

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 17th July 2012 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declares the meeting open.

2. Present

Chairman: Cllr P Beaman, Vice Chairman Mrs S Redman, J Bacon, E Holder, Mrs M Woodrow, A Smith, C Rickhards, J King, M Redman, Mrs H Wright

In attendance

Clerk, Mrs L Gailey, Assistant Chief Fire Officer Jim Onions and 3 members of the public

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs A Wade

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 P Beaman – Item 14

5. Public Forum – No items

6. Discussion regarding response times following closure of Studley Fire Station – Asst Chief Fire Officer Jim Onions

- Target response times - Urban 10 minutes, non urban 20 minutes(Studley)
- 24 hour crew based at Alcester and will be a whole time crew (not retained) so can be on road quicker, believe target can be met
- ACF Onions could not recall any statement from Fire Service which had indicated that the time to get from Alcester to Studley was 6 minutes
- ACF Onions had completed journey from Alcester to Studley prior to meeting within 8 minutes
- Cllrs argued that the only suitable route for the fire appliance between Alcester and Studley is A435 which at rush hour times or if there are road works or other delays then it would be impossible to meet the target
- ACF Onions responded that generally fire appliances can get through heavy traffic and if it is a major incident such as a house fire there will be a

back up appliance from elsewhere in any event. Retained services can be delayed getting to fire station in order to crew appliance due to congestion

- There has been a much greater emphasis on prevention which has reduced amount of call outs
- A lot more time will be spent on training and community work
- If concerns raised about vulnerable person in community fire fighters will visit to talk about fire safety
- 28 available Fire Appliances across the county. Cover is moved around as required and can call on Appliances from other counties
- Fire Risk Assessments for business premises are being carried out. There are 12000 premises across Warwickshire and not sufficient resources, priority is given to where there is sleeping accommodation. Responsibility lies with proprietor to ensure compliance
- Assurance was given at consultation to encourage Young Firefighters. Studley Young Firefighters now being dissolved and only option is to travel to other venues which is impractical and costly.
- Member of public informed the meeting that Richard Hobbs has said that the Fire Service would pay for Young Firefighters to attend other stations. ACF Onions was not aware of this but would take this up
- £150K lottery funding has been awarded towards Youth Working
- Money has been reinvested from closed Fire Stations in Warwickshire
- ACF Onions undertook to provide to the Parish Council regular statistics on performance

Cllr Beaman thanked ACF Onions for attending the meeting.

7. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were received, amended and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Redman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Redman, voting unanimous.

8. Matters Arising (for information only)

Min 79 NHS Joint Services Review - Alexandra Hospital

- Reply received from Nadim Zahawi in response to letter from Parish Council. He has written to Chief Executive of NHS Trust requesting an update on proposals and expressing concern that Studley had not been included in consultation

Update from 'Save the Alex campaign' -

- Petition now in excess of 31000 signatures
- Protest march and rally to be held on Saturday 4th August in Redditch
- Secretary of State commented on local radio "if there is enough public concern then he would personally look at the proposals".

Petition available for signing in Studley Village Hall and Community Library

Resolved that Clerk would send letter to Euro MP

9. Items for Discussion

- a) Renewal of Lease at Redditch Road, Studley.
Proposed Cllr Bacon, seconded Cllr King, voting 7 in favour and 2 abstentions that offer of renewal of lease for 7 years to include additional land at peppercorn rent be accepted.

10. Planning Applications for Consideration –

- 12/01525/FUL Mr Simon & Anthony Allcock, Western House, Lords Lane,
Proposed Bay and Porch extension
**Formally support on general principles of development
Dev. 1**
- 12/01559/ADV HSBC Bank, Alcester Road, Studley
Replacement of fascia signage with fixed lettering and
projecting signage with internal illuminations. Non illuminated
signage and replacement ATM signage
No Representation
- 12/01490/FUL Mr Russell Heptinstall, Midlands Foods at Roy's Bikes,
Alcester Road, Studley
Conversion of 2 x ground floor retail shops (A1) to
2 x residential dwellings (C3)
**Formally object on following grounds. Access on to
Highway entering and leaving A435 at junction.
Retention of commercial premises in village
Com. 16 and STR.4**

