

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 7.30pm.

## 1. Chairman declared the meeting open

## 2. Present

Chairman J. Bacon, Vice Chair Mrs S. Redman, P. Beaman, C. Rickhards,  
Mrs A. Wade, Mrs M. Woodrow, W. McCarthy, E. Holder, Mrs M. Bell.  
Shaun Regan, Mappleborough Green Parish Council.  
District Councillors M. Weddell, Mrs H. Wright.  
Apologies for late arrival County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy.  
1 member of the public.

## 3. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs H. Wersocki, J. Vale, M. Redman.

## 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 9 Min 96 – non prejudicial

## 5. Public Forum

A resident who is new to the Village had difficulty in find out about the Tennis Club.  
Handed a copy of Studley Guide. Clerk to suggest that Tennis Club could advertise on Parish Council website.

Thanks from the Chairman for bringing this matter to our attention.

**Cllr Mrs Wright:** recent appeal 14 Marble Alley, change of use to hot food takeaway. Inspector upheld the decision to refuse. Parish Plan was a material consideration and taken into account.

Cllr Rickhards: Parish Plan not the only reason for refusal, within Local Plan sufficient grounds for argument, but welcomes strength of Parish Plan.

Parish Plan now 2 years old and needs updating.

## 6. Shaun Regan, Mappleborough Green Parish Council: A435 Traffic Problems

Was proud to be on Studley Parish Council before Mappleborough Green became independent.

- Purpose of attending meeting is to try and make sure that Mappleborough Green together with Studley and Coughton have a joined up approach towards the A435 and we know where we are going. After the last public inquiry which resulted in detrunking it was an excuse for Central Government to do nothing. Highways Authority did nothing before transferring responsibility to Warwickshire

County Council. On day of detrunking wrote to the Chief Executive outlining history but reply (read out to Councillors) was unsatisfactory. Bypass is the only way forward, but unlikely to happen. Government funding is available from West Midlands Regional Assembly.

- Not taking forward problems just stuck in a process. Need to get together to put forward a case. Proposing getting a fighting fund for lawyers to go through Courts.
  - Cllr Mrs Bell: everywhere has 20mph signs and Studley with three school sites warrants a 20mph speed limit. Perhaps the weight of three Parish Councils would be more impressive.
  - Shaun: real money in WMRA but not on their agenda.
  - Cllr Rickhards: feel that Shaun wants the renewal of a bypass.
  - Shaun: if could remove HGV's would be a solution.
  - Cllr Beaman: Inspector stated Studley needs a Bypass but were only there to decide if government had a right to revoke the decision. Bypass will not happen. Need to stop cars coming in to Studley then Mappleborough Green and Coughton will benefit. Maybe send them through Redditch.
  - Still an issue with air quality but no money available.
  - Need to put item on future agenda, come up with issues and put ideas together.
  - Cllr Rickhards: insist go to WMRA to get on their agenda.
  - Shaun: need to get barristers involved.
- Thank you from the Chair for coming to meeting.

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

Accepted and signed as a true record of the last meeting

## 8. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

Min 88 Cllr Rickhards: maybe appropriate for Vice Chair to comment on the request for gates at the Sports & Social Club. Cllr Mrs Redman attended meeting but no correspondence had been received from Parish Council. Main concern is that if gates are provided it may stop people using the facilities. Gates would have height restriction to prevent gypsies entering. If clarification received concerning opening/closing times then may go forward. Item for next agenda.

Min 98 Cllr Beaman: previously asked that bus shelters and war memorial be looked at. Missed out on Village inspection. Also Nature Reserve. Cannot do justice to Village in one evening. Need to reconvene at appropriate time to complete inspection.

## 9. Items for Discussion

Min 96 Approval for skips on the Allotments

Request received for two skips, one for Station Road and one for Dunstall. Allotments an immense success, a lot of hard work done.

**Proposed Cllr Beaman that payment for two skips be approved, seconded Cllr McCarthy. Voting unanimous.**

Min 97 Chairman's Christmas Card Charity. Chairman would like to bring Christmas forward. Parish Council recently asked by Mrs Lock to to sponsor a bike ride her son was doing to raise money for swimming pool and gym to provide therapy at Headley Court. Ride has now taken place.

