

Studley Parish Council

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

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman Mrs S. Redman, Vice Chair C. Rickhards, W. McCarthy, J. Vale, Mrs M. Woodrow, M. Redman, E. Holder, J. Bacon, Mrs H. Wersocki. District Councillors Mrs H. Wright, M. Weddell. Anna Stowe & 2 members of the Youth Club.

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs A. Wade – holiday commitment
Cllr P. Tedd – family commitment
Cllr P. Beaman – work commitment

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 6 Youth Club - non prejudicial interest
Cllr Vale Item 16 Accounts for approval – prejudicial interest

5. Public Forum

Cllr Mrs Wright: at a recent District Council meeting one consideration was Community Forum meetings. Personal perception is that they are usurping the role of the Parish Council. Need to raise the profile of the Parish Council. Some Councillors agreed whilst others thought it a valuable opportunity to get views across about specific issues such as Studley Library and Tesco Express railing problem. PACT meetings should have been kept as more local. Studley has no connection with Henley but they are counted together for demographic issues. Original idea of Community Forum meetings was to take three ideas to a higher level. Has failed. Meetings well attended by Councillors but not many residents. To be discussed at next meeting.

6. Anna Stow, Youth Club:

Full Size Goal Posts on Crooks Lane Recreation Ground

Following on from discussions at the Parish Council meeting on 6th October 2009 when the Youth Club was asked to give more details and costs for full size goal posts a diagram was presented showing where they would like the posts sited. The area is the Millennium Green which is not in the jurisdiction of the Parish Council.

- There is enough space where the five a side posts are for full size posts but fair and circus use this area.
- Enough space at Brickyard Lane but youths want to be on Crooks Lane Recreation Ground.
- Posts could be moved twice a year or could not have the fair or circus.
- The Millennium Green is not being used, could contact the Trustees and arrange a meeting to discuss issues.
- There is still funding available.
- Purpose of the Millennium Green was explained.

Proposed by Cllr Rickhards with an amendment by Cllr McCarthy that the Parish Council write to the Millennium Green Trustees that we have received proposals for other ways in which the Green can be used and would like to arrange a meeting to discuss these proposals. Seconded Cllr M. Redman. Voting 5 for, 4 against.

The Youth Club asked if the Parish Council would fund 50% of the cost of the goal posts and they would be fund raising for the remaining 50%. Suggested that they apply to professional clubs and sporting organisations for funding.

Access Road between Village Hall & Youth Club

Issues:

Vehicles park along the access road on the Library/Youth & Community Centre side which can pose an obstruction at times for larger vehicles and also Health & Safety risks, particularly concerning small children walking out between parked vehicles.

The Youth & Community Centre driveway is used by members of the public for parking; this includes users of the Village Hall.

Suggested Actions:

- Double yellow lines painted along both side of the access road. Although not legally enforceable would discourage people from parking.
- Single solid white line to be painted across the entrance to the access road with wording 'PRIVATE ROAD'.
- Yellow box to be painted in entrance to Youth & Community Centre with wording 'Private Car Park – Strictly WCC Staff and Centre Users Only'.
- Signage to be displayed on Village Hall fencing informing the public that parking is not permitted along the road.

Would Parish Council pay half of the cost?

Cllr M. Redman: something needs to be done as it is dangerous for young children.

Cllr Mrs Redman: need to be realistic, concerned that people will ignore signs.

Cllr Vale: could close the road and access from Pool Road.

Anna: some options are too expensive, ideas have to be within constraints of budget. WCC will be replacing the car park fencing that has been vandalised.

RESOLVED: need quotes for cost of road marking and then the Parish Council will make a decision.

7. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Accepted as a true record of the last meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

8. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

None.

9. Items for Discussion

Min 246 Mr Faulkes update: Cllrs M. Redman & J. Vale met with Mr Faulkes to assess the work to be done. However, Mr Faulkes asked for a lot of extra work to be done.

Proposed Cllr Mrs Redman to get the work done as agreed in the minutes dated 3rd November 2009; that is a one metre path to be cleared between the fence and the allotment plots. The trees will be lopped and also to clear the ivy. Seconded Cllr McCarthy. Voting 8 for, 1 against.

