

Studley Parish Council

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

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair J. Bacon, E. Holder, W. McCarthy, Mrs M. Woodrow, C. Rickhards, Mrs M. Bell, M. Redman
District Councillor M. Weddell & County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs H. Wersocki, J. Vale, Mrs S. Redman.
District Councillor Mrs H. Wright.

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. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Signed and accepted as a true record.

7. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

None

8. Items for Discussion

Min 113: Public Open Space – Cllr W. McCarthy

Visited Solicitor Mr P. Guise to discuss the proposed lease. Advised to look at lottery bid, differences since last March when the bid was submitted. These need to be approved in writing. Amendments made due to the changes in specification of wheelchair path made by SDC. Further letter now sent. Path will now be upgraded and Cllr McCarthy to contact contractors to make sure they are agreeable to these changes. Oak trees planted last year are flourishing.

Leases received from Solicitor – Chairman and Vice Chair signed on behalf of the Parish Council. Clerk to return to Solicitor and sign declaration for the Council.

Min 132: Skatepark Issues

Contractors from GBH visited the equipment and repairs have now been carried out to the barrier on top of the ramp that had become loose and strengthened. Confirmation from Greg Howe that he is willing to carry

out the removal of the existing foam and reinstating in April 2008 when the weather is much drier. Council agreeable to forward a cheque for £15,000.00 but should retain a portion until the work is complete.

Proposed Cllr McCarthy seconded Cllr Beaman. Voting unanimous.

Min 291 – Approval of Precept 2008/2009

Discussed at the meeting of the Finance Committee 4th December 2007.

Increase this year of 11.4% due to increase in maintenance charges for Street Lighting. Also loan for skate park and funds for Allotment improvement included.

Proposed Cllr Beaman seconded Cllr Holder that precept be approved. Voting unanimous.

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

07/03426/FUL Mr A. Hewitt & Mr G. Perks, Land adjacent to 6,
Orchard Way, Studley.
Three bed detached house
No representations.

10. Planning Decisions Received None

11. District and County Council Reports **No District Councillor report**

County Council Report given by Cllr H. McCarthy

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Tree in Library area reported and to be looked at.

12. Correspondence **SDC**

Min 292 Confirmation from Susan Steele that the Allotment Lease is due to expire 31st March 2008. SDC prepared to offer new 5 year lease at existing rent of £350.00 also need confirmation if Parish Council agreeable to pay legal costs of approximately £200.00.

Proposed Cllr Beaman seconded Cllr Bacon that new lease acceptable. Clerk to contact SDC.

Min 293 Due to BIFFA working on Christmas and New Year rubbish collections there will be no bulky waste collection on first Saturday in January. Clerk to put up notices in car park as well as on the website.

Min 294 Query about cost of waste collection as SDC agreed to help with cost up to April 2008. At present Parish Council is bearing full amount. Confirmation from Rob Weeks that Clerk to invoice Finance Dept for the amount owed to rectify the situation as error has occurred.

Min 295 Reply concerning Parish Council Enforcement and request to visit parishes where initiative has been undertaken. Dog Warden Sophie Ward willing to come to a meeting to discuss the initiative, but the Council thought dog fouling was just a

- small part of the initiative. More information is needed.
- Min 296 Confirmation of adoption of the Code of Conduct advert by SDC to include Studley Parish Council was published in the Stratford Herald 6th December 2007

WCC

- Min 297 Thank you for returning the Youth Evaluation pack to WCC following completion of the skate park. It was wonderful but invoices were omitted as proof of purchase. Clerk has now sent them on.
- Min 298 £8m recycling facility announced for Warwickshire to be sited near Ettington capable of sorting completely mixed recyclables such as glass, papers, cans and plastic bottles. Should begin operating April 2009.

Other

- Min 299 Letter from Gordon Noke resigning from the Parish Council due to personal reasons. Letter to be sent to Gordon with thanks for his hard work whilst on the Council. Clerk to advertise
- Min 300 Thank you from Village Hall Management Committee for £500.00 grant. Much appreciated.
- Min 301 Westminster Briefing Conference Thursday 24th April 2008.
- Min 302 Receipt from Warwickshire Firefighters Fund for £500.00 received.
- Min 303 Notice that Parish Liaison Meeting on 12th December 2007 cancelled.
- Min 304 Letter received from Mrs Thorbes concerning the repair work done on Pool Road car park as well as pot holes on the footpath that needs filling. More information required as to exact location of repairs.
- Min 305 SLCC Branch meeting on 10th January 2008 at the Crawford Memorial Hall, Bidford at 1.30pm.
- Min 306 Visit by Severn Trent to look at damage at top of Station Road caused by Balfour Beatty following work recently carried out. When ground conditions permit damage will be rectified.
- Min 307 Grant application form received from St John Ambulance. Pass to Grants Committee.
- Min 308 Thank you letter received from Denis Charlton for the Chairman's Ball and Jubilee Shield. Had a very enjoyable evening.
- Min 309 E mail received from Scott Bryden wishing to meeting with Parish Council about Garage Site proposals. To be invited to next meeting.
- Min 310 Thank you from Adrian Smith for Chairman's Ball and letter from Allotment Plot holder. His response is that the Parish Council as Landlords have terminated her tenancy.
- Min 311 E mail received from Caroline Ford concerning the bollard at Gunners Lane and the fence at Tesco. WCC to arrange replacement bollard. WCC have removed the fence at Tesco as it was unsafe. To date no action from Tesco.
- Min 312 Reply from Bryan Stoten concerning health services in Alcester. No decision has been made as yet. Willing to send feed back forms.
- Min 313 SLCC 2008 Practitioners Conference, Moat House Hotel. Stoke

on Trent 29th February 2008 to 1st March 2008.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 314 Breakthrough Breast Cancer Purple Magazine

Min 315 Political Speed Dating feedback from Young People

Min 316 Parish Talk

Min 317 Standards Board Bulletin Newsletter

13. Committee Reports

None.

14. Delegates Reports

Warwickshire Waste Management Forum: more consultation for criteria of selection of sites. Further documents to come out.

15. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr Mrs M Bell that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr E Holder. Voting unanimous.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 8th January 2008

Meeting Closed 8.20pm

