

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at 7.30pm.

## 1. Chairman declared the meeting open

Welcome to everyone.

## 2. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair J. Bacon, M. Redman, E. Holder,  
Mrs H. Wersocki, W. McCarthy, C. Rickhards, Mrs M. Woodrow.

District Councillors Mrs H. Wright, M. Weddell.

County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy.

Elaine Young, Retained Fireman Kevin Skidmore.

11 members of the public.

## 3. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs J. Vale, Mrs S Redman, G. Noke, Mrs M. Bell.

## 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.*

Item 5 Presentation of Studley High School Planning Application

Cllr P. Beaman – prejudicial interest

Cllr W. McCarthy – non prejudicial interest

## 5. Presentation from Elaine Young, Head Teacher, Studley High School concerning planning application for school extensions & alterations

**This planning application was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007 and the decision to object still stands. Councillors can listen to the presentation and ask questions.**

### Summary of presentation:

- Elaine Young not aware that plans had been submitted as happened during school holidays. Plans were discussed with the full governing body. Original plans for phasing came about after considering two things. Need to clarify that school could keep the money from the sale of the school caretaker's house and to apply for specialist status as school has missed out on funding for 5 years. Very important to school as brings in additional funding for each financial year. Has £½ million in first instance for project.
- First phase to include new music room, drama studio. School specialist in Humanities/Music. Very strong in Music and English. Hopefully enough money to do phase 1 this academic year. Building is 1950's and very tired. Phased idea not in piecemeal fashion. Want school to have 'wow' factor.
- Hopefully second phase in near future but will have to raise a lot of money. Long term plan.
- Concerned about 'bits around the edge'. Field is unsuitable in winter, drainage does not work for sport and pupils not allowed to use it at playtime. Inherited 750 pupils, school built for 350. No intention of increase in pupils as not enough space. Class sizes are okay but sociable space is a major problem.
- Everyone knows there is a parking problem on Crooks Lane especially on parent's

evening and concert evenings. Hardcore tennis courts will allow children to spread out for playing and cars to park to get them off the road. 5 a side football pitches with high fences, no intention of floodlights.

- Would really like the school to be used out of school hours, with excellent facilities it is criminal if not used by Village. Would not be used after 8.00pm and school would employ a Site Manager. It is a very 'bitty' building and needs joining together.

Councillors invited to put questions:

- No problem with buildings but concerned about sports area. No way it will finish at 8.00pm. By the time people come home from work will want to start later.
- Have numbers of who might use facilities been estimated?
- No more than 24.
- With two football pitches there will be more than that.
- Will there be a link between the Leisure Centre and Sports Facilities for Management?
- This is not envisaged – will be managed by school staff.

Questions invited from the Public:

- As the field gets waterlogged in the winter, when tarmaced the water will drain onto residents' houses and gardens.
- Will raise this with the architects.
- Very compact area – lot of activity in small area with hockey, tennis, football. It is the residents who will suffer, it will spoil the area and be very noisy. Tennis Courts car park will create 89 spaces which is a lot.
- Car park will only be used for big events, 5 parent evenings and 6 concerts a year. Will not be used for sport events.
- Deny knowing that plans were submitted and also certain aspects of plans yet took advice from the Architect?
- Resident lives by proposed football pitches and has two young children. Under estimating noise, swearing.
- Understand concerns, listening to what residents say.
- Do you see use of adult facilities as a funding stream to school? No.
- Would love all school facilities to be used by community. Only a few evening classes at the moment. Schools are a huge waste of resources, seriously under used. Idea that schools be for extended use.
- Lack of consultation with community. In Local Plan Studley has enough facilities. Last time plan was submitted for outside space it was objected to. Should ask residents what they want.
- Has spoken to groups, willing to speak to everyone.
- Elaine Young has not seen the Parish Plan and does not receive copy of newsletter.

School to be put on the circulation list and Chairman to forward copy of Parish Plan.

Thankyou from the Chairman for coming to the meeting.

## 8. Items for Discussion

### Min 220 Cllr Mrs McCarthy: Fire Station Petition

#### Item brought forward with permission from the Councillors

- At last meeting raised the idea of a public petition and to ask residents to write letters to help retain Fire Station in Studley.
- Warwickshire is the smallest and most expensive Fire Service. No one wants to join with West Midlands but reasonably sensible to join with Hereford & Worcester.
- Would only need one lot of administration and financial staff.
- Main concern is losing our Fire Station and retained Fire Fighters as they

are always available.

