

## Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7.30pm.

### 1. Chairman declared the meeting open

### 2. Present

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

### 3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and noted from:

Cllr Mrs H. Wersocki – holiday

Cllr P. Tedd – illness

Cllr P. Beaman – 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 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.*

Cllrs Mrs Wade, W. McCarthy Planning Application No.10/00715/FUL

- personal interest

### 5. Public Forum

None.

### 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 28 Confirmation that Mrs Higgins has received a letter informing her that she is now on the waiting list for an allotment plot.

### 8. Items for Discussion

Min 48 Representation at Planning Committee Meetings. It is important that a Parish Councillor represents the Parish Council at Area Planning Committee meetings where we have objected to a planning application.

Studley Parish Council have been conspicuous by absence at recent meetings.

- Problem with 6.00pm start is that it is expensive to park before this time.
- Could write and suggest 6.15pm start. Review of parking charges in Stratford currently being undertaken so write to port folio holder.
- As some Councillors still work it is not unreasonable that on some occasions no one is available to attend the meeting.
- It is very important that someone be there as on some occasions the three ward members may be in favour of a plan when the Parish Council are objecting.
- It can be an intimidating experience and be quite daunting. A Trainer from SDC is willing to come and explain the process.

**RESOLVED** to write to the port folio holder concerning the parking charges and to invite a trainer to come to a meeting. Copy of Area Planning Committee dates handed to all Councillors. Agenda for relevant meetings to be sent to all Councillors at earliest opportunity.

Min 49 The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010 at 8.00pm following the Parish Council meeting will which commence at 7.00pm.

**RESOLVED** Clerk to write and invite Cllr Lowe, Chairman WALC, Carol Roberts, Empty Homes Officer SDC, and the High School Council. Cllr Holder will ask if the representatives of the Youth Club would like to attend.

Min 50 Cllr Bacon: Following a recent heavy storm there has been an emission of effluent from the drain on the footpath outside the Barley Mow.

**RESOLVED** Clerk to report to Severn Trent by telephone in order to get an incident number and to follow up by letter.

Min 51 At the last collection of bulky waste there were a great number of people which meant that the Collectors were there until 2.30pm. Verdant have requested that a member of the Parish Council be present to monitor the situation. It is a very popular facility enjoyed by many residents.

**RESOLVED** that two Councillors will monitor the next two collections and report to the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

Min 52 The Noticeboard at Littlewood Green is badly damaged and is a disgrace.

**RESOLVED** Cllr Holder to make temporary repairs. Clerk to get quotes for a new board. If too expensive to be considered in next year's precept.

## 9. Planning Applications for Consideration

10/00715/FUL

Studley GM High School, Crooks Lane, Studley.  
Single-storey flat roof extension to existing school

building.  
Cllrs McCarthy and Weddell left the room whilst  
this plan was discussed and refrained from voting.  
Cllr Mrs Wade abstained from voting.  
**No representations.**

## **10. Planning Decisions Received**

- 09/02144/FUL      Mr G Pielow, Cranhills, Clarkes Green, Studley.  
Retention of two existing buildings without compliance with  
condition of planning permission 07/0928/FUL; alterations to  
the building and formation of internal access way.  
**Permission with conditions 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010**
- 10/00408/VARY      Sibcas Ltd., Brickyard Lane, Studley.  
Variation of condition 24 of planning permission S96/0160  
to allow the stacking of portable buildings in excess of 2  
units high for a temporary period of 3 years.  
**Permission with conditions 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010**
- 10/00307/FUL      Mr Peter Wright, 17 Station Road, Studley.  
Construction of single storey kitchen and toilet extension to  
the rear of the property.  
**Permission with conditions 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

## **11. District and County Council Reports** **District Council - no report available**

### **County Council Report of meeting 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010 given by Cllr Rickhards**

Copy of report handed to all Councillors.

Summary:

- Police Report – each district to have a district team-regular written reports. Stratford Head is Bob Molloy, a magistrate.
- Over next year there is to be a 10% budget cut to be achieved by waste reduction, collaboration with other forces and a full service review. Redundancies will be a last resort.
- Question asked about the possibility of spreading the practice of embedding PCSO's in schools. Hoping to maintain present provision but no more.
- Petition presented on the future of maintained nursery schools. There is currently a consultation exercise with three options, two of which pose the possibility of closures. The controlling group insisted there were no plans for closures.

- A motion on dropping the Fire & Rescue proposals was debated. Cllr Rickhards spoke on this. The motion was defeated. Cllr Hobbs (Port Folio holder) indicated that the matter was to be debated again at the July meeting of the Cabinet. He said 'other options' were being explored but did not elaborate.

Questions asked: what is meant by 'waste reduction' – Cllr Rickhards none the wiser. Finance is the problem with regard to PCSO's in schools. Concerns raised about maintained nursery schools which are for people on low incomes.

