

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 18th September 2007 at 7.30pm.

1. Public Forum

None.

2. Chairman declared the meeting open

3. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, J. Bacon, E. Holder, G. Noke, J. Vale, C. Rickhards
Mrs M. Woodrow, W. McCarthy, M. Redman, Mrs S. Redman, Mrs M. Bell.
District Councillor M. Weddell.

4. Apologies for Absence

District Councillor Mrs H. Wright, County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy.

5. 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.

None.

6. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Amended and signed as a true record of the last meeting.

7. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

None.

8. Items for Discussion

Min 113/06 Cllr McCarthy: Public Open Space

Nothing much moved. Meeting group of friends. Notice to be designed. Approaching butterfly expert. Looking forward to progressing. Chased up District Council for lease – passed to Legal Department.

Min 132

Skatepark Issues:

- Cllr Holder spoke to some youngsters. Three Places identified as noisy. Need to contact GBH Engineering.
- At last meeting Cllr Rickhards made arrangements to visit resident in Crooks Lane. Visited 7th September between 10.00pm and 10.15pm. Could not gain access. Stood in front garden, very noisy. Police arrived and youths moved away. Can confirm that problems are true. Idea of fence would not stop noise but on observation is late night gathering. If successful in excluding jobs from using skatepark as focus then this would be eliminated.
- Fence would be an eyesore and not pleasant. Could give bad impression.
- Village Hall fence did stop problems. Good chance that it would be successful. Problem with who would lock up. If closed early would eliminate after 9.00pm gathering.
- Horrendous problem. Other alternative urge more reporting but Police cannot provide cover.

- Do nothing and problem may disappear.
- Gang situation. Cold weather may help.
- Bund would not remove skatepark as focus. Fence not ideal but lesser of two evils.
- If closed at 8.00pm would help. Problem of who would lock up. Could end up with confrontational situation. If secured earlier may get someone willing to lock up. Need to investigate costs.
- There is a dispersal order in effect and Police can use these powers but they have not got the resources. Concern of sending someone in if large numbers of youths that have been drinking. Need to strike a balance.
- Been some scare-mongering but recently no reports. Skatepark getting blamed for everything but is being used for its purpose.
- Need to seek advice from ASB Officer, SDC and Police. Youths have always gathered in the Recreation Ground.
- Need to investigate fence and more expert advice is best way forward. Could check with Redditch.
- Consultation – may need to look at costings and if money available.
- Alcohol free zone is some time away.
- Clerk to ask Kully Takhar and Sgt Bob Shaw to come to Parish Council meeting.

Min 180 Cllr Bacon: Football Club Issues

Asked by a resident to go to Brickyard Lane Recreation Ground as Coach of a football team had verbally abused the children playing on area where cars parked. Coach very aggressive. One car parked via touch line. Litter left by teams, health drinks etc. Checked the changing rooms, water left running until Monday morning. Week after another team using bad language. Not suitable in residential area. Believe need to issue teams with some rules and regulations, no foul language, no parking on field, children allowed. Clerk to write to football teams to clear litter etc. Parking minimal, not paying for training sessions only matches. Any more problems use will be withdrawn. May need to draw up Contract. To be discusses at next Recreation Committee.

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

07/02140/FUL

Dunlop Construction, 94 Alcester Road, Studley.
Retention of 2 no A1 retail units with conversion above to B1 use for 2 no units with erection of 2 no additional B1 use units to rear.

Support with the following comments:

1. **Policy DEV. 1 Arches are of architectural interest and should be kept.**
2. **Enhances the Village and does not detract from the attractiveness of the Village.**
3. **Policy COM 2 with reference to change of use, will contribute to the economy of the Village.**
4. **Policy COM 3 commercial development to meet the needs of the population.**
5. **Policy PPG7 creation of local jobs, also in accordance with Studley Parish Plan.**

07/02405/FUL

Ms Nila Kanani, Studley Castle.

Temporary siting of marquee.

Support with the following comments:

- 1. Very limited period.**
- 2. Noise problem should be dealt with.**
- 3. Remove temporary buildings on site.**

10. Planning Decisions Received

05/02094/OUT

Mrs M Baker, Land to the Rear of 34 and 36 Node Hill, Studley.

Erection of six dwellings, new access road and other associated works.

Permission with conditions 24th August 2007

11. District and County Council Reports

District Council Report Received from Cllr Mrs Wright

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Summary:

- Although August is a quiet month there are some Corporate issues which will indirectly impact on Studley.
- Consultation on the new Corporate Strategy for Stratford on Avon District Council taking place. Document is of importance to Studley Parish Council because it will reflect the Council's priorities for the next three to five years. The Parish Council's ambitions will have to be set against the statements in the Corporate Strategy. To be published for inclusion in the next financial year.
- Further discussions taking place on enhanced two-tier working which is a way of considering how local authorities can work together.
- Further re-structuring of the Planning Department continues. It is thought that enforcement should be more effective. Enforcement notice served on the Co-op site to remove buildings and to make building safe. To be completed by 15th December 2007. If not complied with prosecution will follow.
- At the Executive it was noted in a report that to encourage the preparation of local plans the Executive should give financial support. This was rejected in favour of Area Committees supporting Parish Plans. Financial support is important because the Studley Parish Plan will have to be reviewed.
- Local Choice in Housing has been adopted by Stratford on Avon District Council a government driven initiative. This means that housing applicants can apply for a house in any district and houses will be allocated on need.

