider, document should be accurate. Agree with goals but disappointed with how they will be achieved. All agreed that Cllr Beaman draft objections to bring to next meeting. Need to look at wider picture.

- Min 309 District Cllr Mrs Wright: Fire Service Closures
Presented petition of 6,500 signatories on 15th December 2010. Announcement made to defer decision until some time in the future. Budget for service the same as last year. Will have to wait and see but there will be some changes. Need to remain vigilant and be aware of what is going on. There is a move to reduce the service. It is disappointing that no decision has been made. If any stations are put forward for closure there will have to be a public consultation and phased closure. It is a very emotive issue and will impact on other areas.
- Min 234 Cllr Mrs Redman: Community Awards Presentation Evening:
Entertainment now organised. Raffle prizes being donated by the Co-op, The Jubilee and The Railway Inn. G S Adams will also donate a prize.
- Min 350 Tenders for grass cutting for 2010 and 2011 for consideration:
Proposed Cllr Beaman that the contract for strimming the area in Brickyard Lane Recreation Ground and inside the Redditch Road Allotments entrance together with the hedge cutting from Village Hall to Crooks Lane, Station Road Allotments and around the War Memorial be awarded to J R Gibbs and the contract for the remaining areas in the Village be awarded to J Vale, seconded Cllr Holder. Voting unanimous.

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

- 10/00196/FUL Mr McGhee, 100 St Judes Avenue, Studley.
Proposed single storey rear extension.
No representations.

10. Planning Decisions Received None.

11. District and County Council Reports

District Councillor Mrs Wright:

A 'Food for Thought' Project is being organised involving ESCAPE, Schools, the Youth Club & Age Concern. Tying in with healthy eating and to support local businesses. £2000 funding available which must be spent in the Village. Event to be held 14th/15th September 2010. Cllr Bacon & the Clerk representing the

the Parish Council.

Development – 106 money: proposal that affordable/social housing should not claim money. Apparently illegal decision, quite a serious issue. Should have sought legal advice and has gone to Cabinet meeting.

County Council Report: no report available.

12. Correspondence

SDC

Min 351 Notification received that planning application no. 09/01126/FUL 2A Holt Road has been withdrawn.

Min 352 SDC and their partners will be holding an event on 12th March 2010 open to all residents and businesses to discuss their needs and to see how services are being developed to better suit the needs. Parish Council being asked to promote this event and to get names and locations of people who need transport. Invitation extended to Councillors and elected members and County Council members will be present. SDC will be launching the Digital TV Channel. Clerk to write that event can be advertised on our website and notices put up. Disappointed that it is not being held closer.

Min 353 Member Training Day Tuesday, 9th March 2010 at Elizabeth House, 9.30 – 1.30pm scrutiny skills, note taking, retention & recall. Cllr Rickhards and Holder to attend.

Min 354 The Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2007 – Proposed Designated Public Place Studley. A report is going to the West Area Committee in March 2010 asking them to consider a DPPO for Studley. As well as elected members, Police & Town Council the views of all licencees will be taken into account. Comments required by 19th February 2010.

Min 355 SDC will be holding another Refuse & Recycling Road Show this year. Would like to know of any planned events in the community which could be included as a road show venue. Clerk to write with details of SSSC fete on 3rd July 2010.

WCC

Min 356 Parish Community Emergency Plans should not be published on the website without consent to comply with Data Protection rules. WCC can produce a public version for publication but in future all full versions will have security levels identified on them. Clerk to write for a public version for our website.

Min 357 Local Transport Plan 3 – Have your say on the future of transport in Warwickshire. A summary can be found on: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ltp3 and the questionnaire can be completed on the website. Important that it is completed by Parish Councillors.

Min 358 Details of new evening bus service initiative being launched from 6th April 2010. Pilot scheme being introduced to promote bus travel in the evenings. A return ticket will be purchased for £2 to travel anywhere in Stratford District or Leamington Spa after 1800 hrs. Project to meet aspirations of young people to give access to leisure facilities at affordable prices and to encourage adults to be able to have a drink and to leave their cars at home.

Min 359 As part of the programme to support Community Forums invitation to a workshop to showcase what has been learnt about the range of practice within the County and elsewhere. Event is free but limited to 20 delegates. No one available to attend.

Other

Min 360 Offer of assistance from WRCC in applying for grant aid to assist with development of Parish Plan at a cost of £250.00 per day.

