

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 18th January 2011 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman C. Rickhards, Vice Chair J. Vale, P. Beaman, D. Somner, E. Holder, Mrs A. Wade, Mrs H. Wersocki, W. McCarthy, J. Bacon, Mrs S. Redman, M. Redman, Mrs M. Woodrow.
District Councillors M. Weddell, Mrs H. Wright.

3. Apologies for Absence

None.

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 Beaman Item 12 min 340 - personal interest
Item 15 Accounts - personal interest

5. Public Forum

Cllr Vale: Worcestershire County Council are proposing cuts to subsidised bus services which may affect Studley 247 Redditch to Evesham. Full details and questionnaire can be found on: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/public-transport-review

Cllr Holder: Mid week news is reporting Stratford District Council's proposals to put charges on car parks.

6. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were received, approved and signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising (for information only)

Min 326 Thank you from Rob Weeks, SDC concerning refuse collection during recent adverse weather conditions. Has passed on our thanks to Verdant.

8. Items for Discussion

Min 334 Request from the Clerk concerning the addition of a disclaimer on our website similar to the one on SDC and WCC sites. All agreed to go ahead.

9. Planning Applications for Consideration (Cllr Beaman refrained from voting)

10/02756/FUL Orbit Heart of England, 45 Watts Road, Studley.
Single Storey rear extension.

No representation.

10. Planning Decisions Received

None.

11. District and County Council Reports

District Council Report given by Cllr Mrs Wright

SDC going through the budget, proposals still under discussion which then have to be considered by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Council in a dilemma as Government sending out directions. Muddled thinking at present as many changes. No definite decisions.

Cllr Weddell: Conflicting evidence from Government. Cabinet meeting on Friday.

County Council Report given by Cllr Rickhards

Plans to close 10 residential care homes. All kinds of options. Development that Four Acres will not close until 2013. Seems viable that would be taken over as a going concern.

Cllr Mrs Wright: understands that Studley is vulnerable as has alternative homes. The Woodlands and Field View have 54 beds making alternative provision. WCC relinquishing provision of care homes but if agreement reached some may be sold.

Cllr Rickhards: concerned for residents with dementia as doubt that even with domiciliary care may not cope. If Four Acres does close residents may be housed elsewhere if costs can be met. Not sure what the situation will be concerning the building may be sold or rented. Cllr Rickhards will keep the Parish Council informed.

Youth Club: seen evidence that the Youth Club will be saved on a short term basis as part of the Total Place Project. Meeting on Saturday, 12th February 2011 where adults and youths will be invited to give ideas.

Library: no news except that 6 libraries in the County will be closing.
Budget will be determined on 15th February 2011.

12. Correspondence

SDC

Min 335 Planning Application No.01984/EXT 47 -51 High Street, Studley.
E mail received from Tony Perks, Interim Head of Planning – has now managed to press the owner into giving a commitment to carrying out the development if the extension is granted. A S79 Buildings Act 1984 Notice can be served if the owner does not carry out the work. This is enforceable through the courts. District Councillors Weddell and Beaman have withdrawn their objections.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write that the Council agree to the granting of the extension on condition that an S79 Notice is served immediately as we feel that the developer will only carry out the minimum amount of work and then the site will be left as an eyesore for another three years. Cllr Beaman refrained from voting.

Min 336 Notification of the withdrawal of Planning Application No.10/01758/FUL -erection of new dwelling 4 Highfield Road, Studley.

Min 337 Notification of Planning Application No. 10/01687/FUL: Erection of two metre high timber fence (retrospective) 49 Bromsgrove Road, Studley subject to Planning Appeal starting 30th December 2011. Parish Council gave no representation to the application.

Min 338 Independent Play Area Inspection. This is the last year the service will be offered. The Inspections are planned for February 2011. Application form to be returned to SDC no later than 28th January 2011.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to arrange for an Inspection.

WCC

Min 339 Building our Big Society in Warwickshire – Conference Tuesday, 25th January 2011 at Broad Street Rugby Club, Binley Woods from 9.30am – 4.00pm. No one available to attend.