Min 234 Voting for Community Shields: there were many nominations this year. The Shields will be awarded as follows:

Silver Jubilee Shield (Individual) - Peter Smith

Millennium Shield (Group) - Studley Sports & Social Club Committee

Youth Shield - George Vale

Presentation Evening to be arranged.

Min 247 Cllr Mrs Redman: John O'Brien who recently died spent many years on the Council and was an excellent Councillor.

Proposed Cllr Mrs Redman that a donation of £30.00 be made to CAFOD in memory of John O'Brien, seconded Cllr McCarthy. All agreed.

Min 248 Cllr M. Redman: Double Parking Space, High Street.

Concerned about the two parking spaces situated outside Sanders & Sanders Estate Agents. Large vehicles have to pull over onto opposite side of the road to pass and it is very dangerous when cars come very fast around the bend from the Birmingham Road. Would like to get spaces removed.

Cllr Vale: as cars park on left hand side further up High Street need pull-in area especially for large vehicles and tractors to allow traffic to pass.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to WCC to ask for engineering solution to solve both problems.

Min 249 Cllr Mrs Redman: Car park fencing by Youth Club. Already mentioned in Item 6.

10. Planning Applications for Consideration

None.

11. Planning Decisions Received

09/01874/FUL Mr R C Kemp, 16 Eden Close, Studley.
Proposed single storey front extension.
Permission with conditions 5th November 2009

09/01891/FUL Miss Amy Prottey, Unit 3A, Foster House, Redditch Road.
Studley.
Change of use of office to beauty salon.
Permission with conditions 29th October 2009

12. District and County Council Reports

No report but Cllr Weddell recently attended excellent training session where a Barrister gave advice on gypsies and travellers. SDC being asked to find extra spaces for gypsies and travellers.

Should achieve balanced budget this year but will be more difficult next year.

County Council Report

No report available.

13. Correspondence

SDC

Min 250 Following a one month trial of the new electronic system to send Planning Notice of Decisions, the trial has been successful and will operate from 2nd November 2009. Will provide savings in paper, printing and posting.

WCC

Min 251 List of potential dates for Community Forum meetings 2010-2011 received. Need to agree in principle by 20th November 2009.

Other

Min 252 Letter received from Joe Cox, Royal Mail concerning post box on Alcester Road close to Sernal Garage. Health & Safety

representatives would like the box removed as it is unsafe to collect from this box at 17.30pm due to speeding traffic. Mr Cox is reluctant to remove the box and asks if the Parish Council would consider having speed notice of 30mph to alleviate risk to drivers.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write that the post box is situated within the 30 mph limit and the traffic moves quite slowly because of the speed cameras. The Parish Council are concerned for the safety of the drivers but do not want to lose the post box. Suggest that they could use their hazard warning lights when parked or perhaps have a flashing light fitted to their vehicles.

Min 253 WMRSS Phase 3 Special Update. Information can be found on website: wmrss@wmra.gov.uk

Min 254 NALC: Policy & Parliamentary Briefing – Local Councils & Cheque signatories. NALC believes the current rules on the way local Councils have to make payments are now an anachronism which needs to be updated to reflect the modern age. Further details to be issued shortly.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 255 The Clerk Magazine

Min 256 A Warwickshire Rural Retailing Seminar – Details

Min 257 SDC ICT Workshops

Min 258 In2Sport Newsletter

Min 259 Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service Consultation Plan – Meeting Timetable

Min 260 Rural Services Community Newsletter

Min 261 Clerks & Councils Direct

14. Committee Reports

None.

15. Delegates Reports

Cllr Holder: met the Playground Inspector to check on Children's Play Area and the Skatepark. Awaiting written report.

16. Approve Accounts for Payment

Cllr Vale left the room whilst the accounts were being signed.

Proposed Cllr Holder that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr Mrs Woodrow. Voting unanimous.

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 15th
December 2009**

Meeting closed 9.12pm