Min 361 Thank you letter received from Village Hall for £600.00 grant towards maintenance. Very much appreciated.

Min 362 Following meeting of Allotment Association 5 requests received:

- a) 50p levy be added to the rents to go towards the cost of a room for meetings.
The ground rent is for the maintenance of the allotments only.
- b) £800.00 -£1000.00 needed to improve drainage problem at Dunstall allotments. Can the Parish Council pay part of this?
Whilst Parish Council are landowners and have a responsibility if funding is required the Allotment Association need to plan ahead. Need to submit estimates by 1st October as next precept will be prepared November 2010.
- c) If Station Road members maintain the hedge could they receive the allocated funds?
This job has already gone out to contract.
- d) The Association would like to make an input into the Parish Council website.
No problem, this will be welcome.
- e) Request from ESCAPE to have a plot for use by vulnerable members of the community. Any help from the Parish Council will be appreciated.

Proposed Cllr Holder that a community plot be allocated to ESCAPE, seconded Cllr Rickhards. Voting unanimous.

Proposed Cllr Beaman that a grant of £100.00 be given towards the set up of the allotment plot, seconded Cllr Holder. Voting 5 for, 3 against.

RESOLVED that, in pursuance of the power conferred by section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, the Council approves the payment

of the sum of £100.00 in respect the setting up of an allotment plot to ESCAPE.

- Min 363 WALC: Warwickshire Police have a 'ride along scheme' to enable community representatives to engage with the Police. Cllrs Tedd, Holder and Beaman interested in taking part.
- Min 364 Details of first hearing of case involving theft and fraud to take place on 22nd February 2010 at Redditch Magistrates Court.
- Min 365 Request for funding from Citizens Advice Bureau Stratford on Avon. Clerk to write unfortunately unable to give donation.
- Min 366 Studley Scouts St Georges Day Parade will take place on Sunday, 25th April 2010 from 2.15pm. Map of route provided. Clerk to inform Police.
- Min 367 WRCC Rural Housing Enabler would like to attend a Parish Council meeting to talk about affordable housing and to see if can help community by undertaking a Housing Needs Survey. Clerk to write and invite to next meeting.
- Min 368 Cllr Beaman left the room whilst this minute was discussed. Quote received from G S Adams Ltd to supply additional CCTV camera. Decision deferred until 16th March 2010.
- Min 369 Bromsgrove District & Redditch BC Joint Consultation on Development Options. Details can be found on website: www.redditchbc.gov.uk/corestrategy . Deadline for comments is 22nd March 2010. Clerk to write with concerns of flooding.
- Min 370 Request received from Mr Blagorodnov who owns plot of land in Redditch area for information about land at Green Lane Farm. Clerk to pass to Planning Department, Stratford District Council.
- Min 371 E mail received from Mr Edwin about further vandalism at Studley Castle. Clerk to respond.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 372 ICT Workshops @ Stratford District Council
- Min 373 WALC Newsletter
- Min 374 Warwickshire Climate Change Community Newsletter
- Min 375 Warwickshire Police Alcester North Safer Neighbourhood Team Community Newsletter
- Min 376 Rural Services Network Newsletter

13. Committee Reports

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting on Tuesday, 19th January 2010 at 6.30pm handed to all Councillors.

Summary:

- Scout Hut fencing quote for wooden palisade fencing with green mesh for reinforcement received and accepted.

- Any suitable old fencing to be used to replace fencing around junior play area.
- GBH to be contacted to arrange for them to look at the skate park as the ramps are lifting away from the tarmac.
- Need to start looking at the play area and to apply for grants for new equipment.
- Grant request form received from Orbit Housing towards Grit bins. Suggested locations Eldorado Close, Redditch Road and Littlewood Green.

14. Delegates Reports

Cllr Beaman: update on Village Hall Lease and transfer. Solicitor has lost the original lease, when received will present to Parish Council.

Film night presentation this week will be Buster.

Cllr Holder: Rob McCluskey has now taken over the running of the Youth Club. Funding in place for an Outreach Worker for one night a week for 12 months. Open evening on 23rd February 2010, Club will re-open on 25th February 2010 with a disco/karaoke evening. As Chairman, Cllr Holder will be more 'hands on' regarding decisions and will attend staff meetings. Progress is being made.

15. Approve Accounts for Payment

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

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 2nd March 2010

Meeting closed 9.45pm

