

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 16th September 2008 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman J. Bacon, P. Beaman, J. Vale, E. Holder, Mrs A. Wade,
Mrs H. Wersocki, Mrs M. Woodrow.
District Councillor M. Weddell.

3. Apologies for Absence

Vice Chair Mrs S. Redman, Cllrs M. Redman, C. Rickhards, Mrs M. Bell,
W. McCarthy.
District Councillor Mrs H. Wright, County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy.

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 J. Vale – Planning Application No. 08/02168/VARY – non prejudicial
Item13 General Purposes Committee Report - prejudicial

5. Public Forum

Reminder to all Councillors that the official opening of the Public Open Space will be on Saturday, 20th September 2008 at 3.30pm.

6. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

**Proposed Cllr Holder that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the last meeting, seconded Cllr Beaman. All agreed.
The minutes were signed by the Chairman.**

7. Matters Arising (for information only)

Min 179 Confirmation received from SDC that the play area inspections will be carried out in October/November.

Min 142 Work on trees, Station Road Allotments will be carried out in October by WCC.

Min 124 Confirmation that SDC received our letter concerning the SDC LDF Core Strategy.

Min 216 Application for Aldi Store temporarily withdrawn as Highways have objected to pedestrian crossing.

8. Items for Discussion

Min 213 Cllr Holder: Studley Youth Club
P G Kaba is no longer employed as the Youth Leader. Now a part time

Youth Leader. Later in the year will look at employing a new Youth Leader. A few projects being done but some have not gone ahead. Looking to start photography and dance up again together with a Drop-in Café for evenings and weekends. Also looking at opening up Youth Club during holidays. Changes are good for the Village. Grants have been made to Youth Club by the Parish Council, maybe look again in precept. Good news that opening more. Junior Youth Club if funding allows may start again. Need to let things settle down before new leader appointed. Clerk to write to WCC would like Youth Leader to be appointed as soon as possible. Need to give Youth Club all our support and get people in the community to assist.

Min 214 A435 Traffic Problems

West Area Committee are debating 30mph speed limit. Mappleborough Green were looking at Studley to take the lead and come up with a plan. Suggestion to write for a meeting. May need to look at our wish list and have action plan. Issue of A435 need to look at our own areas with traffic calming. Need traffic to be slow into the Village and fast out. Speed cameras may be the answer. Pursue our own patch. Clerk to write to Mappleborough Green. Maybe better for each Parish to write.

Min 215 Cllr Mrs Wersocki: Studley Library

Query as to future of the library and opening hours. Proposed Cllr Holder to bring issue to next Community Forum meeting on 26th November 2008, seconded Cllr Vale. Voting unanimous.

Min 217 Cllr Bacon attended West Area Planning Committee. Planning Application for dwellings at Node Hill granted. Bin store removed from Plan. Objection did not stand as outline permission previously granted. Need to be more specific in future objections.

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

08/02143/FUL Mr Matthew Stevens, 27 Riverside, Studley.
Conversion of garage/carport to additional living accommodation including raising the height of the original flat roof.
No representations.

08/02168/VARY Mr E Vale, 2 Field Farm, Hardwick Lane, Studley.
Apply to remove demolition condition.
Cllr Vale left the room whilst this plan was discussed.
Objection to variation of original condition as put in to preserve the green belt.

10. Planning Decisions Received

08/01631/FUL Mr G Sim, 15 Station Road, Studley.
2 storey rear extension.
Permission with conditions 28th August 2008

11. District and County Council Reports

No reports available.

12. Correspondence

SDC

Min 218 Training Courses currently being run by SDC available at a fee of £25.00 per course. Bookings currently being taken for Scrutiny Skills - 3 modules.

Min 219 Parish Council Liaison meeting has been rescheduled for 29th October 2008. Clerk and Chairman to attend.

WCC

None.

Other

Min 220 Letter received from Mrs Ivy Cooke re hazards of walking down the High Street to the Co-op. Clerk to write to Mrs Cooke and refer problems to WCC.

Min 221 Thank you letter received from Help for Heroes & from Joan Lock for donation in lieu of Christmas Cards.
Rugby match also in aid of Help for Heroes on 20th September 2008 at Twickenham Stadium at 2.30pm.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 222 WRCC Country Matters Magazine

Min 223 LCR Official Journal of NALC

Min 224 HM Revenue & Customs Employer Bulletin

Min 225 WALC Use of Red Diesel by Councils

Min 226 SLCC Notice of AGM 18th October 2008

Min 227 'Get-Set-Go' Activities for residents aged 45 and over

Min 228 CVS – The Arden Newsletter

Min 229 SDC – CCTV Incident Log for Studley

Min 230 Clerks & Councils Direct

Min 231 Clarity Solutions Newsletter

Min 232 The Bulletin – Standards Board for England Newsletter

Min 233 The Clerk

Min 234 Minutes of the Parish Council Liaison meeting 23rd July 2008

13. Committee Reports

Report of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 2nd September 2008 at 6.45pm

Summary:

Proposed gate at Redditch Road Allotments quotes received:

- Committee felt that the new gate was not necessary and other plot holders felt the money could be spent on other things that are more important.
- Need to have an on-site visit to enable to prioritise.
- Members to attend the next Allotment Association meeting. Need a back up of accounts.

- Cllr Holder has given the Allotment Association Committee an application form from EON to apply for a grant of up to £2500. However they seem reluctant to do so.
- Proposed Cllr Mrs Redman to look for a meeting with the Allotment Association subject to a site visit to match funding up to a maximum of £2000, seconded Cllr Mrs Bell. Voting unanimous.

Grass Cutting Contract J. Vale:

Cllr Vale left the room while this was discussed.

Proposed Cllr Bacon that the contract continue for a further year, seconded Cllr Holder. Voting unanimous.

14. Delegates Reports

None.

15. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr Beaman 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 October 2008

Meeting Closed 8.45pm