**Proposed Cllr Bacon to make donations in lieu of Christmas Cards for this Charity, seconded Cllr Mrs Wade. Voting unanimous.**

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

08/00508/OUT	<p>W E Green, Field Farm, Hardwick Lane, Studley. Erection of agricultural workers dwelling. <b>Objection for the following planning reason:</b> <b>Policy CTY 6:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Insufficient evidence that the activity could not be sustained without the provision of this dwelling.</b></li> <li><b>2. Insufficient evidence that there is not already adequate provision of a suitable dwelling in the vicinity.</b></li> </ol>
08/01337/FUL	<p>Mr Andrew Brudenell, 6 Bell Lane, Studley. Single storey rear domestic extension. <b>No representation</b></p>
08/01392/FUL	<p>The Governors of St Mary's Studley C of E Junior School. Provision of cycle storage, covered area, additional car parking, playground extension and associated works. <b>No representation</b></p>

## 11. Planning Decisions Received

08/00931/FUL Ian Whitlock, Paddock Behind, 4 Priory Court, Studley.  
Erection of a single storey stable.  
**Refusal 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

## 12. District and County Council Reports

**Apologies that no District Council Report available.**

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

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Summary:

- It is likely that Alcester Hospital will be redeveloped as a Health Centre and not as a hospital with patient beds. There will be much improved facilities such as scanning and x ray. Ward Manager at Alcester Hospital is fighting the decision but the PCT are adamant that beds are a wasteful use of resources and not needed at Alcester. Members of the Health O & S Committee to visit the hospital on 10<sup>th</sup> July followed by a meeting including representatives of Alcester Town Council.
- A press release has gone out 'Youth travel comes under review'. Young people are being asked for their views to inform the joint panel established to investigate possible options for introducing a concessionary scheme for young people in Warwickshire. Travel, lack of expense is one of the most pressing problems for Warwickshire's young people. Questionnaire can be accessed online until 30<sup>th</sup> June at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scrutiny](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scrutiny)
- Warwickshire County Council is in the throes of two inspections, the Joint Assessment Review of Children's Service and the Comprehensive Performance Assessment.
- The One Stop Shop for Warwick, incorporating a Post Office and an Information Centre has now been opened at the front of Shire Hall.

## 13. Correspondence

### SDC

Min 98 Community Links – contacts for older people's events. Would like to know of anyone in the Parish who organises meetings such as luncheon clubs, coffee mornings for older people so as to inform them of the Community Links Social Transport scheme for people 'stuck for

transport'. Service currently completes over 800 passenger journeys a month. Now have funding for a fifth vehicle. Clerk to write that article already featured in our newsletter which is circulated to every resident.

## **WCC**

- Min 99 New service called PHILLIS – Promoting Health & Independence through Low Level Integrated Support. Looking for venue in Studley to run programme of workshops covering topics such as eye health awareness, arthritis. Willing to come to Parish Council to discuss. Clerk to write and suggest Village Hall as a venue.
- Min 100 Nick Wild aware of gully grid thefts in Green Lane. Made safe, lids to be replaced at a later date.
- Min 101 WCC to formally advertise proposal to implement changes to the hours of operation of the waiting restrictions on Marble Alley. Copy of the Public Notice and plan received. Clerk to write that the signs on the High Street display different waiting times.
- Min 102 Children's Centres being developed across County to provide services for young children aged 0 – 5 and their families. Invitation to meeting at Ettington Community Centre on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008 at 2.30pm.
- Min 103 Invitation from Children's Centre Manager to official opening of Studley Children's Centre on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008 2.30pm – 5.30pm. Cllr Holder to attend.