11. Planning Decisions Received - None

12. District and County Council Reports

Councillor Rickhards reported the following:-

- Alexandra Hospital – Cllr Rickhards has urged Warwickshire County Council to press Worcestershire NHS Trust to consult in Warwickshire
- Cllr Rickhards requested Warwickshire County Council to sign up to the Barnardo's campaign to combat sexual exploitation of children – the request was turned down
- Old Library building in Studley – still confidential as to who has acquired building.
- Four Acres Residential Home has been sold to Runwood Homes who operate 50+ homes countrywide. They have a commitment to dementia

care and will retain the pay and conditions of existing staff. They plan an investment of a quarter of a million pounds into the home

- The closure of Studley Fire Station on 1st October 2012 may be delayed for approx 1 week
- Post 16 transport – Cllr Rickhards in a group who are looking at possible disadvantage due to increased costs, proposals to mitigate and for alternative transport
- Studley Car Boot – Double yellow lines are in place on main roads. In other Closes have been abandoned due to objections
- County Councillors each have £5k available for grants. Maximum of 4 grants per Councillor to disperse between 3 Sept and 26 Oct 2012. Criteria for grants is that must be for ongoing projects

Councillor Mrs Wright reported the following:-

- The Government has decided that benefits be reduced by 10%. Old Age Pensioners will be protected
- Number of Councillors to be reduced from 53 to 35 which equates to one Councillor to 2500 electorate with elections every four years
- Draft Core Strategy – responses are available on the Stratford District Council website – most came from Studley with 26 responses
- There has been a reduction in empty homes - Studley 59 empty homes between April 2010 and April 2012 a net reduction of 44% (26)
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Councillor Holder reported the following:-

- Stratford District Council are looking at proposal to use bodycams on parking attendants

13. Correspondence

SDC - None

WCC – None

Other

Min 85 Mappleborough Green Parish Council have confirmed that following a recent survey of residents they are unable to justify making a financial contribution to the Bulky Waste Collection.

Min 86 An approach has been made to the Parish Council for funding towards advertising costs for the Annual Flower Show.

Proposed Cllr Bacon, seconded Cllr Redman, voting unanimous that request be approved

Min87 Studley Village Hall Management Committee has requested permission for the Parish Chamber to be available for hire.

Resolved that chamber to be made available with restrictions

Min 88 The Parish Councillors have received an invitation from Studley in Bloom to attend the reception at the Parish Centre following the judging on 27 July 2012.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 89 Clerk & Councils Direct

Min 90 The Clerk magazine

Min 91 Police Commission election address by James Plaskett

14. Committee Reports

Min 92 The notes from the Staffing, Finance & Grants Committee meeting held on 3rd July 2012 were circulated to Councillors. **Proposed Cllr Beaman, seconded Cllr Bacon, voting unanimous that the notes be approved and that**

the Admin Clerk position be retained and funded from Village Hall Funds with the Admin Clerk reporting directly to the Parish Clerk.

Any proposed expenditure exceeding £500 from Village Hall Funds be brought to the Parish Council.

Min 93 The notes from the Amenities Committee meeting held on 10th July 2012 were circulated to Councillors. **Proposed Cllr Beaman, seconded Cllr Smith, voting unanimous that the recommendations in the report be approved and accepted.**

15. Delegates Reports - none

16. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr Holder the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr Smith. Voting 8 in favour and 1 abstention.

Cheques

Cheque Number	Payee	Amount Paid
051	Studley Village Hall	2000.00
052	Salary	1151.94
053	HMRC	561.10
054	GS Adams	851.65

055	Redditch Skip Hire	183.60
056	Lyreco Ltd	120.62
057	Mr WJ Robinson	105.00
058	D R Lee	40.00
059	Excel	35.68
Direct Debit	PWLB	3333.28
Direct Debit	N Power	4276.31

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for
Tuesday 7th August 2012**

Meeting closed 10.10pm