

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 17th March 2009 at 7.30pm.

## 1. Chairman declared the meeting open

## 2. Present

Chairman J. Bacon, Vice Chair Mrs S. Redman, P. Beaman, Mrs A. Wade, W. McCarthy, M. Redman, J. Vale, E. Holder, Mrs H. Wersocki, C. Rickhards.  
District Councillors Mrs H. Wright, M. Weddell.  
County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy.

## 3. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs M. Woodrow – Holiday  
Cllrs Mrs M. Bell – Parent's evening

## 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 405, Min 421 – non prejudicial

Cllr Beaman – Item 12 Min 431- non prejudicial

## 5. Public Forum

Cllr Rickhards: would like to inform everyone that Olive Fenn has died. She was a great friend of the Parish Council.

Cllr Bacon: an invitation has been received from Studley High School to attend their production of 'The Tempest' on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 1.30pm.  
Councillors to inform the Clerk if they would like to attend.

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

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

## 7. Matters Arising (for information only)

Min 420 Dr Jacky Lawrence, Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership. Hopes that the Parish Council are inspired to take on the climate change challenge. Will try to give help and support.

Min 412 Johnson Coach Travel – Friday Shopper Coach Driver – Mr Richard Pearson. Johnsons will pass Parish Council's comments to Mr. Pearson. Customer safety and welfare are treated as priority.

## 8. Items for Discussion

Min 405 Cllr Bacon: 6<sup>th</sup> month review of allotment plot holder. Has until

1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 to clear plot and is doing so. Need to closely monitor situation.

Cllr Mrs Wersocki has spoken to the Allotments Officer in Redditch who is happy to come and to talk to Parish Council about how their allotments are run. Plot holders pay for water supply in Redditch.

Alcester charge more for residents who live outside area.

Dunstall Road allotments are clearing 7 new plots. Have been given money for use of digger. Plots should then be allocated to local people. Meeting to be arranged with Allotments Officer to discuss new rules and guidelines after Allotment Association have held their meeting.

Min 421 Bonfires on the allotments: e mail received from Mr Close on behalf of Residents of Augustine Avenue about a fire on Station Road allotments on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 from 3.00pm onwards. Copy sent to all Councillors. In the past resident has complained about fires affecting his immediate family but this was so bad (photo attached) that he sought opinion of neighbours. Fumes appeared highly toxic and penetrated into homes. Affects the health of his wife and neighbours. Asking for reassurance that there will be no more fires on the allotments.

- Need to have bonfires occasionally to get rid of disease. Most people are responsible when having fires.
- Suggested to Secretary of Association to nominate so many bonfire days and notify residents in advance.
- Was not all gardening material that was burned on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009. Should only be gardening material and people should be encouraged to compost and recycle. Trees can be shredded by the Council.
- Could be some negotiation between the Allotment Association and the residents as this is an issue, maybe the Parish Council could act as mediator.
- Cllrs Bacon and McCarthy to attend Allotment Association meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Going to develop a set of guidelines and put forward a list of ideas.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write to Mr Close explaining that the Parish Council have no jurisdiction to prevent bonfires and enclose leaflets detailing legislation.

Min 407 Public Path Diversion Order 2009 (Footpath AL164 Studley) e mail received from Chris Williams, Rights of Way Officer (Legal Orders). The Lane does not carry any known public right of access. In the event the term 'Green Lane' has no foundation in law. Would like confirmation of email of 17<sup>th</sup> December 2008 that Parish Council has no objection to the Order. Cllr Vale has spoken to the owner of the land and has seen the paperwork. Studley Charities had right of way to their fields but now rescinded and have an alternative route.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write and confirm that the Parish Council has no objection to the Diversion Order but are investigating the 'Green Way'. Cllr Wersocki to sort out paperwork.

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

09/00078/FUL Mr Simon Biddle, 21 Alcester Road, Studley.  
New shop frontage and rear extract wall vent.  
**No representation**

09/00323/ADV Aldi Stores Ltd. Birmingham Road, Studley.  
Double sided illuminated sign box between  
twin posts. Internally illuminated wall sign.  
**No representation**

## 10. Planning Decisions Received

08/03239/OUT W E Green, Field Farm, Hardwick Lane, Studley.  
Erection of agricultural workers' dwelling.  
**Refused 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009**

08/03202/FUL Mr I Gibbard, 58 Alcester Road, Studley.  
Erection of single storey extension to rear.  
**Permission with conditions 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009**

## 11. District and County Council Reports

### District Council Report given by Cllr M. Weddell

Attended Beacon Award Ceremony in London. Stratford District Council were awarded Beacon Status for outstanding work in digital inclusion. Award recognises local governments excellence and innovation in improving quality of life for residents and communities.

### County Council Report given by County Cllr Mrs McCarthy

Summary:

- A435 speed change from 40mph to 30mph. Asked Police on behalf of a lorry driver date of change but they did not know.
- Cllr Weddell would like to see repeater speed signs at each end of the Village as cars are now travelling too fast through Village.
- Notification of road closures – see WCC correspondence for details
- Business case for Alcester Hospital available. All beds are to go but will be more help for people in their own homes. No support to keep beds in area. Will take in two doctors' surgeries. Document available to read.
- NHS Out of Hours Service report available to read.

