

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 17th April 2007 at 7.30pm.

1. Public Forum:

Mrs McDonald

Lives at St Chads backing onto field, went round collecting litter, cans, glass bottles yesterday and filled two green bags. Terrific amount of rubbish. Lot of drinking going on and rubbish not picked up. Shrubbery now growing over some of the rubbish that is not within reach but needs to be cleared. Garden roller dumped and now in ditch. Need to have a litter picker organised.

Perhaps young offenders could be used to clear up. First mini motorbike has appeared. Punishment Officer from Leamington could be contacted.

Up to us as a Parish Council to inspect area. Summer will be worse. Shame we don't take a pride in the area. Need to quickly organise a litter pick.

Thanks to Mrs McDonald for all her hard work. Aware of drinkers. Police need to be alerted.

Problem with rubbish not just restricted to Brickyard Lane but also in the fields around Studley. Investigate putting in litter bins. Also need to contact Severn Trent, awful mess in river. Put on agenda for further discussion at next meeting.

Cllr Mrs H Wright

Summary Overview for Parish Plan. Introductory letter to be signed by Cllr Mrs Wright and someone else who is a permanent officer. Seeking views.

Proposed that the Clerk should be a signatory. All agreed this is acceptable. Will get printed as soon as possible. Summary includes outline issues that have emerged. Action Plan not included. Will let all Councillors have a copy when available. Cllr Bacon will help with distribution.

Feedback from SDC Planners is that it is an excellent plan which has addressed all issues in the Village. Will be recommended for approval by Full Council.

All agreed that names and telephone numbers of Parish Councillors can be listed.

Proposed Cllr Beaman that Parish Council logo can be used in the Parish Pan, seconded Cllr McCarthy. Voting unanimous.

Thanks from Cllr Mrs Wright to the Parish Council for their support.

Thanks from the Chairman to Cllr Mrs Wright and her team for their hard work.

2. Chairman declared the meeting open

3. Present

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

District Councillor Mrs H. Wright. 1 member of the public.

4. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs A. Wade.

County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy.

5. 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.

None.

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 113 Cllr McCarthy: Public Open Space

Wrote to David Buckland re lease on 12th February 2007. No reply received. Cllr Beaman to chase up.

8. Items for Discussion

Min 376 Action Studley Report:

- Not impressed. On first page 'promote greater networking and joined-up thinking'. 'Appoint a Village Champion'. Not sure what is meant. Who is this? Who will pay?
- Anti Social Behaviour initiative already taken by Parish Council. Parish Council also supports local organisations.
- Report inaccurate.
- Action Studley has discussed and accepted the report for what it is. Having got the report can now apply for grants.
- Anyone doing snapshot survey will not be in depth, only viewpoints.
- Challenge Clause 3, Page 2. Naïve in the extreme, utterly opposed to those measures.
- Village has got community spirit but feel that report rounds down the Village.
- Idea of fish shop, drapery, café but unfortunately small businesses struggle against large supermarkets.
- Grant of £5000 was insufficient to attract the right consultant. Lack of professionalism.
- Action Studley need to take what there is of the plan to take it forward. They must be very disappointed that they did not actually get what they wanted.
- Action Studley could use the Parish Plan. All documents can be used by all groups for funding.
- Query if schools have school councils who could put forward their ideas. Cllr Mrs Wade has met with school councils.
- SCWIG (Safer, Communities, Well-being, Intergenerational, Group) invited students to meetings but did not turn up. It is very difficult to get schools involved.

Min 10 Redditch BC Supplementary Planning Document. Land to the rear of Alexandra Hospital. Comments required.

- Some pleasing things but proposed units extend too far South to Green Lane.
- Access fears have been allayed. Access into main space is nearer Alexandra Hospital.
- Visual quality – cover of trees ok.
- Positively state public transport needs to be improved.
- Not sure if B1 light industry would be environmentally friendly – contradictory,
- Query if mentioned doing a reptile survey as abundance of snakes and adders in area.
- Need to be aware that design layout allows for future expansion.

- Fields should have been used for hospital expansion.
 - Very near to Public Open Space. Harm to amenity of unsightly buildings from Studley.
 - Sustainable urban drainage systems. Not sure what is meant by Swale (ditch). Lot of area is clay and water will quickly run off into Green Lane.
 - Renewable energy – could look at ground effect heating using car park to heat water.
 - Object to three storey buildings should only be two storey.
- Clerk to write with comments.

Min 19 Cllr Bacon: Play Area, Castle Estate

Resident recently complained of children playing football in Gunners Lane. Castle Estate does not have play area. Not family orientated, have to cross A435. Can this be considered. Used to be a cricket pitch at the end of Gunners Lane, could be used for play area or football pitch. This was looked at some time ago Cllr McCarthy looked for open space, some interest shown but would not release land. May look at the land where sewer is situated. If any new development could be included in 106 agreement. Piece of land in centre of Riverside could be used. Included in long term plan in Parish Plan.

