

Studley Parish Council

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

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman C. Rickhards, P. Beaman, E. Holder, Mrs M. Woodrow, W. McCarthy, M. Redman, Mrs S. Redman, J. Bacon.
District Councillors Mrs H. Wright, M. Weddell.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and noted from:

Cllr J. Vale – illness
Cllr Mrs Wade – holiday
Cllr Mrs Wersocki - personal

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 Item 15 Accounts – personal interest

5. Public Forum

Cllr Rickhards: the Chairman's Award Evening will take place at the Sports & Social Club on Saturday, 26th February 2011 7.00pm for 7.30pm with local musicians and the same caterers as last year.

6. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were received, amended, approved and signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

None.

8. Items for Discussion

Min 97 Bulky Waste Collection: Cllr Holder has volunteered to monitor the next collection on Saturday, 4th December 2010.

Min 274 Request for grit/dog bins: Orbit Housing have advised that there is no problem installing a dog bin on their land at Rowland Avenue/Green Close. The Parish Council will arrange for it to be emptied. Cllr Holder to apply to the Orbit Community Fund to pay for it. Request received from residents for grit bins to be installed by the old people's bungalows on the Redditch Road to replace the one that was damaged and removed last year and for Castle Road/Bell Lane.

Proposed Cllr Beaman that the Parish Council purchase and install two grit bins as requested, seconded Cllr Mrs Redman. All Agreed.

Clerk to check location for the bin at Castle Road/Bell Lane area as maybe better to put near to the footpath in Gunners Lane.

Min 275 Cllr Bacon: Allotments – Water Rates

The cost of water for the Allotments was discussed at the precept meeting. Water is metered and the cost dips according to the weather but there is no incentive to be careful and seek other ways of using water.

Should we start charging retrospectively for water and encourage ways to save water.

May need to consider in future years. Concern that subsidising some people.

Need to go to Allotment Association to discuss further.

Some plot holders were using sprinklers and leaving water on this summer even though it is not allowed.

At last Allotment Meeting were discussing the Memo of Understanding and two amendments. Could propose a third amendment.

E mail has been received from the Allotment Association with requests for funding, could be discussed as part of package.

Meeting to be arranged with the Committee and members of Parish Council. Cllrs Rickhards, Vale, Bacon and McCarthy to attend. Cllr

Bacon to arrange at next Association meeting on 25th November 2010.

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

10/01991/FUL

Ms Sarah Bratton, 37 Gunners Lane, Studley.
Proposed two storey side extension with single storey lean-to roof over porch and garage.

No representation.

10. Planning Decisions Received

10/01971/FUL

Mr Lee Clarke, 77 St Judes Avenue, Studley.
Proposed two storey side extension and proposed porch and garage extension.

Planning permission refused 5th November 2010.

11. District and County Council Reports

District Council Reports

Cllr Weddell: At Cabinet meeting Warwickshire County Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP3) was discussed. Did not object to railway in Honeybourne but Studley Bypass Scheme re air quality and congestion should be acknowledged in the document. Pointed out that there is £200 million for road schemes so asked if a bid could be put in for a cheap bypass. Voted unanimously.

Cllr Rickhards will follow up.

Cllr Mrs Wright: District Council are prioritising services.

Studley has the only public toilet between Birmingham and Stratford.

It is well used and award in Stratford for toilets included Studley which got a four star award.

Strategic Alliance working with Warwick District Council for shared services.

Memo of Understanding being signed for suggested ways forward.

Cllr Beaman: Planning Application Hardwick Lane, temporary siting of mobile home has been withdrawn for technical reasons.

County Council Report given by Cllr Rickhards

Tough choices to be made - £60 million to be saved over three years including redundancies. Youth Services may be going completely unless there is a change of heart. Important that public respond to the proposed cuts. Budget will be discussed in February.

Libraries - £675,000 savings target to be achieved by 2013/14, total saving required is £2 million involving taking £1 million out of management, support and overhead costs. Remainder would be achieved by changing the service including closing libraries. The service would be reconceptualised using alternative methods of delivery as much as possible including maximising the use of new electronic service delivery methods.

Cllr Mrs Wright: there is a statutory requirement to provide a library service.

Cllr Bacon: could be an on-line service with a central warehouse. Books could be ordered and delivered to a pick up point.

Cllr Mrs Redman: Query savings over three years – would be £23 million in the 1st year, £21 million 2nd year, £16 million in the 3rd year.

Cllr Mrs Wright: District Council money comes from the taxpayer and the Government. Savings have to be made from 36% received from Government which is being challenged.

Cuts may not be as brutal as we think.

Cllr Rickhards: Fire Service: no intention of cutting any more stations but reduction of 18% of administrative staff.

Cllr Mrs Wright: attended West Area Committee meeting. Firemen very concerned. Richard Hobbs was the speaker and will also be talking at the next Community Forum meeting on 16th December 2010. Need to publicise the meeting and need to go and stress the strong feelings about the closure of Studley Fire Station.

Also attended VASA (Voluntary Action Stratford upon Avon) meeting where the MP, Nadhim Zahawi spoke about the 'Big Society' giving Bidford on Avon as an example where they protested about the closure of their Fire Station and fought and 'won the day'. Studley was not mentioned. A contradiction of what he was talking about.