## 12. Correspondence

### SDC

Min 420 District Cllr Mrs Wright re issues arising from meeting with residents and representatives from the Housing Association. Several issues of concern emerged in particular dog fouling in Green Close and footway leading onto Allendale Crescent. Worst example ever seen. Residents would like dog fouling signs and bins.  
Street light needed along path that runs from Green Close to Allendale

Crescent. Area is attracting people to gather and indulge in anti social behaviour. Residents feel that street light will deter unwelcome activities.

Residents are very angry, need to set up a meeting. Clerk to check on bins that are already ordered. Could write and ask dog warden to come to Studley at more opportune time. Problem of dog fouling is all over the Village.

Street light is justified. Pass to lighting committee.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write to Rob Weeks, SDC that we have received serious complaints re dog fouling and would he be prepared to come to a meeting with residents and members of the Parish Council to discuss the problem.

Min 421 Litter Bin Position Statement for Stratford District Council received including details of legislation. Copy handed to all Councillors.

Min 422 DEFRA are making limited funds for flood resistance/resilience measures to communities which have suffered in the recent past. Would like to make an application on behalf of Studley. Would like to know how Parish Council feel? Closing date 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write that we would like SDC to make application on our behalf.

## **WCC**

Min 423 Steven Deacon, Riverside contacted Bob Yarwood about lamp post on his property being a hazard and an aesthetic problem. When reversing out of his drive cannot turn steering wheel until well into road as front of car would swing into lamp post. Has already bumped his car causing minor damage. Would also like to have his property block paved to improve the appearance and provide off road parking. Request for lamp post to be moved.

**RESOLVED:** Councillors to investigate and report back to next meeting. Clerk to write to Mr Deacon.

Min 424 Notification of temporary road closures to carry out resurfacing works:

- a) Hardwick Lane 13<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009
- b) Stapleton Road 20<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009
- c) A435 southbound 27<sup>th</sup> March (3 days)

Min 425 Emergency Planning have spare space blankets, tabards and sand bags available. Have to be collected from Shire Hall, Warwick.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to make arrangements.

## **Other**

Min 426 Letter received from Steve Faulkes, Monks Drive. Thanks to Parish Council and allotment holders for improving situation of overgrown bushes along fence separating his property from allotments. Now has problem of large holly bush overhanging fence. Fence panelling is beginning to decay where it is in contact with tree. Request for it to be pruned.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write to Mr Faulkes and to speak to Secretary of Allotments.

- Min 427 Letter received from Brian Ward, SSSC. Adjoining bungalow does not have any buildings insurance. Has tried to rectify matter but as they only lease the property not able to do so. In the event of a fire or any other problem bungalow is not insured to be repaired or rebuilt.  
**RESOLVED:** need to get building insured. Clerk to write to Mr Ward.
- Min 428 Letters received from Carol Hodgetts and Mrs Bayley concerned that they may lose Friday Shopper Coach to Redditch. Would be prepared to pay more to keep service.  
**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write explaining that it was never the intention to stop this service but idea suggested that users might like to occasionally visit a different town to shop. However as majority of users do not want any change service will remain as usual.
- Min 429 Request from Alzheimer's Society South Warwickshire Branch for funding to support branch activities.  
**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write that as Parish Council has limited funds can only award grants to local groups.
- Min 429 WALC: Briefing Day 'Being a Good Councillor and Clerk' Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at Fillongley, Coventry. Councillors to notify Clerk if they wish to attend.
- Min 430 Elisabeth Ward re A435 speed reduction from 40mph to 30mph Sprenal Garage to Bromsgrove Road. Would like to know why Parish Council did not inform residents.  
**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write to explain that Warwickshire County Council has undertaken a speed review to try and make the roads safer. The speed changes have been widely publicised. However the Parish Council has not been informed of the date of the speed change.
- Min 431 Invitation from Village Hall for a Parish Councillor to join their Committee. Anyone interested to inform Clerk.

### **Correspondence for Circulation**

- Min 432 LCR The Official Journal for NALC  
 Min 433 Clerks & Councils Direct  
 Min 434 Weekly Rural Focus Digest  
 Min 435 Town and Parish Standard Newsletter  
 Min 436 Funding news bulletin  
 Min 437 GRANTfinder newsletter  
 Min 438 The Clerk  
 Min 439 Heart of England Foundation Grants  
 Min 440 Training for Social Enterprise  
 Min 441 CVS/VC Planning Workshop

### **13. Committee Reports**

#### **Grants Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 6.45pm in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall**

Request received from The Forest of Arden Youth for Christ for funding towards the cost of running the centre at Studley Baptist Church.

**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 Council approves the payment of the sum of £200.00 in respect of The Forest of Arden Youth for Christ.**

Request for funding from Studley Allotment Association for the hire of a machine to clear plots.

Request for grant withdrawn.

#### **14. Delegates Reports**

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

- In the process of losing Bursar in April for family reasons. Anna to ask Bursar from Henley if they would like to be based at Studley.
- Have lost 1 part time Youth Leader.
- After School Club is doing very well – about 30 children. 8 youths from Studley going to Gaydon on driving course.
- Some refurbishment of the Youth Club has taken place. Writing to SWIG to get money to finish work.
- Other Groups are now using the Club. Things are looking up.

Cllr Holder: attended Emergency Planning Workshop.

Programme included an update on emergency planning in Warwickshire.

Meeting of Emergency Planning Committee arranged for 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009 prior to Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Bacon attended WALC Annual Briefing Day at Myton School. Took part in 'Freedom of Information' workshop. 100 delegates but only one Councillor A ttended from Studley.

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

**Proposed Cllr McCarthy that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr Holder. All agreed.**

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

**Meeting Closed 9.08pm**

