

Studley Parish Council

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

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman J. Bacon, Mrs A. Wade, E. Holder, P. Beaman, Mrs M. Woodrow.
County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy.
District Councillors Mrs H. Wright, M. Weddell.
Paul Harris, Karen Johnstone, SDC.

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllr W. McCarthy – business meeting
Cllr J. Vale – social commitment
Mrs M Bell – social commitment
Cllr M. Redman – business commitment
Cllr C. Rickhards – social commitment
Cllr Mrs S. Redman – Illness
Cllr Mrs H. Wersocki – no apology given

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 – Planning Application 08/03076/FUL – non prejudicial, personal

5. Public Forum

The Chairman was sorry to announce that Jack Chambers, a former Parish Councillor had passed away on 15th December 2008.

6. Paul Harris, Karen Johnstone, SDC Local Development Framework – Draft Core Strategy

General discussion:

- Have taken into account the Industrial Estate in Studley, there will be no big housing development. However Winyates a worry as any development will affect HGV traffic through the Village. Studley is still a lorry route. If goes ahead will need to look at impact and signage.
- Aim 3 of Strategy – emphasis is on Market Towns. Resources go to Alcester but none to Studley. Only 4 Market Towns who had funding from Advantage West Midlands. Henley is not included either. Studley would be better being a Market Town.
- Strategy mentions main rural centres including Studley.
- Vision mentions 4 Market Towns but expanded so that planning policies can include other larger rural centres.

- Cllr Mrs Wade concerned about roads. No infra structure for housing, roads through Village very narrow. Should be written into Core Strategy as in need of urgent attention. Cannot leave it all to Highways. Attended meeting of West Midlands Regional Assembly, cannot expect businesses to come to Studley if traffic a problem.
- 'Proven needs of Community' – only one success when planning application for another takeaway was rejected.
- Document is only a starting point in planning policy.
- 17 empty properties in the Village – no evidence that other businesses want to come into the Village instead of takeaways.
- Planning Inspectors look at whole area and needs.
- Cannot support the vitality of the Village if shops only open from 7.00pm – 1.00am. Decimates the vitality.
- Planning caused problems, destroyed the shopping centre.
- Corporate Strategy is to support businesses – does not disadvantage Studley.
- Vitality of Village, right mix and arrange of attractions, very important. Balance (PP6) is important.
- Can there be encouragement to shops (incentives to help people with rate relief and rent)? Small businesses are at a great disadvantage. Need to get owners to reduce rents.
- Outside remit of Core Strategy but relevant.

Thank you from the Chairman to Paul Harris and Karen Johnstone for coming to the meeting. Time for comments extended to 9th January 2009.

7. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes amended and accepted as a true record of the last meeting.

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

8. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

Min 298 Stratford-on-Avon District Sports Awards 2009. Nomination for Sue Dale has been accepted as finalist in their category. Invitation for member and guest to attend the evening Friday, 9th January 2009 at 6.45pm at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Stratford. Drinks reception from 6.00pm. Chairman unable to attend. Vice Chair to be asked.

9. Items for Discussion

Min 316 SDC Local Development Framework – Draft Core Strategy Meeting to be arranged for 6.45pm on Tuesday, 6th January 2009 prior to the Parish Council for further discussion.

Min 315 Nominations for Millennium, Silver Jubilee and Youth Awards To be received on 6th January 2009.

Min 334 Precept for 2009/10 for approval Discussed at Finance Committee meeting on 2nd December 2008. Item to go in next newsletter to residents to explain increase due to street lighting maintenance charges.

Proposed Cllr Beaman that the precept for 2009/10 be approved, Seconded Cllr Mrs Wade. Voting unanimous.

Thanks to the Clerk for all her hard work.

