

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7.30pm.

## 1. Chairman declared the meeting open

## 2. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair J. Bacon, J. Vale, Mrs H. Wersocki, E. Holder, Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs M. Bell, C. Rickhards.

District Councillors Mrs H. Wright, M. Weddell.

Alcester District Councillors Sue Adams, Eric Payne. Chris Wright, Alcester Town Clerk.

1 member of the public.

## 3. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs W. McCarthy, Mrs S. Redman, M. Redman.

County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy.

## 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.*

Cllr J. Vale – Planning Application No.08/00117/FUL non prejudicial

Cllr J. Vale – Min 351 Tenders for Grass Cutting prejudicial

## 5. Public Forum: Chris Wright, Alcester Town Council

- Alcester Hospital is 100 years old. In 2002 South Warwickshire PCT said that there would be a new hospital. SWPCT then announced review of the Alcester Doctors Consortium bid which was rejected on the business care plan. Review now being done of whole of Warwickshire. Alcester determined to keep challenge on.
- PCT will be convening meetings with public about overall health strategy.
- Alcester Hospital serves over 40,000 (male and female) people in the whole of the Arden Area. It is a 24 bed (2 nightingale wards) community hospital and a 15 place day hospital which provides rehabilitation and nursing care for patients in the local community. Alcester Town Council supports the Community Transport Scheme which help people get to these services. The Hospital also has a League of Friends.
- Life expectancy has increased and this has put a drain on resources.
- Local vision includes new GP surgery, overnight bed facility, NHS Dentist, emergency response, dietician clinic.
- Formed task force and arranging consultations with Alcester, Bidford, Studley community.
- Consultation Questionnaire can be downloaded from website:  
Options – a) make no change to existing facilities, b) continue to provide all existing services in a new facility on the same site, c) continue to provide all existing day services on the same site, but no longer providing overnight inpatients beds, d) continue to provide all existing day service on the same site and a small number of

overnight inpatient beds that matches the need for the local Alcester population.

- Unhappy about loss of inpatient beds – need promise that will meet the needs of community both young and old. Used to have facility for operations and a lot more than now, have gone backwards. Now only for elderly.
- In patient facility is important. Some people need to be treated in hospital, can be important part of palliative care. Elderly population are often single, on their own.
- Majority of people being treated come from Arden Area not just Alcester. Report that concluded catchment area from Alcester of 20,000 was wrong.
- Not sure what Parish Council are being asked to support – what goals are.
- Only realistic proposal is for inpatient beds.
- Studley has a lot of services provided by GP Surgery but have to consider what Studley would lose if in patient facility removed.
- Studley would miss palliative care side used after operations at the Alex. Alcester very easy to get to.
- Parish Council will show solidarity for campaign.

Cllr Sue Adams – Thank you for support. Encourage residents to attend consultation meetings and to complete survey.

Thanks from the Chairman for presentation and for coming to the meeting.

Clerk to write to Studley GPs for their views.

Public Forum 5<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Cllr Beaman: confirmed that Rob Weeks, SDC is sending out a letter to all restaurants and businesses that bin must be provided for cigarette ends. Clerk has contact SDC re machine for removing bubblegum from pavements.

## **6. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting**

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

## **7. Matters Arising (for information only)**

Min 132 Confirmation that 6 mature lime trees have been ordered for Crooks Lane Recreation Ground and should be in situ shortly.

Min 365 Traffic Wardens in Studley. Reply received from SDC in response to letter that Traffic Warden ignored cars illegally parked on double yellow line. Difficult to comment after the incident vehicle might have been displaying blue badge, or waiver allowing them to park there, or loading or unloading. Clerk to write expect Traffic Warden to be more observant of cars illegally parked on the footpath.

Min 364 Matthew Taylor Independent Review. Copy of suggested response passed to all Councillors. Thanks to Cllr McCarthy for his hard work. To be discussed at next meeting.

## **8. Items for Discussion**

Min 113 Public Open Space – no update available.

Min 351 Tenders for Grass Cutting 2008/09 for consideration.  
Cllr Vale left the room whilst this item was discussed.

**Proposed Cllr Beaman that the tender from J Vale for the grass cutting of the Graveyard Burial Ground, Open Spaces, Recreation Grounds and the strimming areas of Crooks Lane and Redditch Road Allotments be accepted. Seconded Cllr Rickhards. Voting unanimous.**

**Proposed Cllr Beaman that the tender from F Winters for the grass cutting around the Village Hall and the Children's Play Area be accepted. Seconded Cllr Rickhards. Voting**

unanimous.