Cllr Mrs Wade will report further on this meeting at a later date.

12. Correspondence

SDC

Min 276 Charging of Parish Elections for May 2011. Details received of estimated charges for next year's election. If uncontested cost to Parish Council will be £100.00. If contested £2104.14 or if shared with District Council £1743.94. Money has been put into the precept to cover costs.

Min 277 Community One Stop Shop Services are being reviewed to see the best way to deliver customer services across the District. The Council are currently receiving a large volume of customer enquiries and need to concentrate the staff resource where it can offer maximum benefit to customers. As enquiries at COSS's have been relatively low to date, service is suspended with immediate effect until end of March 2011. All enquiries can be directed to Customer Services 01789 267575.

Min 278 Stratford Economic Funding – Grant Award
Have been awarded £1150.00 towards the Fun Festival to be held at Studley Sports & Social Club 2011. Will be advised of the procedure to claim the grant award as soon as possible. Thanks to the Clerk from Cllr M Redman for her hard work towards completing the application form.

Min 279 Notification of withdrawal of planning application no.10/01518/FUL
Mr S James, 72 St Judes Avenue proposed two and single storey front and side extension.

WCC

Min 280 Flooding Issues – WCC have appointed a Flood Risk Manager, Pete Bones, to implement the recommendations of the Pitt Report into the floods of 2007 and subsequent legislation. Willing to meet individuals or organisations to discuss flood related issues.

Min 281 Winter Service in Warwickshire 2010/11. Details received of Primary Gritting Routes. Further information is available on the Warwickshire web. Gritting decisions and forecasts are now placed on the web each day. Also details of the launch of WCC Snow Warden scheme. Copy of details given to all Councillors. Cllr Rickhards volunteered to be the Snow Warden for Studley. Snow tips and advice information to be put in next newsletter.

Other

- Min 282 WALC: 'Conflict Resolution Workshop' to be held on Friday, 4th February 2011 at Crawford Memorial Hall, Bidford on Avon. £35.00 per delegate. No one to attend.
- Min 283 Invitation to VASA AGM and call for Trustees at the new Community Resource Centre, Arden Court on Wednesday, 1st December 2010. No one available to attend.
- Min 284 Water Services Charges Brickyard Lane Recreation Ground: Severn Trent referred matter to their Field Services Department and will forward results.
- Min 285 VITALISE which supports providing respite care breaks for disabled people, request for donation.
Clerk to respond can only support local causes.
- Min 286 WALC: invitation to meet Warwickshire Association representatives and fellow clerks and a presentation by Nick Darwen WCC on what the 'Big Society' means on a county and parish level on Tuesday, 1st February 2011 at 6.30pm Elizabeth House. No one to attend as same evening as Parish Council meeting.
- Min 287 Warwickshire Police are looking for members of the public to join their Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs). IAG members provide independent, lay advice to the police on their policies and practices, including police operations. Purpose is to give people a greater say in how policing is conducted. Information can be found on IAG website: <http://iag.warwickshire.police.uk>
- Min 288 LINK – Warwickshire Local Involvement Network 'Surviving the Cuts – Together on Thursday, 25th November 2010 at Benn Hall, Rugby 10.30am – 3.15pm. Further information at www.wcava.org.uk
- Min 289 NALC Legal Briefing: Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Copy to all Councillors.
- Min 290 WALC Membership Subscription Rate for 2011-12 is £824.00.
- Min 291 WALC: Details of SDC Budget Provision paper which is to be presented to the Local Strategic Partnership. May be an opportunity for parish and town councils to work with the District Council to minimise the impact of budget cuts on communities. Copy for all Councillors.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 292 SWAT Newsletter
- Min 293 The Clerk
- Min 294 Volunteer Services (Voluntary Drivers) Transport Statistics April 2009 to March 2010
- Min 295 Minutes of WALC Parish & Town Council Liaison Meeting 25th October 2010
- Min 296 Clerks & Councils Direct

Min 297 ICT Workshops @Stratford District Council September to November 2010

Min 298 WALC Newsletter

Min 299 Affordable Rural Housing: A practical guide for parish councils

13. Committee Reports

None.

14. Delegates Reports

Youth Club Report given by Cllr Holder

Open Day held last Saturday, gained some new members. Rob McCluskey under impression that due to the cuts Youth Club will close but Tyler House, Stratford will remain open. The lights on the basketball area have been put on hold. Youth Club asked if they could pay out of their budget but told Studley has no money at all. No long term plans in place at the moment.

At present 20-30 members who are mostly well behaved. Inspection day went very well. Now have a decent Youth Leader.

Studley Sports & Social Club

Cllr M Redman: Bonfire evening was held the week before Bonfire night. It was a very good night and they took over £1000.00.

Fun Festival next year hopefully to be opened by Fire Brigade Union or a colleague.

15. Approve Accounts for Payment

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

705 – Mrs D E Mitchell £1384.67. 706 – Mrs S Perks £603.22.

707 – Inland Revenue £731.65. 708 – G S Adams £479.79.

709 – J Thornley £600.00.

Cllr Rickhards: the Chairman's nominated Charity for donations in lieu of Councillors sending each other Christmas cards will be McMillan Cancer Relief.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 7th December 2010

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Signed: Chairman