Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 16th May 2006 at 7.30pm.

1. Public Forum

None.

2. Chairman declared the meeting open

3. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair S. Phipps, Mrs S. Redman, M. Redman, J. Vale, J. Bacon, Mrs A. Wade, Mrs H. Wersocki, E. Holder. District Councillor Mrs H. Wright.

4. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs W. McCarthy, Mrs M. Woodrow, County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy.

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.

Min 384 Studley Sports & Social Club – All Councillors – 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 19 Awards for All confirmation of award of £5000 for update of website and computer upgrades.
- Min 24 Meeting with John Rostill concerning downgrading of Alexandra Hospital arranged for Monday, 19th June 2006 at 7.30pm in the main hall. Mappleborough Green Parish Council advised.
- Min 43 Coventry Airport extension of consultation period until 9th June 2006.

8. Items for Discussion

Min 384 Studley Sports & Social Club Lease: letter from Solicitor read to Parish Councillors. Present lease to be surrendered and a new Lease granted to the Sports & Social Club excluding the area of land agreed to be leased to the Tennis Club. Also a Lease on agreed terms to the Studley Tennis Club Trustees but will include a covenant against any form of licence to sell intoxicating liquor on the site of the Tennis Club in order to protect the income of the Sports & Social Club. Solicitor awaiting comments from the Tennis Club.

Proposed Cllr Holder that lease be for a shorter period, namely 25 years, seconded Cllr Mrs Wade. Voting unanimous.

Min 40 Noticeboard: required for Parish Council to clearly display agendas and public notices. Quotes received from:

Greenbarnes £633.08 + £159.40 fitting costs + VAT Filcris £630.90 + fitting costs + VAT

Proposed CIIr Beaman that the quote from Filcris for an aluminium named board to be fitted with header board, white background and black writing at a cost of £630.90 + fitting costs + VAT be approved, seconded CIIr M. Redman. Voting unanimous.

Min 49 Annual walkabout – date arranged for Tuesday, 13th June 2006. To meet in Village Hall car park at 7.00pm.

9. Planning Applications (CIIr Beaman refrained from Voting)

06/01152/FUL Mr P R Freeman, Land To The Rear Of 176A

Alcester Road, Studley.
Proposed dormer bungalow.

Objection on the following planning grounds:

1. Visibility & streetscene.

2. Over development of the site.

3. Parking already an issue on this very narrow road and highway safety.

06/01167/FUL Mr M Jordan, 39 Lansdowne Road, Studley.

2nd Storey domestic extension.

No representations.

06/01216/FUL Mr A Summers, 29 Watts Road, Studley.

Demolition of existing rear extension and erection

of new single storey extension.

No representations.

06/01153/FUL Mr Himsworth & Mrs Newman, Vicarage View,

New Road, Studley. Erection of conservatory. **No representations.**

10. District and County Council Reports District Council Report given by Cllr Mrs H Wright

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Summary: limited amount of activity taken place due to District Council

Elections.

Activities to note are:

- Mock Housing Inspection, undertaken in preparation for the Audit Commission Inspection of the housing service.
 - Implication for Studley: the position of Studley residents on the waiting list.
- Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership, 225 cases of anti-social behaviour were reported across Warwick & Stratford-on-Avon District, all but 17 were resolved amicably, and those were resolved by issuing ASBO's.
 Implication for Studley: impact on local environmental crime.
- Member Induction, for newly elected councillors, although experienced members and officers are welcome to attend.
 - Implication for Studley: Awareness of Council activity for new members.
- Selection Panel meeting where the Leader of the Council and the Opposition Leader agree the political balance of the Committees.
 Implication for Studley: ensuring fair representation on local issues.
- Street Cleaning, the Council has been identified as one of the three top authorities in the West Midlands for having clean streets.
 Implication for Studley: have Parish Councillors seen a visible impact on Studley?
- Planning Enforcement Service, current caseload reduced from 530 (April 05) cases to 330 (March 06) cases. A priority system has been put in place and is considered successful.
 - Implication for Studley: have Parish Councillors seen an improvement in the service?
- Refusal of Planning Appeal for Co-op site. Inspector decided that Pioneer site is not good enough for Studley. Apartment block could cause demonstrable harm to the Village. District Cllr Cronin put in a lot of work for Appeal. Clerk to contact Lech Kocon, planning enforcement to get Co-op to put up hoardings around the site and to tidy up the area as a matter of urgency as it is in an appalling state.

11. Correspondence

SDC

- Min 50 Footpath, High Street to Redditch Road. Ongoing problem with rubbish. As soon as it is cleaned it is a mess again. Further clean up arranged.
- Min 51 SDC Local Development Framework Adoption of the Statement of Community Involvement on 24th April 2006. Can be viewed on SDC website www.stratford.gov.uk
- Min 52 Notification of Planning Appeal Informal Hearing on 18th May 2006 at 10.00am at the Council Offices, Elizabeth House. Clerk to write.
- Min 53 Result of District Council Elections 4th May 2006. Hazel Wright elected.

WCC

Min 54 Stratford Register Office is moving on 15th May 2006 to Winton House, Church Street, Stratford.

Other

- Min 55 Local Authority Byelaws in England Discussion Paper. Copy handed to all Councillors for comments at next meeting.
- Min 56 Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.3 Inspector's Report.
 Recommendation concerning Studley as A435 Bypass Scheme has been abandoned. Redditch BC will now carry out study to ascertain which parts of A435 should retain ADR status and which, if any, fall into green belt. Clerk to write that Parish Council needs to be part of the consultation.
- Min 57 Village Hall re fencing and gates. Thanks for contribution. Would like to see the fence to the small children's play area shortened as at present abuts the security fence and could be a climbing fence. Area to be looked at during annual walkabout. Clerk to write for renewal of dispersal order to include area of Studley Sports & Social Club.
- Min 58 Flood Alleviation Scheme from Severn Trent Water, form to be completed concerning area surrounding the High Street. No problems that we are aware of.
- Min 59 Library Area planters. Request from Studley in Bloom to re-position. Arrange to meet with Parish Councillor.
- Min 60 Thank you from Bert Anderton for card and messages of sympathy.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 61 Clerks & Councils Direct

Min 62 Local Council Review

11. Committee Reports

Report of the Amenities & Lighting Committee meeting on Tuesday, 2nd May 2006 given by Cllr Phipps

Copy handed to all Councillors

Siting of bench opposite Railway Inn: letter to be sent to residents confirming if a bench is required and where it should be sited. Litter bin may also be required.

Lighting: Archer Close. No problem with light. Agreed that no upgrade until it no longer works.

Street Light, Gunners Lane/Albury Road to be reported.

12. Delegates Reports

Cllr Mrs S Redman attended meeting at Studley Sports & Social Club on Wednesday, 10th May 2006

Apologies that no report available but as it was the first meeting following the AGM Officers were elected, lease discussed and new year of social events arranged.

14. Approve Accounts for Payment Proposed Cllr Mrs Redman that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr Holder. Voting unanimous.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 6th June 2006

Meeting Closed 8.40pm