

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 17th December 2013 at 7:30 pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open.

2. Present

Chairman Cllr Mrs S Redman, Vice Chairman Cllr J Ingram, Cllr P Beaman, Cllr J Bacon, Cllr M Redman, Cllr Mrs M Rickhards, Cllr Mrs S Crofts, Cllr Mrs A Wade
Cllr Mrs M Woodrow & Cllr A Smith

In attendance

Assistant Clerk, Mrs L Stanton, County Cllr C Rickhards, District Councillor Mrs H Wright & 6 members of public

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllr E Holder (illness)

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 7 August 2012 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 15, payment to employer and payment to Studley Village Hall

5. Public Forum

- I. Mr Acres, resident of Studley raised concerns over proposed planning application 13/02567/OUT
- II. Mrs Jane Clarke raised concerns on the amount of tractors/ trailers using the top track of the Dunstall allotments as a route to the individual plots. The matter will be discussed at the next Council Meeting on the 7th January 2014.
- III. Mrs C Dyer spoke in support of planning application 13/02707/FUL
- IV. District Cllr Mrs H Wright spoke against the proposed planning application 13/02567/OUT
- V. County Councillor C Rickhards added to District Cllr Mrs H Wright concerns that the developer has proposed that the site is brownfield.

6. Presentation by AC Lloyd Group- Land at Co-op site

Mr Des Wynne & Mr David Green presented the amended plans to Council.

7. To pass minutes of last meetings.

Proposed Cllr M Redman, seconded Cllr P Beaman, voting unanimous that the minutes to be signed by Chairman as true record of the meetings as published.

8. Matters Arising (for information only)

None.

9. Items for Discussion

Min: 103 Update on Electoral Review SDC.

Cllr P Beaman has concerns that the change of Parish Boundaries to create two Parish Wards will confuse residents and create additional work for our Clerk.

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr J Ingram, voting unanimous for Clerk to object to the warding of Parish Boundaries.

Min: 113 Core Strategy

Proposed Cllr J Ingram, seconded Cllr A Smith, voting unanimous for Clerk to contact Stratford District Planning Department for a copy of the Development & Engagement plans for the Core Strategy.

Min: 108 Update on the Restoration of the War Memorial

Proposed Cllr Mrs S Redman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Crofts, voting unanimous to award the contract to Mr K Porter of As Times Goes By.

Min: 114 Update on Christmas Fayre

Cllr Mrs S Redman thanked everyone for their generous donation and support during her year of Chairmanship which has enabled the chosen charities received funds raised at the Awards Evening and the Christmas Fayre.

Min: 51 Set date for next Parish Plan Workshop

The next meeting will be held on the 11th February 2013 at 6:30pm

Min: 115 Vacancy for Studley Parish Land's Charity Trustees.

Cllr Mrs S Crofts has agreed to fill the vacancy.

10. Planning Application for Consideration

13/02707/FUL: A Dyer & Sons, 23 Alcester Road, Studley, B80 7AG

Proposed temporary retention of existing Portakabin for storage (replaced lapsed approval reference 05/01872/FUL)

Proposed Cllr J Bacon, seconded Cllr A Smith, voting unanimous to support.

13/02666/FUL: Mr P Cremin, 63 Toms Town Lane, Studley, B80 7AG

Proposed demolition of single storey extension and erection of a detached dwelling.

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs M Rickhards, voting unanimous to support the planning application on the following reason;

- in line with the National Planning Policy Framework and existing policy.

13/02567/OUT: Michael Simon, Janice Hoy & Steven Richards

Elmdale Caravan Park, Elmdale House, Bromsgrove Road, Studley

Outline Planning permission for the erection of 64 dwellings (with all matters reserved) on land used for the storage of touring caravans, storage and land adjacent for recreation and leisure with up to 6nos caravans.

Proposed Cllr Mrs M Rickhards, seconded Cllr M Redman, voting for 9, 1 abstention to object based on the following reasons;

- As an outline planning application nobody knows what the dwellings will finally look like.

- Traffic will eventually filter into the fast moving Bromsgrove Road and Alcester Road adding to the heavy volume of traffic already using those roads.
- The retention of heritage for future generations. Landscape can be considered a heritage asset as it has particular local significance in identifying the villages.
- The proposed site is an unsustainable location lacking proper established links to the local settlement.
- It is in the Green Belt, a functional designation.
- It is on a green field site in open countryside.
- It has the potential to destroy field boundaries.
- The landscape is the most valued asset that our communities have, as it has shaped the identity of the villages.
- The “dwellings” would close the gap between Studley and Middletown creating urban sprawl. This was recognised in the Stratford upon Avon District Council Landscape Sensitivity Study, which described such development as undesirable.

