

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 17th May 2005 at 7.30pm.

1. Public Forum

None.

2. Chairman declared the meeting open

3. Present

Vice Chair M. Pittaway, J. Vale, Mrs A. Wade, Mrs H. Wersocki, S. Phipps, W. McCarthy, J. Bacon, Mrs M. Woodrow.

Apologies for late arrival M. Redman.

County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy, District Councillor Mrs H. Wright.

Andrew Roberts, SSSC.

4. Apologies for Absence

Chairman P. Beaman, Mrs S. Redman.

A minute's silence was held in memory of Gill Harris who died recently.

Cllr W. McCarthy: Gill was a member of the Parish Council for 30 years becoming the first woman Chairman in 1977 and being elected Chairman again in 1992. She retired from the Parish Council in 2003. Her family were connected with Studley for many years. She taught at the Junior School and had a wide knowledge.

The Council were once very turbulent and Gill enjoyed and relished the arguments. She had strong and often stubborn opinions but would listen to other peoples views. She enjoyed her time on the Parish Council. She helped teach many children to swim and took up water colours in the last two years. Travel was very important to her. She had many friends and appreciated their friendship.

5. Declarations of Interest

None.

6. Studley Sports & Social Club

Thanks from the Chairman to Andy Roberts for coming to the meeting to discuss the plans for the Club.

Following the AGM on 23rd March 2005 Pete Smith and Joan Tappenden have stood down. Andy Roberts is now Secretary. Not criticising last Committee but Club has not been run as well as it should have been. Carl Humphries, a qualified accountant, has taken over as Treasurer and Brian Summers is Chairman.

- Club to be run on strict business lines. Taken a month to assess Club's finances.
- New plans to address overdraft and loan re-schedule.

- Letter received by Parish Council from Joan Tappenden was not discussed by Committee.
- Club has accepted offer from Carlsberg/Tetley to be new supplier.
- Loan from brewery discussed. Bungalow could be used as collateral with Parish Council's permission.
- Cricket wicket to be removed to extend football area. Repairs to equipment carried out.
- Current Debts £1500 (misc), £3000 (VAT), £3700 (Inland Revenue).
- £5000 needed to complete changing rooms. When £3500 received from SDC will be sent direct to Parish Council.
- Membership a problem, needs new members. 6 months to 1 year should be on a better financial footing.
- Parish Council had a look at accounts. Club hopes to grow by 5% over 5 years but with business falling by 3% this didn't look likely to happen. Letter received asking if Steward could purchase bungalow but Parish Council advised not to sell.
- Maybe an idea for Andy Roberts to meet with small committee to discuss further.
- Query as to what has happened to £3500 allocated to finish changing rooms? Used to pay off existing debts on changing rooms. Also had a break-in which was a serious cost. Changing rooms were a fiasco from start to finish. Built in a piecemeal way. Mistakes made at the beginning and provisions not made for the disabled.
- Room for improvement. Grounds are full but members do not use Club for a drink. Need to entice to spend in bar. Membership only a starting point may need to refurbish and have a family room. Costly to advertise but could use Newsletter.
- No business plan in place but increase in facilities (4 adult football pitches, 2 for juniors and 2 for ladies) should attract more people.
- Rubbish at back of field for levelling, a concern. No evidence of unauthorised tipping but need to address. As Landlord we would be responsible for removal of any waste. Earth from cricket pitch will be used to level and tidy up the ground with top soil.
- Date fixed for meeting prior to Club's Committee on Thursday, 2nd June at 7.30pm.

Thank you from the Chair to Mr Roberts for attending.

Need to take the loan back to £75,000 and use the bungalow as collateral for developments to take place. Money needs to be spent on bungalow to bring it up to standard. Club willing to undertake that work.

7. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

8. Matters Arising

- Min 63 Withdrawal of S136 payments. Need to protest. Agreed to pursue through Parish Liaison Committee. Clerk to write to SDC requesting information of anticipated income.
- Min 68 Audit Fees, comments required from Councillors. Agreed that proposals for changes look to be acceptable with following comments:
- a) Basic rate needs to be uplifted as £100.000 will affect large number of customers.
 - b) There should be a higher limit for Basic Audit for any Quality Council as they will have sufficient safeguards in place to ensure fraud is unlikely.
 - c) There should be a requirement for all Councillors to have a basic training in understanding Auditing and the reasons why it is done.
- Min 346 District Cllr Mrs Wright and P. Beaman upset about wording of this minute. It was agreed by the Parish Council that following this issue lessons have been learnt and that there needs to be better communications between District & Parish Councillors.
- Min 352 Willow trees, Castle Road opposite Priory Mill not subject to TPO. Clerk to write and ask Arboriculturist to check trees behind Priory Mill for damage as Cllr W. McCarthy was assured by SDC that these are protected with TPO.

9. Items for Discussion

None.

