

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.30pm.

## 1. Chairman declared the meeting open

## 2. Present

Chairman J. Bacon, Vice Chair Mrs S. Redman, M. Redman, E. Holder, Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs A. Wade, P. Beaman, W. McCarthy, Mrs M. Bell. County Councillor M. Weddell, District Councillors Mrs H. Wright, M. Weddell. M. Fogarty.

## 3. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs C. Rickhards, J. Vale – work commitments  
Cllr Mrs H. Wersocki – no apology given

## 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.*

None.

## 5. Public Forum

None.

## 6. Mark Fogarty: Proposed new development at Studley Football Club

Thank you for opportunity to come and speak at meeting.

- Speaking as a matter of courtesy as well aware that Football Club comes within Parish of Mappleborough Green. Will be attending their meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008.
- Planning application put in last year for new sports facilities. Was withdrawn, no strategic work done.
- Has background in sport and asked to become Project Manager on consultation work and approaching relevant people and following right procedure.
- Club bought by Arden Leisure. Want to put in full size astroturf pitch, sports hall, new changing room and classroom for educational facilities.
- New Sports Hall will not affect view. Also improving lights.
- Intends to run Football Development Scheme. Need to attract new teams, help existing junior teams and local college team.
- Aim to add to sports and not be in conflict with Leisure Centre.
- Has spoken to Coventry, Solihull, Redditch and Stratford and Councillors. Planning application to be considered 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008. Would like to start building in May.
- Local groups and schools involved. Receiving good support.
- Two separate applications submitted.

- Massive opportunity for the community.
- Residents informed and seem happy.
- Conditions will be put on lighting.
- Multi sports in hall not just football.

Thank you from the Chairman to Mark for presentation. Good for the community.

## 7. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

**Proposed Cllr Beaman that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the last meeting, seconded Cllr Holder. All agreed.**  
**The minutes were signed by the Chairman.**

## 8. Matters Arising (for information only)

Min 288 Request for information from Cllr Beaman. No further correspondence received.

## 9. Items for Discussion

Min 291 Community Group request for website link. Good idea but looks commercial.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write and decline offer.

Min 296 Cllr Holder: British Legion. Copy of letter to Secretary handed to all Councillors. Has 18 people interested and can meet at the Fire Station Club. To be discussed by County Committee. Next step County Chairman to meet with Cllr Holder and members who wish to join. Need to fill in form with names, addresses and signatures.  
 Thanks to Cllr Holder from the Chairman.

Min 113/ Cllr McCarthy: Studley Common Nature Reserve – Spending of 06 lottery grant and other costs. Copy of details handed to all Councillors. Awaiting oak trees, increase in cost of litter bins but offset with cost of notice board. Details sent to lottery, now signed off.  
 Clerk to chase up situation with trees with SDC as Martin Peel now left. Might be an idea to put cost of mowing in next precept. Vandals have already smashed notice board but have been moved on by Police.  
 Well done to Cllr McCarthy from the Chairman.

Min 297 Request from Andrew Savage, WCC for further donation of £1000.00 towards Studley Improvements. Has already received £1000.00.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write for itemised list of expenditure. May look at next year's budget but no money at the moment.

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

08/02716/FUL Aldi Stores Limited, 2 Birmingham Road, Studley.  
 Construction of a Class A1 Food Retail Store and associated car parking.

**Objection for the following planning reasons:**  
**In principle the Parish Council gives its support for the development as it will benefit the Village but we have to object for the following reasons:**  
**1. Design not in keeping.**

2. Highway and pedestrian safety.
3. Traffic an issue on the busy A435 would lead to further congestion.
4. Air pollution already a problem at the Barley Mow Island. The development will only exacerbate the problem and further monitoring will not have any effect.
5. The Parish Council would wish to see samples of materials to be used for approval if the Planning Committee has a mind to grant this application.

## 11. Planning Decisions Received

None.

## 12. District and County Council Reports

No District Council Report available.

### County Council Report given by Cllr Mrs McCarthy

County Council has been awarded 3 stars. Clear ambitions, community consultation robust, citizens panels, ethnic disadvantaged – addressed.

Uses resources well, delivers good value for money.

Budget setting time – increase 11% but will be a 5% cap. Economies will have to take place. Efficiency saving of 2½% every year.

## 13. Correspondence

### SDC

Min 298 Details and nomination forms received for SDC Annual Sports Awards. Awards evening to take place on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Stratford upon Avon. Closing date for nominations Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2008. Form can also be downloaded from Council's website [www.stratford.gov.uk](http://www.stratford.gov.uk)  
Clerk to send in nominations.

### WCC

None.

### Other

Min 299 Donation of £100.00 towards Studley's lights 2008 received from Action Studley. Clerk to write letter of thanks.

Min 300 Thank you letter received from Richard Deimel for ongoing financial support for cost of maintaining the churchyard. Struggling to meet overall costs because of increase in fuel, machinery and cost of labour. Have some voluntary help but cost rising each year and is several pounds more than grant.

Min 301 Thomas Guise Solicitors: lease between Studley Parish Council for Studley Tennis Club, Bowls Club and SSSC received for signature. Issue in respect of lease of SSSC and the Charge at Carlsberg now resolved. Carlsberg wanted a Charge just over bungalow property and not remaining SSSC area of land. Has now agreed for there to be a separate residential lease of the bungalow together with a separate

lease of the land and buildings to SSSC (both let to SSSC). Now required to give 28 days notice if we have to forfeit the lease.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write to Solicitors for clarification on a number of points and to arrange meeting of Parish Councillors and SSSC to discuss further.

- Min 302 Redditch Borough Council Preferred Draft Core Strategy (New Reg.25) which once adopted will replace Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.3. Public participation to take place from 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008 until 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009. All documents can be viewed on Council's website [www.redditch.whub.org.uk](http://www.redditch.whub.org.uk)
- Min 303 WALC: a) Briefing event for all Chairmen, Aspiring Chairmen and any interested Councillor at The Grange Hall, Southam 10.00am – 1.00pm Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2009. Cllr Mrs Redman to attend.  
b) 'End of Year Accounts and preparing for Audit'. Training for Parish and Town Clerks at The Phoenix Room, Studley Village Hall 10.00am – 1.00pm Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009. Clerk, Cllr Beaman and Cllr Bacon to attend.
- Min 304 Details received from David Morgan, Project Manager, Parish Plans and Rural Outreach, of Seminar 'Biogas – Are you wasting an opportunity?' on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008 Somerset College, Taunton. £30.00 per delegate. No one to attend.
- Min 305 Details received from Fairways Contracting Limited re Ground Maintenance Contract 2009-10. Noted.
- Min 306 SLCC 2009 International Experience Programme opportunity to win Bursary to attend IIMC Conference in Chicago in May 2009.
- Min 307 NALC: a) Legal Briefing Sustainable Communities Act 2007 – update  
b) Legal Briefing Communities in Control: Real People, real power, Codes of conduct for local authority members and employees – A Consultation. Copy handed to all Councillors. To be discussed further a next meeting.

#### **Correspondence for Circulation**

- Min 308 LCR Official Journal of NALC  
Min 309 The Clerk  
Min 310 Clerks & Councils Direct  
Min 311 Grant finder special update feature  
Min 312 WCC Funding *NEWS* Bulletin  
Min 313 SDC In2Sport newsletter  
Min 314 WALC newsletter

#### **14. Committee Reports**

None.

#### **15. Delegates Reports**

None.

- 16. Approve Accounts for Payment .**  
**Proposed Cllr Beaman that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr Holder. Voting unanimous.**

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008**

**Meeting Closed 9.05pm**