- If combined service would only be one station possibly at MacDonald Island in Redditch. Too far for retained fire fighters to travel. Traffic problems during different times of the day. At present absolute maximum of 5 minutes.
- Difficulty is people do not realise how efficient our retained team are. Very important to keep team and engine in Studley.
- Suggest take petition to every house and knock on doors. More effective and also ask residents to write letters.

Chairman asked Retained Fire Fighter Kevin Skidmore what the Parish Council can do to help.

Get petition as if Studley shut down then pump will be kept in Stratford.

Keep residents aware.

The Parish Council will do everything we can to organise petition. County Cllr Mrs McCarthy writing petition and will highlight points for residents to put in letters.

Clerk to contact Redditch Advertiser and to write letter to every household asking them to write to portfolio holder Cllr Richard Hobbs at Shire Hall, Warwick.

Thanks from the Chairman to Kevin and the fire fighters.

## 6. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Amended and signed as a true record of the last meeting.

## 7. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

Min 186 Acknowledgement from John Maples MP of information sent regarding flooding in Studley. He will be meeting representatives from both WCC and SDC to discuss recent flooding and what can be done to improve situation in the event of another heavy rainfall. Hopefully WCC & SDC will work together with Environmental Agency to establish a programme to prevent future flooding on the scale as seen in July and 1998.

Min 188 Receipt of new Unmetered Supply Certificate and Report.

## 8. Items for Discussion

Min 203 Forward Plan Report presented by Cllr Beaman. Copy already sent to all Councillors. Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007 to formulate Forward Plan for Parish Council and to discuss Staff Appraisals for Clerk and Assistant Clerk. To be discussed further at next meeting.

Min 132 Skatepark Issues: Chris Fennell, SDC has been asked to do an independent inspection. District Cllr Mrs Wright has received more complaints. Noise monitoring equipment is now in place. Awaiting report. Maybe a seasonal element to problems. No further complaints to Parish Council. Item to be included on next agenda.

Min 202 Nominations for Youth Shield, Millennium & Silver Jubilee Shield.

The Shields will be presented to:

Millennium Shield – Retained Fire Fighters

Silver Jubilee Shield – Denis Charlton

Youth Shield – Rosie Adcock

To be invited to Chairman's Ball for presentation. Clerk to do press release.

Min 221 Quote for repairs to play area surface & seat installation on Recreation Ground and on The Green, opposite Railway Inn.

Quotation:

to cut out the damaged areas of wetpour and to replace with new located near to the large swings price to include materials & labour £195 + VAT  
for seat installation onto a concrete or tarmac surface £36 + VAT  
to provide and install 8 number 600 x 600 slabs and necessary hardcore for the installation of a new seat price to include materials and labour £260.00 + VAT

**Proposed Cllr Beaman that the quotes as stated be approved, seconded Cllr Holder, voting unanimous.**

Min 222 Quotation received to update office photocopier.

**Proposed Cllr Redman that the quotation received from Clarity of a five year lease rental agreement of 20 quarterly payments of £269.17 + VAT be approved, seconded Cllr Holder. Voting unanimous.**

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

07/02717/FUL                      Mr & Mrs M Wall, 24 Gunners Lane, Studley.  
First floor extension over garage and single storey lean to extension with porch roof.  
**No representations.**

## **10. Planning Decisions Received** None.

## **11. District and County Council Reports** **District Council Report**

Apologies from Cllr Beaman that no District Council report available.

### **County Council Report given by Cllr Mrs H. McCarthy**

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Summary:

- New date for detrunking of A435 is sometime in January 2008.
- Meeting to take place to look at final version of the Regional Spatial Strategy to present to Government. Proposals that have been worked out with Coventry and Solihull is that most of the housing that we have to take will be a North/South corridor in Coventry, Nuneaton & Bedworth, Rugby and Leamington Spa. We are resisting any push from Redditch to overspill their housing into our area as there is plenty of room to the north of Redditch and into Bromsgrove.
- Teenage Pregnancy Group has been renamed Respect Yourself Group. Sex education in schools should be more about relationships. Trying to find out why the UK has a higher teenage pregnancy rate than the rest of Europe. As part of a small governor forum panel we are working with the 'Respect Yourself' team looking at the age at which schools begin to work with pupils on relationships and sex education.
- Attended a seminar on Public Health given by Dr Tim Davies, Warwickshire Director of Public Health.
- A group of members of the Health 0 & S visited the Ambulance Control Centre at Leamington Spa, having previously visited the Control Centre at Brierley Hill. Very interesting and reassuring. If you dial 999 and ask for an ambulance, you get

through to Leamington Spa where their operatives reckon to answer within 3 rings in 90% of the calls. Depending on the call the most appropriate and nearest-sited aid should reach you within 20 minutes.