## **Other**

- Min 104 Thomas Guise, Solicitors re lease between Studley Parish Council for Studley Tennis Club, Bowls Club and Sports & Social Club. All leases and documentation received so can go ahead and complete the transaction. Details of costs received. Clerk already written that request for payment be sent to Bowls & Tennis Clubs as previously agreed.
- Min 105 Request for donation from MENCAP. Clerk to write that due to limited funds can only consider requests from Studley Groups.
- Min 106 WALC: investigating the possibility of adding a password protected area to their website for member councils. Clerk already responded that it is a good idea.
- Min 107 Response received from Geraldine Quinney re concerns of Studley Car Boot Sale. Clerk to write thank you for good and informative response but suggest could be proactive when good weather and bank holidays and pay for Police presence to try and alleviate problems.
- Min 108 Heart of England in Bloom judging schedule received. Judging in Studley 29<sup>th</sup> July 2008. Would benefit with help from other Organisations such as Action Studley. Areas could be cleaned up. Have already asked for volunteers in newsletter. Let down by residents who do not clean up their frontages and gutters. WCC won't spray weeds as harmful to animals. Dead silver birch tree still in library area. Cllr Mrs McCarthy has e mailed to try and get it removed. The Foredraught is also a mess and needs clearing. Need to get Village cleaned up week before judging. Ask scouts and other groups. Cllr Holder will ask Youth Club for volunteers. If muster up help from youths may take a pride in the Village. Maybe arrange a barbeque first. Action Studley will send a letter to groups/organisations. Could arrange for a 'flyer' to go to all residents 'Your Village needs you

To Tidy Up'. Item for next agenda.

Min 111 SLCC Summer Seminar 'Sink or Swim' Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008. £180 for 2 days.

Min 112 Mike Sheppard re grass cutting. Thanks for getting grass cut at Allendale Crescent, however standard of work by SDC not acceptable. Many complaints received from residents about grass cutting all around the Village and along A435. All agencies need to be told of unacceptable standard for when contracts are renewed. Item for next agenda.

Min 113 Request for support from Studley Improvement Partnership (SIP) letter received from Cllr Mrs Wright. Copy handed to all Councillors.

- Last meeting of SIP was attended by Andrew Savage, Service Manager, from County Highways. Resulted in list of requirements being drawn up.
- Mr Savage has agreed to commit to a budget of £10,000. Work to begin in 3 to 4 weeks time. He feels that the County Council would want to recognise the commitment of the Parish Council and the voluntary sector to the work that is proposed.
- Therefore approaching the Parish Council for a contribution of £1000 towards the immediate overall maintenance work.
- As part of conditions for permission of the Co-op site a sum of money was negotiated as part of the Section 106 agreement to be used for public art. This is legally binding and the money cannot be spent in any other way.
- As part of the process of upgrading the appearance of the Village the Barley Mow island was discussed and it was felt that the Island would be an appropriate place for the use of this money.
- Also asking for permission for the Studley Parish Emblem to be used on Barley Mow Island as a form of Public Art.

Thanks from the Chair to Cllr Mrs Wright.

Chairman quoted from Auditor's Report that surplus of funds from last year could be utilised for Studley Village improvements.

£1000 to get benefits would be money well spend. Folly not to agree.

**Proposed Cllr Mrs. Redman to use £1000 surplus money towards this Project. Seconded Cllr Beaman. Voting unanimous.**

- Studley Emblem has been done professionally and already in ownership of Parish Council.
- No historical account or suggestion of what Studley was or is. No mention of the Needle Industry.
- Spoke to Arthur Daniels re Coat of Arm from 16<sup>th</sup> Century but was never registered.
- Signs would be removed from the Island. Design would be worked out by Artist then brought back to Parish Council for a decision.

**Proposed Cllr Beaman that SIP use Studley Parish Council Emblem. Seconded Cllr Mrs Bell. Voting unanimous.**

### **Correspondence for Circulation**

Min 114 A Brief Glimpse at the History of Studley Garage

Min 115 Yearly Summary Sheet of Incidents Stratford District

Min 116 Decorum Newsletter

Min 117 Discretionary Disabled Facilities Grant

Min 118 Barcham Container Tree Specialists

Min 119 The Arden Newsletter

Min 120 Glasdon Products for Local Councils

Min 121 WCC Trading Standards Avian Influenza



#### **14. Committee Reports**

**Grants Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall**

**Copy of Report handed to all Councillors**

**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 for The Noise for a Community Project and £500.00 for St John Ambulance requested for uniforms, first aid equipment and training aids.