**Proposed Cllr Beaman that the tender from J R Gibbs for hedge cutting Village Hall to Crooks Lane, Station Road Allotments and around the War Memorial be accepted. Seconded Cllr Rickhards. Voting unanimous.**

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

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| 08/00105/FUL | Mr R Barnes, 16 Westmead Avenue, Studley.<br>Two storey extension.<br><b>Objection for the following planning reason:<br/>Loss of amenity and light.<br/>Comment that insufficient information on plans.</b> |
| 08/00117/FUL | Mr C Preen, Field Farm Cottage, Castle Road, Studley.<br>Front boundary wall and gate to previously approved house.<br><b>No representation.</b>   |
| 08/00066/FUL | Lloyds Homes Ltd., Land to the Rear Of 34 and 36 Node Hill Studley.<br>Demolition of detached garage and new access way and 6 no. dwellings.<br><b>Deferred to next meeting.</b>                             |

## **10. Planning Decisions Received**

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| 07/02507/FUL | Studley High School, Crooks Lane, Studley.<br>Proposed phased extension, alterations and improvements to school buildings and campus.<br><b>Permission with conditions 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008</b> |
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## **11. District and County Council Reports**

**No District Council Report but copy of Parish Talk newsletter available for Councillors or can be viewed on [www.stratford-dc.gov.uk](http://www.stratford-dc.gov.uk)**

**County Council Report given by Cllr Mrs H. McCarthy**

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Summary of report received 5<sup>th</sup> February 2008:

- West Midlands Spatial Strategy – Warwickshire will be taking a large number of houses but all set to go in the Rugby area and Coventry/northern part of the County. Quota for Redditch is 7,000, 3500 in Redditch and 3500 in Bromsgrove and/or Stratford on Avon District. Warwickshire is resisting their going in Stratford District. Important that Parish Councils and individuals respond to consultation and make their views known by 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2008 to WMRSS Panel Secretary, c/o Government Office for the West Midlands, 5 St Phillips Place, Colmore Road, Birmingham B3 2PW or e mail: [wmpanelsecretary@gowm.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:wmpanelsecretary@gowm.gsi.gov.uk)
- Studley Fire Station is receiving around £85,000 for refurbishment. The Station is recruiting and the Station's cover area is being extended.
- Ayub Khan from the County Library Service to meet with Hazel Wright in her capacity as representative of the Village Hall Committee to discuss how co-operation between the Village Hall and Library Service can benefit the Village.
- Locality Forums to come into being this year to replace County Council Area Committees and

District Council Area Committees. Aim of Forum is to provide local people with a voice on issues which are important to them and their local communities.

- Attending many meetings as a member of Warwickshire Adoption Panel.
- Attended two days on Governor Development with and for Stratford FE College.
- County Council budget to increase by 3.9%.

Summary of report received 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008:

- Budget increase of 3.9%. County received more than expected from the Government, but it was 2% less than the average for Shire Counties.
- Health O & S had meetings with David Rose, Chief Executive of Warwickshire PCT about the Strategy for the Commissioning for Health Warwickshire 2007 – 2012.
- At a public meeting to discuss health Care and Alcester Hospital asked David Rose what was the PCT's attitude towards NICE guidelines on prescribing drugs that helped maintain independence particularly for older people and those with wet macular disease and alzheimers. Awaiting reply.
- Consultation period regarding the future of Alcester Hospital from 1<sup>st</sup> February to 5<sup>th</sup> April.
- Alcester Hospital being discussed at the Health O & S 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at Shire Hall. Opportunity for Parish Council to speak and make any points.

## **12. Correspondence**

### **SDC**

Min 377 Flooding across Stratford on Avon District – Prevention Plan Consultation Draft. Following flooding in July 2007 & January 2008 District Council looking to develop and agree with other agencies (Severn Trent, Environment Agency, WCC) a prioritised plan to prevent repeats. Also considering funding some prevention work, possibly through grants to Town & Parish Councils. Need accurate record of causes of flooding across the District. Schedule attached for Parish Council to add to or correct. Only contains properties (residential and commercial) flooded over last 12 months. Only area affected in Studley is Abbeyfields Drive (cause still to be investigated) and highway drainage & storm water sewers were overwhelmed by the volume of water. Clerk to check records to see what was said by Severn Trent about drainage problem in Studley.

