

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 16th June 2009 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Vice Chair C. Rickhards, P. Beaman, Mrs A. Wade, W. McCarthy, E. Holder, Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs H. Wersocki, J. Bacon.
District Councillors Mrs H. Wright, M. Weddell.
2 members of the public.

3. Apologies for Absence

Chairman Cllr Mrs S. Redman – holiday commitment
Cllr M. Redman – holiday commitment
Cllr J. Vale – work commitment

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 Holder – Item 8 Min 92 personal interest

5. Public Forum

This year is the 60th Anniversary of Studley Sports & Social Club and they are planning a Family Fun Day on Sunday, 26th July 2009. Anyone who would like to participate, groups having stalls or entertainment is welcome. Flyers to be produced to be distributed with the newsletter. Cllr McCarthy has some old photographs which he will pass to the Club. Maybe able to ask for a grant. Will liaise with Cllrs Mr & Mrs Redman.

Cllr Mrs Wade: a child fell in the play area and cut her leg. Disclaimer may need to be put up. Item for next agenda.

6. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

7. Matters Arising (for information only)

Min 61 New Dog Fouling Law – The Powers of PCSO's re issuing of fines.
Confirmation that PCSO's do not have the power to issue fines to residents whose dogs foul the footway or any public area. They can

only give warnings if anyone is caught and give advice. Clerk to check with Bidford on Avon Parish Council.

- Min 83 Cllr McCarthy: Event at Nature Reserve for school children to plant wildflower plugs and go bug hunting. It was a very good day. Volunteers helped with planting and there was a large tent with members of WCC Ecological Unit available with exhibits. A good response has been received from the schools.

8. Items for Discussion

- Min 62 Bulky Waste Collection – continuing problem of rubbish being dumped prior to the collection times. Last week situation was monitored by Councillors who suffered verbal abuse from some residents who thought they were entitled to dump rubbish. There was also trade waste. Councillor feels that the system should not be stopped because of a few who abuse it. The many should not be penalised for a few. The CCTV cameras have some information and an Officer from SDC will write and warn offenders. Parish Council needs to work with SDC. Cllr Beaman has passed on thanks to workmen who cleared up and left the area tidy.

- Min 77 Studley Sports & Social Club 60th Anniversary – see Public Forum

- Min 90 Accounts for Approval 2008/09

Review of Internal Auditor as per NALC guidance.

Independent review covered all aspects of internal control for Annual Return.

Evidence of review on Internal Audit file.

Internal Audit report and recommendations handed to Councillors.

Proposed Cllr Bacon that the accounts for 2008/09 be accepted and signed, seconded Cllr McCarthy. Voting unanimous.

Recommendations to be discussed by Finance Committee. May need to meet four times a year. Forward Plan needs to be looked at and Parish Plan reviewed.

- Min 91 Representatives at Planning Meetings

Suggestion to write to Planning Committee that putting pre-conditions on objections is not democratic.

- For a Parish Councillor to attend 6.00pm meetings would have to park in expensive car parks. Public transport is not always convenient.
- Can often say more in a written objection or support.
- It is more desirable and effective if a Parish Councillor attends the meeting as they have more intimate knowledge of an area.
- Only five days notice is a problem.
- Often there is a lack of confidence and it can be intimidating when presenting a case so maybe training/guidance would be beneficial.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write that decision is biased if goes to the vote without discussion.

Min 92 Quotes for fencing – allotments Redditch Road

Two quotes received:

P A Janes – Supply and fit 100 metres of chain link fencing.

Fencing to be one metre high fixed and pulled on to wooden posts
concreted into ground.

Total cost: Materials & labour £2250.00.

Jon Vale – Materials for 175 metres fence using 3ft green plastic
coated chain link fencing attached to existing concrete posts £615.00
inc. VAT.

Labour to clear site and attach fencing £1050.00.

Total cost: £1665.00.

Extras will be charged accordingly i.e. replacement posts and
adjustments to length of fence.

**Proposed Cllr Holder that the quote of £1665.00 from Jon Vale be
accepted, seconded Cllr Beaman. Voting unanimous.**

Min 93 Judging for Annual Village Tidy Awards 2009

Clerk to ask Cllr Vale. Cllr McCarthy also willing to help.

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

09/00889/ADV Food Programme Delivery, Orchid Group
Co-operative Retail Services, Alcester Road, Studley.
1 Gable sign. 1 Totem sign. 3 Directional signs.
No representation.

09/00965/ADV Folkes Holdings Ltd.
Studley Point, Birmingham Road, Studley.
Non-illuminated, metallic grey sign comprising 6mm
thick letters in composite dibond material mounted on
2 no. horizontal painted steel rails.
No representation.

