

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 19th January 2010 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman Mrs S. Redman, Vice Chair C. Rickhards, P. Beaman, W. McCarthy, J. Vale, Mrs M. Woodrow, E. Holder, J. Bacon, Mrs A. Wade, M. Redman, Mrs H. Wersocki, P. Tedd.
Mr Goldsmith & Assistant, Studley Castle.

3. Apologies for Absence

District Cllrs Mrs H. Wright, M. Weddell – Training Course

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 A. Wade, E. Holder, Min 280 – non prejudicial

5. Public Forum

None.

6. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Accepted as a true record of the last meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

None.

8. Items for Discussion

Min 309 Cllr Mrs Wright: Fire Service Closures
Deferred until the next meeting.

Min 310 Cllr Holder: Studley Castle Vandalism
Correspondence received from Roy Edwin concerning ongoing vandalism. Cllr Holder contacted Mr Goldsmith, General Manager.

- Photographs of derelict outbuildings which back onto public footpath passed around.

- They are boarded up securely but continue to be broken into by youths.
- Mr Goldsmith is not willing to put staff at risk under any circumstances as youths carry tools.
- Doing everything to try and keep area secure and showing due diligence for insurance purposes.
- Mr Edwin would like to see the buildings bricked up but Enforcement Officer has said not allowed as they are listed buildings.
- £10,400 spent in one year boarding up buildings. Most of the vandalism occurs during weekends and holidays.
- Working with the Police but there is very little they can do.
- Buildings have been derelict for a number of years.
- Planning Application was turned down but Conference Centre approved.
- Mr Edwin is often unwilling to accept reasons.
- Cllr Holder has spoken to the Police who patrol as often as possible.
- Hotel classed as a high risk building as people stay overnight and fire inspection is up to date. Next inspection is 2013.
- Can understand Mr Edwin's concerns.
- Hotel has no jurisdiction over public footpath. Buildings back onto footpath.
- Dummy cameras were put up but were vandalised.
- Some youths have been caught and Police have dealt with them and taken them home.

Clerk to write to Police and ask for increase in patrols whenever possible but especially at weekends and to write to Mr Edwin re-iterating everything that has been done. Clerk to check if footpath can be used for vehicles and to contact Mr Goldsmith.

Min 280 Cllrs Holder & Mrs Wade: Youth Service

Last night attended the AGM. Very interesting and a lot has been done to improve the facilities and environment. Club has been closed due to abusive and threatening behaviour towards staff. Open evening on 23rd February 2010 with Police, Orbit Housing Officer, Kully Takhar Anti Social Behaviour Officer from SDC attending. Parents and children can attend. All members of the Youth Club will get a hand delivered letter explaining why the Club was closed and enclosing a behavioural contract which has to be signed. There will be three sessions per week at a cost of 50p per session. Monday session 4.30pm – 6.30pm well attended and children well behaved. Anna Stowe is moving to Warwick and Rob McCluskey will be in charge of Studley & Henley. Rob will run the Thursday session and Bev Tuesday. Club will re-open on Thursday 25th February 2010. Police will speak at open evening about alcohol free zone and penalties that will be incurred. Can do nothing but good to start again with acceptable boundaries.

A new 5' high metal palisade fence will be erected and the Youth Club will be responsible for keeping the area clean

Has been more vandalism and covert cameras in this area would help immensely.

Will be a 'girls only' night at one end of the Club with arts and craft activities with boys at the other end.

Policy of three strikes and out but not permanent. Needs questioning as there should be a point of exclusion.

Applaud the re-launch approach but concerns of going down the same road. Seem to think were unlucky, an element of denial. Unique situation no precedent of this happening anywhere else in the County.

Parish Council should be questioning level of leadership and qualifications.

No plans for Junior Youth Club.

Parish Council need someone to come and explain how it got into a mess with reassurances that it won't happen again.

Clerk to write and invite Rob Townsend to Parish Council meeting.

Min 311 Precept 2010/2011 for approval. Copy given to all Councillors.

Proposed Cllr Beaman that the precept be approved as presented, seconded Cllr Holder. Voting unanimous.

Thanks to the Clerk for getting the precept done in such a short time.

Min 267 Cllr McCarthy: Worcestershire County Council – Waste Core Strategy

Copy of summary passed to all Councillors. All agreed to accept and use the recommendations to complete the questionnaire.

Min 234 Cllr Mrs Redman: Community Awards Presentation Evening 27th

February 2010. Menus/quotations received and need to be looked at.

Ideas required for entertainment.

9. Planning Applications for Consideration

None.

10. Planning Decisions Received

None.

11. District & County Council Reports

No County Council report available.

District Council: Cllr Beaman: No report available but advised that housing monitorium may not be in force for much longer. Has spoken to Colin Staves concerning redevelopment on Redditch Road.

12. Correspondence

SDC

Min 312 Checklist and contact numbers received if unauthorised development occurs.

- Min 313 Provisional booking for 25th March 2010 for Village Hall for possible General Election.
- Min 314 Invitation to attend Stratford District Local Strategic Partnership forum Monday, 22nd March 2010 at Stratford Racecourse 9.30am – 3.00pm. Cllr Rickhards to attend.

WCC

- Min 315 Studley/Henley Community Forum meeting and A-Z of services – for circulation.

Other

- Min 316 Bench installed by Studley District Girl Guiding Uk to commemorate 100 years together with planting of 100 bulbs. Cllr McCarthy officially opened the bench which is to be accompanied by three oak trees. Clerk to send letter of thanks to Girl Guides.
- Min 317 Copy of letter to Paul Lankester received regarding planning permission of 18-19 Admington, Shipston-on-Stour replacing original development. For information.
- Min 318 WALC: invitation to meet Association representatives including proposal for establishment of WALC Liaison Meetings for Parishes Monday, 1st March 2010 7.30pm at Elizabeth House. Rob Weeks to discuss Flood Defence Legislation. Cllrs Mrs Wade, Mrs Redman and the Clerk to attend.
- Min 319 WALC: Annual Seminar including workshops Saturday, 6th March 2010 at Myton School. Cllrs Holder, Beaman, Tedd, the Clerk & Asst. Clerk to attend.
- Min 320 Views required on Community Forums. Meeting arranged with Nick Gower-Johnson from WCC to discuss issues 27th January 2010 at 7.30pm Shire Hall.
- Min 321 Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill. Sample letter received to show support. Responses required by 12th February 2010.
- Min 322 Request received for grit bin for St Judes Avenue. Clerk to write with suggested location.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 323 The Clerk
- Min 324 Clerks & Councils Direct
- Min 325 Decorum Standards & Ethics Newsletter
- Min 326 Rural Services Network free service for Community Groups
- Min 327 Warwickshire Climate Change Community Newsletter
- Min 328 WCC Prime Time Newsletter
- Min 329 Rural Services Network Parish News
- Min 330 Stratford-on-Avon Area Directory

13. Committee Reports

None.

14. Delegates Reports

Cllr Mrs Redman: Studley Sports & Social Club

Weather causing a lot of problems. Drainage an issue.

Cllr Bacon: Financial Training Course

Doing away with cheques and something will need to be put in place. Need to look at financial control.

15. Approve Accounts for Payment

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

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 2nd February 2010

Meeting closed 9.00pm

Signed: Chairman