Graeme Smith, Chief Fire Officer came to Studley last week and met with Cllrs Mrs Wade, Beaman, McCarthy and the Clerk before visiting the Youth Club and the Library. He gave no indication as to the future of Studley Fire Service but made the point that needed to think creatively.

## 12. Correspondence

### SDC

- Min 53 Notification of withdrawal of Planning Application No.10/00648/FUL Land adjacent to, 6 Orchard Way, Studley.
- Min 54 Carol Roberts, Empty Homes Officer has identified a number of empty homes in Studley and is keen to work with local resident groups to provide advice and support to communities. Would like to come to Studley to promote role through short presentation.  
**RESOLVED** Clerk to write to invite to Annual Parish Meeting.

### WCC

- Min 55 Confirmation of venues and dates for Henley/Studley Community Forums. Copy handed to all Councillors.
- Min 56 Community Development Fund 2010/11. Local organisations and community groups are able to apply for grants of up to £8000 for one-off projects that will provide lasting benefits to their community. Completed application forms to be submitted by 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010. Forms can be completed on [stratford@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:stratford@warwickshire.gov.uk)  
Copy to be given to Cllr Mrs Redman.

### Other

- Min 57 Tanworth in Arden Parish Council and some neighbouring Parish Councils are disappointed by the lack of effectiveness of the Enforcement Department. They did try collectively to meet with Pat Reid and Clare Eynon to discuss problems. Now have been approached to resurrect this issue and to meet with Tony Perks (Pat Reid's replacement). Asking if Studley would like to be part of this group.  
**RESOLVED** Clerk to write that we would like to be part of this group

as more complaints are received about enforcement issues than planning applications. Also write to Enforcement Officer for list of outstanding Enforcement Issues in Studley.

- Min 58 Worcs County Council currently preparing a Waste Core Strategy. Following consultation of Emerging Preferred Options Report they have now produced a Consultation Response Document which can be viewed on [www.worcestershire.gov](http://www.worcestershire.gov) Copy to be forwarded to Cllrs Mrs Wright, Rickhards and Holder.
- Min 59 WALC Briefing Day Event @Being a Good Councillor and Clerk' Alderminster Village Hall on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2010 10am – 4pm. £45.00 per delegate.

#### **Correspondence for Circulation**

- Min 60 Clerks & Councils Direct
- Min 61 The Clerk
- Min 62 VISTA 2010 Villages in Sustainable Transformative Action Leaflet
- Min 63 WRCC Caring for Rural Communities Leaflet

#### **13. Committee Reports**

None.

#### **14. Delegates Reports**

##### **Report of Studley Allotments Association Meeting on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010 given by Cllr McCarthy**

Summary:

- At Dunstall there are four applicants awaiting plots, a ½ plot is still free.
- Reports of pot holes caused by vehicles and also of vehicles travelling along the path too fast. Some plot holders are still leaving the gates open.
- One member wanted to keep six fowl, which is in the agreement and also two hives of bees. Two plot holders stated that they were allergic to stings others felt it would be in order to keep two hives, but wanted permission from the Parish Council before the go-ahead. It was stated that some Parish Councils refused permission for bee keeping.
- Some plots were a long way from water taps but the Association will install a tap at its own cost.
- On the matter of a termination and the three letter system, Cllr McCarthy suggested that the Parish Council should send copies to the Association Secretary also copies of Contracts issued.
- It was suggested that there should be a check on brambles growing through the hedges.

Although bee keeping was discussed at Parish Council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010 no clear decision was made. Item for discussion on next agenda.

Either party should have copies of any warning or termination letters sent.  
Meeting to be arranged with the Allotment Association to discuss the Memo of Understanding which should solve issues.

**Report to Studley Parish Council of matters concerning the High School given by Cllr McCarthy**

- The School intends to hold an open day for all Studley organisations at the school in September. This is part of a strategy to be involved with the Community.
- The School's results this year have been outstanding. This also applies to Key Stages 3 & 4.
- The School will be full this year and there might be a need for an appeals panel.
- During the past 12 months the school has taken part in wild flower planting on the Nature Reserve, helped plant trees in the Cemetery and made bird boxes for the Nature Reserve.

Clerk to contact the School for any contributions before Studley Voice goes to print.

**Report of Studley Youth Club given by Cllr Holder**

The wall in the cage has now got graffiti on and is looking good. One is now being done on the inside of the Club.

The Club is going from strength to strength.

**15. Approve Accounts for Payment**

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

598 – Mrs D E Mitchell £1384.67. 599 – Mrs S Perks £603.42.

600 – Inland Revenue £743.45. 601 – G S Adams £1181.27.

602 – Central Networks £414.78. 603 – Redditch Skip Hire £179.78.

604 – Verdant £417.13. 605 – Studley in Bloom £500.00.

606 – AON Ltd. £6612.44. 607 – Inland Revenue £187.05.

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010**

**Meeting closed 8.50pm**