- 10. Date for Annual Village inspection:** Tuesday, 14th June 2005 at 6.30pm. Meet outside Village Hall.

11. Planning Applications

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| 05/01020/FUL | Mr & Mrs D Peace, 25 Toms Town Lane, Studley.
Proposed two storey pitched roof side/rear extension.
No representations. |
| 05/01226/FUL | Mr C Ruane, 11 Manor Road, Studley.
Two storey side extension.
No representations. |
| 05/01221/FUL | Mrs Susan Green, 7 Allendale Avenue, Studley.
Conservatory to rear and carport to side.
No representations. |

05/01117/FUL	<p>Mr M McCann, The Barn, Clarkes Green Farm, Clarkes Green, Studley.</p> <p>Change of use of redundant barn and cowsheds to offices, workshop and storage.</p> <p>Objection for the following planning reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Highway Safety. 2. Over development of site. 3. Change of use to industrial rather than agricultural.
05/01223/FUL	<p>Mrs C Strain, 21b Alcester Road, Studley.</p> <p><u>Amendment to Planning Application No.04/03400/FUL</u></p> <p>Proposed change to 2 no. flats.</p> <p>No representations.</p>
05/01275/FUL	<p>Mrs D Thompson, 3 Westmead Avenue, Studley.</p> <p>Proposed first floor extension to side over garage.</p> <p>No representations.</p>
05/00854/FUL	<p>Messrs G & J Gilbert, 1 Bell Lane, Studley.</p> <p><u>Amendment</u></p> <p>Demolition of Police House and erection of building comprising A2 use at ground level and flat above. Reduction in height by 300 mm on Alcester Road frontage & 2 m on rear wing & minor reduction in building front print.</p> <p>Objection for the following planning reasons:</p> <p>Same objections as for previous application with highway safety, parking and access for Fire Station still being a concern.</p>

12. District and County Council Reports

District Council Report give by Cllr Mrs H. Wright

- May be aware of internal machinations at Stratford District Council. Now going to be two planning committees East & West made up in old way.
- Local Plan Review – SDC welcomed report. Major issue that safeguard taken off land for Bypass. Winyates Green should not be included in the Greenbelt.
- Poplars Trading Estate granted development status. Can now develop whatever they want. SDC will be unhappy. Does impact on Studley.
- Needlemakers Arms asking for extended drinking hours. Parish Council and Cllr Mrs Wright to object. Clerk to write to Inspector Malik to highlight problems, also to write to SDC Licensing Department asking that Parish Council be kept informed of applications affecting Studley.

County Council Report given by Cllr Mrs H. McCarthy

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Still pursuing Highfield Road sewage problem.

Congratulations from the Chair to Cllr Mrs McCarthy for success in recent Election. Appreciate time given to Village matters by County Councillor and District Councillors.

13. Correspondence

SDC

Min 74 Withdrawal of planning application no.05/00820/OUT.

Min 75 Supply of Council Agendas 2005/2006. Available for inspection in Libraries & SDC Area Offices in paper form, on Council Website www.stratford.gov.uk or on yearly subscription.

Min 76 Arrangements remain the same for Grit Bins. Responsibility of Parish Council to supply & WCC to fill them with salt. Clerk to arrange for bin to be placed in Eldorado Close.

Min 77 SDC Local Plan Review Inspector's Report into objections. Report can be viewed on Council's website www.stratford.gov.uk Planning & Environment page. Recommendations to be considered by District Council and report will be made to Council in September. Recommends that Studley be properly treated as Main Rural Area and safeguarding Studley Bypass should be deleted subject to outcome of any Legal challenge to Secretary of States decision to revoke the Orders. Copy of Summary for Councillors for next meeting.

Min 78 Declaration of result of Poll. Cllr Helen McCarthy re-elected in County Council Election and John Maples elected in Parliamentary Election.

WCC

Min 79 Stratford on Avon Community Transport & Minibus Brokerage Service. Interest required by 13th May 2005.

Other

Min 80 Redditch BC Local Council Omission Sites Consultation Period & Suggested Changes to the Inspector. Objections or comments to the Inspector in writing before Wednesday, 15th June 2005.

Min 81 Notice of Intention to apply for a transfer of licence: McKees Restaurant to Simon Chambers only at Nuneaton on 6th June 2005.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 82 Standards Board Bulletin

Min 83 Trading Standards News

Min 84 Local Council Review

Min 85 Clerk & Councils Direct

14. Committee Reports

None.

15. Delegates Reports

None.

16. Approve Accounts for Payment

Direct debit payment to SDC £279.00.

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

17. Urgent Business

Parish Council has paid for the light to be repaired that was damaged during building of infant school. Clerk to contact Peter Ridley, Property Services, WCC to see if possible to make a claim against developers.

18. Chairman's Business

None.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 7th June 2005

Meeting Closed 9.10pm