Min 320 WCC proposed diversion of public footpath AL164
Chairman has checked the path. Further information received from
Chris Williams, WCC Rights of Way Officer. Footpath meets up with
adjoining AL149. Makes it much safer. As previous information was
incorrect Parish Council agree to reconsider and no longer object to
the proposal but prefer not to have stock fencing.
**Proposed Cllr Beaman to rescind previous decision and agree to
the diversion of public footpath AL164 without stock fencing,
Seconded Cllr Holder. Voting unanimous.**

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

08/03076/FUL Mr A Bray, The Griffin Inn, 1 Green Lane, Studley.
Temporary change of use of land adjacent to the
Griffin for use as a car sales lot.

**Objection for the following planning reason:
Inappropriate development in the green belt.**

08/03052/FUL Mr Roy Clark, 49 Watts Road, Studley.
Construct porch and extend dining room to front
of property.

No representation.

11. Planning Decisions Received None.

12. District and County Council Reports District Council Report given by Cllr Beaman

Attended the West Area Joint Committee where Cllr Mrs Wade did an excellent
job of making representation concerning Studley Library.
Everyone needs to give their support. (Copy of Cllr Wade's presentation
handed to all Councillors)

County Council Report given by Cllr Mrs McCarthy

- Has written to WCC concerning the pavement outside Tesco Express asking
for railings or bollards to be installed. Being referred to Transport Seminar
23rd January 2009. Possibly go into delegated budget. Clerk to also write
to Peter Samwell, WCC.
- Parking on pavement A435 Alcester Road. No restrictions so can park on
road. Cars park half on half off but dangerous for mobile scooters,
pushchairs and wheelchairs. White markings could be considered. WCC
will be looking at in the New Year.
- Presentation by Police:
Some Facts – For Warwickshire
105 Crimes a Day
9 Serious Violence
6 Burglaries
15 Vehicle

22 Criminal Damage
1 Robbery
1 Road Related Death every 9 Days

365 days a Year

Make 40 arrests
Receive 227 '999' emergency calls
Receive over 2000 non emergency & general calls
Solve 26 crimes
Cover 15068 miles in vehicles
Recover £1621.72 worth of assets from proceeds of crime

Cllr Beaman – West Area Joint Committee approved 30mph speed limit on Alcester Road.

13. Correspondence

SDC

- Min 334 Appointment of 3 Parish Council representatives for SDC's Standards & Ethics Committee. Existing representatives term due to expire 2009. Nominations required for vacancies by 13th February 2009.
- Min 335 Annual Play Area Inspection Report. Various issues to be checked. None serious.

WCC

None.

Other

- Min 336 Baker Associates: SDC Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment update being undertaken which will include invitation for landowners and others to submit details of sites which can be considered by the Assessment and will be carefully assessed by SDC.
- Min 337 Freedom of Information new model publication must be adopted by 1st January 2009. Once adopted the Scheme will be valid until further notice.
- Proposed Cllr Wade that the Freedom of Information New Model Publication be adopted, seconded Cllr Holder. Voting unanimous.**
Copy of information to be put on website passed to all Councillors.
- Min 338 Citizens Advice Bureau have moved to new premises at 25 Meer Street, Stratford. Invitation to pre Christmas visit Thursday, 18th December 2008 3.00pm – 5.00pm.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 339 Minutes of Henley & Studley Community Forum Meeting 26th November 2008
- Min 340 NALC Mileage Allowances 2008/9
- Min 341 Studley CCTV Monthly Report

14. Committee Reports

None.

15. Delegates Reports

Report of the Allotment Holders Association meeting on 19th November 2008 given by Cllr McCarthy

Copy handed to all Councillors

Summary:

- Association waiting for Chairman of the Parish Council to report on the Eldorado fence so it could be installed.
- Report drawn up on two items for consideration in Parish Council's precept.
- Plot secretaries reported that only 6 plots now vacant on Dunstall.
- Stop tap and well at Dunstall needs investigating.
- Association to take a stall at the Christmas fayre selling produce and running a tombola.

Chairman will check the fence.

16. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr Beaman that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr Mrs Wade. Voting unanimous.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 6th January 2009

Meeting Closed 8.35pm