Apologies that no County Council report available as County Councillor Mrs McCarthy in Brussels.

12. Correspondence

SDC

Min 181 Christmas Bank Holiday Refuse & Recycling Collection Arrangements. Details to go on noticeboard, on website and in newsletter.

Min 182 Draft Supplementary Planning Document Masterplan for Redevelopment of the Harbury Cement Works site to determine the sustainable development of the site. Can be viewed on SDC website www.stratford.gov.uk Any representations by 11th October 2007.

WCC

- Min 183 Streetlights on Bromsgrove Road, The Slough and tall ones on the High Street are to be painted this year. Colour to be decided either black or dark green. All agreed on dark green.
- Min 184 Details received of change to bus services 25/26 between Stratford and Studley. Copy available in Parish Office or on Warwickshire County Council website www.warwickshire.gov.uk

Other

- Min 185 Awards for All confirmation of extension of End of Grant report to Friday, 16th May 2008.
- Min 186 John Maples re July floods – would like details of Parishes affected as trying to persuade Stratford DC and WCC to compile an accurate catalogue of exactly what happened. Clerk to reply that St. Chads, Lords Lane, Priory Mill, Littlewood Green and The Griffin affected in Studley. As Studley was not affected so seriously as other parts of the County it was decided not to arrange a visit from John Maples.
- Min 187 Thomas Guise solicitors re leases for SSSC, Tennis Club and Bowls Club for signature. Leases all approved and signed.
- Min 188 E-on Certificate of Unmetered Supply will expire on 1st September. Clerk to respond that existing inventory still correct as no new lights have been added.
- Min 189 Invitation to Studley High School Christmas Fayre 10th November 2007 10.00am – 2.00pm. Clerk to respond that the Parish Council would like a table.
- Min 190 Remembrance Day Parade and Service on Sunday, 11th November 2007. Request for help in distributing Poppy Boxes around the Village.
- Min 191 WALC: a) AGM 25th October 2007 at 7.30pm Shire Hall, Warwick. Nomination for representatives on County Committee welcome. b) Reminder for adoption of new Model Code of Conduct. Have until 1st October 2007. c) Invitation for participation in the Parish & Town & County Council Focus Group Monday 1st October 2007 at 7.00pm Norton Lindsey Village Hall.
- Min 192 Programme of Members Training. If interested in past or future training sessions places need to be confirmed.
- Min 193 SLCC Warks & West Midlands Branch AGM 19th September 2007 at 1.00pm Stratford Town Hall, Sheep Street.
- Min 194 The A435 Trunk Road Warks & Worcs (Detrunking) Order 200 two statutory objections have been withdrawn. Remaining outstanding objectors invited to respond in July 2007. Letter from Studley Parish Council was the only further response concerning the change of signage. Secretary of State has considered all representations and our objections not considered to constitute grounds for not making the Order and now published in draft.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 195 LCR Official Journal for NALC

- Min 196 AGE Concern e-bulletin
- Min 197 The Standards Board for England Bulletin
- Min 198 Clerks & Councils Direct
- Min 199 Decorum Standards & Ethics Newsletter from SDC
- Min 200 The Clerk
- Min 201 Purple Breakthrough Breast Cancer Magazine

13. Committee Reports

Minutes of the Grants Committee Meeting on 4th September 2007 handed to all Councillors

Recommended that a grant of £100.00 be awarded to 1st Studley Scout Group to support a local scout attend the World Jamboree in Essex and a grant of £60.00 be awarded to Studley Railway Football Club to enable them to purchase three new footballs.

RESOLVED that, in pursuance of the power conferred by section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, the Council (Committee) approves the payment of the sum of £100 in respect of 1st Studley Scout Group and the payment of the sum of £60.00 in respect of Studley Railway Football Club.

Minutes of the Chairman's Ball Committee on 4th September 2007 handed to all Councillors

Further meeting to be arranged but hall and entertainment booked. Need to find a Caterer.

Minutes of the Office Committee held on 4th September 2007 handed to all Councillors

Meeting arranged for workshop on 11th September 2007. Councillors to have copies of Staff Appraisal Forms and relevant action plan pages.

14. Delegates Reports

Meeting of the Forward Plan Committee. When agreed will come back to Parish Council for approval.

Cllr Holder attended Councils Commission, interesting day but aimed at Town Councils.

15. Approve Accounts for Payment

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

GBH Engineering – cheque for £20,020.00 sent direct 30th August 2007

Cheque No.62 – GBH Engineering £21,125.00 withheld until skatepark brought up to standard.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 2nd October 2007

Meeting Closed 8.46pm