### **WCC**

Min 378 Undertaking initial consultation on the proposal to review waiting restrictions on Marble Alley on the west side between 3-14 Marble Alley. Present restriction comprises limited waiting 2 hours no return within 2 hours Monday – Saturday 7.00am – 7.00pm. Proposal to change restrictions to limited waiting 2 hours no return within 2 hours Monday – Saturday 8.00am – 6.00pm. No comments.

Min 379 Notification of temporary road closure Hardwick Lane, Studley. Road will be closed from Hollyoakes Cottages to Field Farm entrance from 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May 2008 for erection of BT cables.

Min 380 Street Lighting issues:

- a) WCC not happy with the state of the lights on A435 when handed over following detrunking. Only given small amount of money for improvements. Once tested will look to having them re-painted.
- b) Bollards at bottom of High Street at junction with Redditch Road. 'Knock-down' bollards are to be installed as present ones are constantly being damaged by trucks and buses. The refuge has to remain.
- c) Leaning column in Crooks Lane has been reported and Bob Yarwood will be

inspecting as a matter of urgency and arrange repairs.

#### **Other**

- Min 381 SLCC Branch Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at the Crawford Memorial Hall, Bidford on Avon at 11.00am.
- Min 382 Redditch Borough Council Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) Planning Policy Statement 3 – Housing requires local authorities to identify land with potential to accommodate new housing development over the LDF plan period 2006 – 2026). Now preparing the SHLAA for Redditch Borough and need to know if Studley Parish Council can identify any land which could be considered part of the SHLAA by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. Clerk to write cannot consider any development, road system, A435, is at capacity.
- Min 383 Receipt received from Warwickshire Firefighters Fund for donation from sale of raffle tickets at Chairman's Ball.
- Min 384 Letters received from residents Mrs Dyer and Mrs Washbourne requesting seating around the Village perhaps by the library area and the War Memorial. Funding may be available from South Warwickshire Housing Association Community Fund. Clerk to complete application form.
- Min 385 WALC Local Leadership in Action Event. Copy handed to all Councillors.
- Min 386 Greig Hall Refurbishment Project. Big Lottery has rejected their application therefore applying to all local councils whose residents use the facilities for grants. Copy of business plan attached. Clerk to write grants only given to Parish residents.
- Min 387 Mappleborough Green Parish Council re speeding on A435. Wrote to WCC and received unsatisfactory reply that whilst agreeing a bypass would be the best thing, money is not available. Also wrote to Coughton who have no ideas except that cameras have proved to be an effective control. Asking for Parish Council's thoughts/ideas. Clerk to write with suggestion of better signage and that Parish Council will support them in their fight for improvements.
- Min 388 Letter received from Mr Bond concerning repeated vandalism of Streetlamp on Studley footpath from Pool Road to New Road. Asking for suggestions as to how problem can be resolved. Clerk has already arranged for repair and asked Police to patrol the area. Check with Bob Yarwood, WCC if light can be reconfigured.
- Min 389 Notification of appeal decision site at land to the rear of 11 – 15 Alcester Road together with a copy of the decision on an application for an award of costs. Appeal allowed, permission given for erection of 6 flats but application for an award of costs refused.

#### **Correspondence for Circulation**

- Min 390 CCTV figures for November/December
- Min 391 WCC Viewpoint magazine
- Min 392 Warwickshire, Coventry & Solihull Local Biodiversity Action Plan
- Min 393 Charity Commission Newsletter
- Min 394 Charity Matters
- Min 395 Parish Talk Newsletter

### **13. Committee Reports**

None.

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

##### **Report of Studley Youth Club Management Committee given by Cllr Holder**

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Summary:

- Management meets 4 times a year to discuss youth club work with the District Worker and the Leader in Charge giving three reports of what has been done.
- Bursar gives a report on the funds of the Club.
- Young people on Committee give their views on how Club should be run and what projects they would like to do.
- Projects already in progress are music, photography and football together with drama, dance, keep fit, martial arts, circus skills training being run for 2008/09.
- After school club run by Youth Service and Connexions on Mondays and Wednesday.
- Management Committee looking for someone to join with treasurer and secretarial skills.

#### **15. Approve Accounts for Payment**

**Proposed Cllr Holder that the schedule of cheques for payment be**

**Approved, seconded Cllr Mrs Woodrow. Voting unanimous.**

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

**Meeting Closed 9.25pm**