10. Planning Decisions Received

09/00688/FUL Mr Theo Macras, 35 High Street, Studley.
Formation of new ground floor access to residential flat and
internal alterations to food preparation area to facilitate new
access.
Permission with conditions 3rd June 2009

- 09/00672/FUL Mr S M Hussein, 14 Marble Alley, Studley.
Change of use from commercial property to hot food preparation and sale.
Refusal 29th May 2009
- 09/00403/FUL Mr Kevin Hogan, 3A St Judes Avenue, Studley.
Proposed 2-storey side extension.
Permission with conditions 19th May 2009

11. District and County Council Reports

Cllr M. Weddell: new Comprehensive Area Assessment is Warwickshire wide. Awarded green or red flags. Stratford even if doing well will be brought down if other areas are not doing as good.

County Council Report

No County Council Report available.

12. Correspondence

SDC

Min 94 Copy of report to Planning and Regulation Committee on 15th June 2009 setting out proposed administrative changes relating to electronic notifications of planning applications and enforcement cases. Proposed changes were identified as part of continuous Process Improvement Project in 2008 and will assist in making the planning application process more efficient and cost effective. Any representations to be sent to SDC.

WCC

Min 95 Bollards/Railings outside Tesco. Reply received that railings would have to be 0.45 metres from kerb. The minimum footway width for an urban environment is 1.8metres. Currently asking Tesco if their ram raid bollards can be relocated to 0.45 metres from the roadside. Although other railings in Studley are closer to the kerb this may be historical. Any new railings must be 0.45 metres from the kerbside. Both sets of the members requested these railings and they should go ahead. A parking bay could be an answer but would cost more. If railings were put in there would be no need for bollards.
RESOLVED: ask new County Councillor to take forward. District Councillors will also pursue.

Other

Min 96 E mail received from concerned resident as to the amount of traffic racing up and down Eldorado Close. Danger to children. Believes vehicles are plotters from allotments. Asking if anything can be done to ensure that allotment plotters and visitors use correct car park. Forwarded to Allotment Association.

Min 97 Thank you letter received from Action Studley for generous grant towards flower planting event at Nature Reserve on 5th June 2009.

Min 98 Allotments – various issues highlighted in e mail received from Secretary.

- The Parish Council representative will in future be invited to the Allotment pre-agenda meeting.
- Quotes for stock fencing have been received for approval by Parish Council.
- Allotment Association has made two unsuccessful applications for grants towards Dunstall gates. Gates are a health and safety issue and would like to work collectively with the Parish Council to get this problem resolved. However there are no funds available this financial year.
- Would like to know the accurate position concerning plotholder who was refused a plot. The plotholder has been asked to come and see the Parish Council but to date there has been no response.
- Feels that there should be mutual support, co-operation and understanding between Parish Council and Association.
- Memo of Understanding taken to Allotment Association meeting by Cllr Bacon states the facts that the Committee are aware of.
- A number of volunteers involved in tree felling a tree at Station Road that resident complained about. Suggested that a thank you note be sent and £50.00 to cover costs.

Proposed Cllr Beaman that a grant of £50.00 be paid to the Allotment Association towards the cost of felling the tree on Station Road, seconded Cllr Bacon. Voting unanimous.

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 Parish Council approves the payment of the sum of £50.00 in respect of the Allotment Association.

Cllr Bacon will ask for acceptance of the Memo of Understanding at the next Allotment Association.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 99 Newsflash (Grant Schemes/Fundraising) Warwickshire County Council

Min 100 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2nd June 2009

Min 101 SLCC Warwickshire & West Midlands Branch Newsletter

Min 102 SLCC National Executive Council Elections

Min 103 Rural Services Community News

Min 104 The Arden – Newsletter for Voluntary Action SDC

13. Committee Reports

Minutes of Annual Parish Council Inspection on Tuesday, 9th June 2009 handed to all Councillors.

Summary:

Crooks Lane Recreation Ground:

- Fencing around Scout Hut in poor condition. Repairs in hand. Guttering also needs replacing. Clerk to look at terms of lease. Money should be put aside in the next precept.
- Oak tree guards and lower branches to be removed.
- Skate park needs surface treatment.
- No Dogs Allowed signs ordered.
- Hedge by ATC to be trimmed together with edging Pool Road ready for Studley in Bloom judging.
- Dead Tree to be replaced later in year.
- Play equipment. Clerk to contact SMP for replacement screws and a climbing rope. Protective covering on top of slide also missing and loose screw on swing to be tightened.
- Fencing around small play area – end post to be made safe and fencing to be checked for safety.

Burial Ground:

- Area much improved and looking well.
- Water butt missing and some slabs to re-lay.

Dunstall Allotments:

- Area much improved, Allotment Association has made a difference and most plots now taken.
- Some plots look fantastic.
- Boundary fencing along new beds awaiting final quote.
- Entry gate to the Allotments is usable despite requests from the Association to have it changed.

Station Road Allotments:

- No apparent problems.

Brickyard Lane Recreation Ground:

- Broken goal posts to be removed.
- Goal posts on football pitch to be moved to enable goal mouth area to receive attention. Top soil to be put in to level.
- Inside of changing facility to be strimmed.
- Grass area in good condition and very little sign of litter.

14. Delegates Reports

None.

15. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr Holder 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, 7th July 2009

Meeting closed 9.00pm