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

07/00784/OUT	<p>GEAC Enterprise Solutions Ltd., Needle House, Birmingham Road, Studley. Residential development of 5 no. 2 bedroom houses and 10 apartments.</p> <p>Objection for the following planning reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Area designated for employment use. 2. Caught up in SDC moratorium which would restrict development. 3. Resist any change to residential development.
07/00553/FUL	<p>Poplars Manufacturing Co. Poplars Trading Estate, Redditch Road, Studley. Construction new industrial unit of 300 square metres.</p> <p>No representations.</p>
07/00835/FUL	<p>Mr & Mrs Ali, 9 Augustine Avenue, Studley. Proposed loft conversion incorporating two dormer windows to rear elevation.</p> <p>No representations.</p>
07/00699/TPO	<p>Ms J Bagshaw, 6 Morgan Close, Studley. T1 lime: Crown reduce by 15-20%. Crown lift to 3m & remove deadwood. T2 birch: Crown reduce by 10% to reshape & remove deadwood.</p> <p>No representations.</p>

10. Planning Decisions Received

LloydsTSB, 25A Alcester Road, Studley.
1 no. Fascia 7800 mm x 395 mm externally
illuminated by trough downlight. 1 no. non-
illuminated projector 740 mm x 600 mm.
Permission with conditions 22nd March 2007

11. District and County Council Reports

Copy of Parish Talk handed to all Councillors by Cllr Beaman

County Council Report given by Cllr Mrs H. McCarthy

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Summary:

- Travellers settling in inappropriate places. Reported to Police and the Officer who now deals with this problem. County in process of providing extra sites for travellers and when these are available travellers can be ordered to move off verges and on to sites.
- Lottery bid for the Library has now been signed by the Chief Executive and has gone in. Will have to wait about 6 months to see if successful.
- Attended a Maintenance & Safety Seminar for the Stratford on Avon area. Cabinet has given the County Councillors £400,000 and it has been decided that perhaps 2 route safety projects should be costed and the rest should go on small schemes that would make a difference to local people such as parking spaces, dropped kerbs etc. Each Councillor is to make 3 suggestions of small projects that might cost £20,000 each and that can be achieved this year. The suggestions will then be voted for. Suggestion for Studley is a sign saying no vehicles over 7.5 tons. except for access at each end of the B4092. This would need a Traffic Regulation Order which would take about 6 months, but which could be done this year. Parish Councillors asked for opinions or any other suggestions. One suggestion is that the yellow lines outside the schools be repainted.
- County Waste Disposal Department is still in the process of negotiating an appropriate financial reimbursement with regard to Studley residents using the Redditch tip.

12. Correspondence

SDC

- Min 20 Notification of Planning Appeal No.06/00718/FUL Land rear of, 11 Alcester Road. Comments by 2nd May 2007 to Planning Inspectorate. Clerk to write.
- Min 21 District Council & Parish Council Elections 3rd May 2007 Statement of Persons Nominated. As Parish Council has insufficient nominations there will not be a poll held in Parish.
- Min 22 Information received regarding Bank Holiday & Recycling Collections for May Bank Holiday. For notice board and website.

WCC

- Min 23 Temporary Road Closure C38 Whitemoor Road, Sambourne at junction with B4090 Alcester Heath between 23rd April 2007 and 1st June 2007 for resurfacing.

Other

- Min 24 Water supply to Church and graveyard. Request from Revd Deimel to share the cost of the project. Clerk to write for details of cost. No money available in this year's precept but may be able to contribute next financial year.

- Min 25 Studley Sports & Social Club damage to retaining wall to Redditch Road footpath. Debris cleared and wall made safe following vandalism.
- Min 26 Quotation from Redditch BC for grass cutting Recreation Grounds £1991.50 + VAT.
- Min 27 Climate change levy: changes to rates by n power increase from 1st April 2007 £0.0043 per kilowatt hr to 0.0441.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 28 Purple Breakthrough Breast Cancer Magazine
- Min 29 National Council Report of Chief Executive
- Min 30 Speaking Out, WMRA Newsletter
- Min 31 WALC Newsletter

13. Committee Reports

Report of the Staffing Committee given by Cllr Beaman

Copy handed to all Councillors

Proposed Cllr Beaman that the report be accepted, seconded Cllr McCarthy. Voting unanimous.

14. Delegates Reports

Verbal Report of Studley Sports & Social Club given by Cllr Mrs Redman

Apologies that no written report available.

New Steward appointed with effect from 1st June 2007. Coming from Stratford British Legion. Plenty of experience, best candidate. AGM last Friday, 2 vacancies on Committee. Representative from Cricket Club, should approach Tennis and Bowls Club and they would then have a full Committee. Meetings held 1st Wednesday every month 8.15pm.

15. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr Mrs M Bell that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr W. McCarthy. Voting unanimous.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 1st May 2007

Meeting Closed 8.55pm