- Attended Warwickshire Drugs & Alcohol Action Team event which involved a consultation on Warwickshire's response to the National Drug Strategy.
- Member of the Warwickshire Adoption Panel. A frequent reason for babies and young children being taken into care and finally adopted is due to their parents' continuing addiction to either alcohol or drugs in spite of help to give these up. Every case is looked at very carefully and children are not taken into care to fulfil targets.

## 12. Correspondence

### SDC

Min 223 Litter bins now in place, 2 on Crooks Lane Recreation Ground, 1 on Brickyard Lane Recreation Ground and 1 on The Green opposite The Green.

Min 224 Briefing event held in Elizabeth House on opportunities within the Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act 2005. A Dog Control Order has to be declared by the Parish after consultation with residents and with the District Council. There has to be signage within the Parish and an enforcement approach agreed by the Parish Council for the issuing of warning letters and Fixed Penalty Notices. SDC can help with signage and examples of enforcement documents. Cost of training to be investigated. SDC to encourage Parishes to consider this opportunity. Copy of briefing note handed to all Councillors. To be discussed at next meeting.

Min 225 Meeting Housing Needs – Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) published for consultation. Provides further guidance on the implementation of the housing related policies of the adopted Local Plan Review and seeks to:

- boost the supply of housing, particularly affordable housing;
- secure the effective delivery and implementation of new housing, and
- improve the sustainability of new housing.

Can be viewed on Council's website [www.stratford.gov.uk](http://www.stratford.gov.uk)

### WCC

Min 226 Complaint received of overhanging hedge on bend in Castle road opposite drive to St Mary's Church. WCC to trim the bunds and to cut back the hedge.

Min 227 Stratford upon Avon Register Office, notification of new opening hours. Monday – Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm and 1.00pm to 4.00pm.

Min 228 Proposed diversion – Public Footpath AL146a, Studley Highways Act 1980 Section 119. Views or comments required. Clerk to write in support.

### Other

Min 229 Confirmation from Thomas Guise Solicitors that they have received leases for Studley Tennis Club, Bowls Club and SSSC. Clerk to chase up leases signed by Clubs.

Min 230 WALC: a) Briefing event for all Chairmen, Aspiring Chairman and any interest Councillor at Dunchurch Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008 £25 per delegate. Cllrs Beaman, Holder Bacon to attend.

- b) 'Recent Changes to Accounts & Audit Regulations' –  
General Financial Clinic at Globe House, Alcester on  
6<sup>th</sup> November 2007. Clerk to attend.

Min 231 WALC: Reminder of AGM 25<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at Shire Hall, Warwick.

Min 232 Action Studley would like the Parish Council to explore the By-laws to see if possible to turn the Recreation Ground into an alcohol free zone. Also would like to see gates locked from dusk until dawn. Clerk to reply not practicable to lock gates but will investigate By-Laws.

Min 233 Letter received from Mr & Mrs Vale thanking the Parish Council for providing useful rubbish collection. Clerk to write that Parish Council appreciates their comments, copy to SDC.

### **Correspondence for Circulation**

Min 234 'Parish Talk' SDC Newsletter for Parishes

Min 235 'Ways to tackle climate change' Guide from DEFRA

Min 236 'Speaking Out' news magazine for West Midlands Regional  
Assembly

Min 237 WALC newsletter

Min 238 Town & Parish Standard

Min 239 Foot & Mouth Disease & Bluetongue Disease update

Min 240 CCTV yearly summary sheet 07/08

### **13. Committee Reports**

None.

### **14. Delegates Reports**

#### **Report of Youth Club given by Cllr Holder**

Finances low, short of money. Organising events to raise money. Table Top Sale on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2007. AGM 26<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

#### **Report of Action Studley given by Cllr W. McCarthy**

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Reminder of quiz to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at SSSC at 7.30pm. Hoping for support from Parish Council.

### **15. Approve Accounts for Payment**

**Proposed Cllr W. McCarthy that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr E. Holder. Voting unanimous.**

**Reminder to everyone that there will be a PACT meeting on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2007.**

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

**Meeting Closed 9.03pm**