13/03056/FUL: Alan Smith, Domestic Appliances Ltd, 25 Alcester Road, Studley
Proposed conversion of shop to office (B1) use

Proposed Cllr J Bacon, seconded Cllr Mrs A Wade, voting unanimous to support

11. Panning Decisions Received

13/021220/REM: Mr P Smith & C Marchant, Land on Birmingham Road, Studley
Application for approval of reserved matters relating to access, appearance, layout, scale and landscaping for the erection of local market housing. (maximum of 6 dwellings) in association with outline planning permission 12/02528/OUT)
Notice of Decision- Approval

13/02043/FUL: Mr & Mrs James Gould, 38 Alcester Road, Studley, B80 7NL
Proposed erection of 3 nos dwellings to the rear of 38 Alcester Road, Studley
Notice of Decision- Refusal

12. Notification of Planning Appeals & Planning Committee Meeting

None.

13. District & County Council Reports.

County Councillor C Rickhards reported the following;

- **Public Question Time-** a 30 minute time limit was proposed to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Questions should be notified in writing to the Chief Executive.
- **Public Speaking-** will apply to Council & Cabinet Meetings, 30 minutes time limit, 3 minutes time limit for each individual and 3 days notice to the Chief Executive.
- Motions at the Council Meeting of the 17th Dec 2013- Cllr C Rickhards is proposing a motion asking the Council to seek clarification from Redditch on their statement that the County Boundary at Mappleborough Green is ‘somewhat arbitrary’ and should not be a ‘barrier to development’ and that dissatisfaction is expressed with the lack of consultation with Mappleborough Green residents.
- There is a motion asking the Council to write to various bodies and the Minister requesting that the privatisation of part of the Probation Services does not go ahead and recognising the ‘exceptional performance’ ratings of the Warwickshire Probation Trust.
- Four Acres- Runwood Homes recently held a meeting with relatives and other interested parties to announce their intention to redevelop the site and to double the capacity of the

premises. Since this will involve a complete rebuild they intend to remove residents temporarily to Leamington Spa while the building works take place.

- Concerns was expressed by several present that the impact of the removal on dementia patients in particular could be serious. There were some assurances from Runwood that the moves would be carefully planned and that transport would be laid on for visits to Leamington Spa in the interim period.
- Some other concerns were raised about staffing and the quality of current care. Obviously this is a situation must be closely monitored in the coming months.

District Councillor Mrs H Wright reported the following;

- **Draft Core Strategy**- The current strategy date for submission has been put back and the period the plan covers extended to 2031. In addition the original figure for housing of 9875 adopted by the administration will have to be revised upwards.
- On this issue the current figure that Stratford upon Avon District Council has spent on outside consultants is £572,200 and it is estimated a further expenditure between £120,000 and £150,000 will be spent.
- The new timetable will be announced in January 2014.
- On 9th October the Planning Policy manager met with his counterpart from Birmingham City Council. The conclusion reached at the meeting was there was cross boundary issues.
- It is however too early to hypothesise about meeting any housing requirements for Birmingham. A full appraisal of the evidence has to be seen before any discussion can be considered.
- **Planning Appeals**- the Council is incurring costs in fighting planning appeals. This is estimated £414,638 excluding officer costs.
- The Planning Committee often realise the impact development will have on the District and are refusing grants, but on appeal the developer mostly wins as the result of a lack of a five year land supply.
- **Section 106 Agreement**- A site in Allimore Lane Alcester is to be developed requiring contribution of £17,000 from a section 106 Agreement. It has been decided that the money will go towards the refurbishment of Stratford Leisure Centre and not spent in Alcester.
- It is important for the Parish Council to note this as it can in the future have implications for the way Section 106 agreement are dealt with in Studley.

14. Delegates Reports

None

15. Committee Reports

- 26th November 2013- Parish Plan Workshop
- 3rd December 2013 Finance Committee Meeting.

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs M Rickhards, voting unanimous, for Committee Meetings minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

16. Correspondence

None

For Circulation

Min: 116 Alcester North Safer Neighbourhood Team- Community Newsletter- Dec 2013(emailled)

Min: 117 ELCR- Winter 2013

Min: 118 ICCM- Winter Issue- 2013

17. Approved Accounts for payment

17 Dec 2103				
	Excel	Telephone charges	375	£183.84
	Redditch skip	Skip Hire	376	£183.60
	Lyreco	Stationary	377	£106.21
	Village Hall	Rent	378	£2600.00
	GS Adams	Street Lighting maintenance	379	£551.65
	HMRC	HMRC	380	£701.81
	G Garner	Mole maintenance	383	£67.50
	J Vale	Ground maintenance	384	£1008.30
	DR Lee	Computer maintenance	385	£80.00
	Western Power	Western Power	374	£1145.65

Proposed Cllr Mrs A Wade, seconded Cllr J Bacon, voting for 9, 1 abstention that schedule of cheques be approved and signed.

18) Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 7th January 2014

Meeting closed 9 pm