Request for grant for entrance gate and railings for Studley Sports & Social Club referred to full Council meeting.

**Annual Parish Council Inspection Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 6.30pm**

**Copy of Report handed to all Councillors**

Summary:

- Studley Sports & Social Club - Skip and rubbish in car park to be removed. Councillors very impressed with improvements to Bowls Club. New members required.
- Crooks Lane Recreation Ground – Needs to be strimmed and weeds to be removed. Grass to be mown at rear of skatepark. Repairs to play area already arranged. Paint spraying of skatepark to be undertaken. Goal posts to be put back in place. Dead oak trees on Millennium Green to be removed and replaced. Dog fouling signs to be replaced and metal ones ordered.
- Burial Ground – Skip to be replaced. Clerk to contact contractor as many complaints about grass cutting. Clerk to contact family re loose headstone which needs stabilising. Dead branches to be removed from Cherry tree.
- Dunstall Allotments – area much improved, most plots now taken. Thanks to the Allotment Association.
- Station Road Allotments – No apparent problems. Quotes to be sent in for tree surgery and removal of 6 trees. Gate and drive much improved. Fence to Railway car park to be looked at for security. Conifer on boundary of property in Augustine Avenue to be taken down after growing season.
- Brickyard Lane Recreation Ground – Gate from St Chads to be installed in near future. Redundant goal posts to be taken away. Re-seeding of goal mouth area to take place. May look at a bar gate from fence to deter motor vehicles from driving on the grass. Compound area to be strimmed.

Further inspection to take place on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at 6.30pm starting at burial ground.

#### **15. Delegates Reports**

**Report of the Allotment Holders Association meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008 given by Cllr McCarthy**

**Copy of Report handed to all Councillors**

Summary: 8 points to be raised with Parish Council

- Parish Council Insurance, query of individual plot holder insurance, responsibility of Parish Council re paths, hedges, fences and gates, necessity of a firmer letter to plot holders who do not obey the rules, honorarium payment to Secretary, new gate at Dunstall, renewal of fence/hedge boundary to Station Road, overhanging trees Station Road.

**Report on the Nature Reserve given by Cllr McCarthy**

Summary:

- The Contractor has been informed that the laying of the wheelchair path can now proceed as the Utility Companies have reported on the presence or absence of their pipes, cables or

wires. The Parish Clerk has a copy of all the relevant maps and plans.

- Benches have now been ordered. The Probation Service has promised to help with their installation and with the burning off of the dead brambles on the wild flower meadow section.
- Wildlife Trust will prepare a maintenance programme for the wild flower meadow in particular and the whole site in general.
- WCC footpaths have installed a RADAR gate for wheel-chair users and will repair the path up to the gate.
- The Parish Clerk has confirmed that volunteers working on site are covered by the Council's public liability insurance.
- The ATC, Scouts, Guides and Youth Club have been invited to join in the work. Replies awaited.
- Members also invited to help. A lot of work to do and every little helps.

Thanks to Cllr McCarthy for all his hard work, a very worthwhile effort which is much appreciated.

**Cllr Holder:** attended a training session which was very worthwhile.

Lot of feedback re Village Hall. Very impressed with Council Chamber.

Copy of Studley Youth and Community Centre Summer Play Scheme Programme passed to all Councillors.

#### **16. Approve Accounts for Payment**

**Proposed Cllr Beaman that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved with the proviso that the cheque for the grass cutting contractor be withheld until inspection for acceptable standard, seconded Cllr Holder.**

**Voting unanimous.**

221 – Johnsons Coaches £225.00. 222 – Clarity Copiers Ltd. £73.38.

223 – Mrs D E Mitchell £1357.29. 224 Mrs S Perks £522.54.

225 – Inland Revenue £748.87. 226 – J Vale £1017.10.

227 – F. Winters £120.00. 228 – BT Telephone Charges £101.43.

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008**

**Meeting Closed 9.34pm**