Other

Min 340 G S Adams Ltd – Street Lighting Maintenance. Following completion of evening inspections few faults have been found. Few issues identified. Cost of repairing faulty lights found not under the maintenance contract is £976.00 + VAT. There will be no charge for repairing two faulty lights as these are under the contract. Refer to General Purposes Committee. Meeting arranged for Tuesday, 1st February 2011 at 6.30pm prior to Parish Council meeting.

Min 341 Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy: First Draft Submission Consultation. Response document for comments received can be found on: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs Would like feedback form completed to help monitor the effectiveness of the consultation processes.

Min 342 Plyvine – confirmation of the menu and booking for 26th February 2011. Price £12.00 + VAT person.

- Min 343 WALC: all Councils urged to write to Alan Farnell, Leader of WCC to express opposition to the proposed cuts to the Youth Service in the County.
RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Cllr Farnell that Studley is one of the largest settlements in the County. We have already experienced the loss of the Fire Service together with the loss of the Young Fire Fighters and now there is the threat of losing the Library and the Youth Club. There will be nothing left for the young people. Asking him to reconsider and look at the Youth Service and Library cuts and how it will affect the Village if we lose these services.
- Min 344 NALC Legal Briefing: Future of the Standards Framework for Members of Local Authorities in England. Copy passed to all Councillors.
- Min 345 NALC Employment Briefing: Notification of Additional Public Holiday on Friday, 29th April 2011 to celebrate the Royal Wedding. Noted.
- Min 346 WALC: Parish and Town Council Liaison Meeting Tuesday, 1st February 2011 6.30pm at Elizabeth House. Unable to attend as Parish Council meeting that evening. Apologies have been given.
- Min 347 The Royal British Legion 'Great Poppy Party Weekend' 10th – 12th June 2011 in celebration of the Legion's 90th Birthday. Hoping that the Council will agree to organise a party over that weekend. Brochure is available online: www.thegreatpoppypartyweekend.org.uk Clerk to liaise with the Village Hall and Studley British Legion. To confirm event, need to register online.
- Min 348 Recruiting Surge by the Army – mobile van and marquee will be visiting Studley on Saturday, 22nd January 2011 13.30pm – 14.45pm outside the Florist in the layby, High Street. The Police have been informed.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 349 Rural Services Network rsnonline weekly news digest
 Min 350 NALC E-Bulletin
 Min 351 SDC Parish Talk Newsletter
 Min 352 ICT Workshops @Stratford District Council
 Min 353 SDC Road Adoption
 Min 354 Clerks & Councils Direct

13. Committee Reports

None.

14. Delegates Reports

Youth Club Report given by Cllr Holder

Youth Club is doing very well with 20 -30 youths attending. There has been a good programme through the winter including soccer skill training, trip to Drayton Manor Park and go-karting which they really enjoyed. Given a grant of £5,000 of which there is £1797 remaining to be used by the end of March. Further events are proposed. The After School Club is successful. School

Nurses have withdrawn as only prepared to talk to children attending the High School. Swearing and bad behaviour was also a problem. The Disco in December went very well without any incidents. The 'Food for Thought' meal on Wednesday, 26th January 2011 is progressing. Awaiting budget decision re printing of 'Ground Rules' for behaviour which will be County wide.

Cllr McCarthy: Nature Reserve 'Scrape Out' taking place on Saturday, 12th February 2011 at 10.00am. Everyone welcome to help.

15. Approve Accounts for Payment

Cllr Beaman left the room during this item.

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

734 – Mrs D E Mitchell. 735 – Mrs S Perks.

736 – Inland Revenue £732.05. 737 – M. Millinchip £160.00.

738 – Glasdon Ltd. £309.42. 739 – Verdant £417.13.

740 – G S Adams £556.17. 741 – Johnsons Coaches £225.00.

742 – P A Janes £550.00.

Direct Debit PWLB £3583.13.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 1st February 2011

Meeting closed 8.40pm

Signed: Chairman