

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 19th April 2005 at 7.30pm.

1. Public Forum

None.

2. Chairman declared the meeting open

3. Present

Chairman W. McCarthy, M. Pittaway, Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs A. Wade, M. Redman, J. Vale, J. Bacon, Mrs H. Wersocki, S. Phipps.
County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy, Inspector N. Malik, CSO P. Gunnell, 5 members of the public.

4. Apologies for Absence

Vice Chair P. Beaman, Mrs S Redman.

5. Co-option of Jon Vale to the Parish Council

Proposed Cllr M. Redman that Jon Vale be co-opted onto the Parish Council, seconded Cllr Mrs A. Wade. Voting unanimous.

Welcome from the Chair. Declaration of Acceptance form signed by Cllr J. Vale.

6. Presentation of Book Token to Matthew Drane

Chairman: Pleasant duty to present book token to Matthew for suggesting that the newsletter be called 'Studley Voice'. Very good when schools get Involved. Much appreciated.

7. Declarations of Interest

Cllr J. Bacon , Planning Application No.05/00773/FUL – Non prejudicial

8. Anti Social Behaviour Meeting & Village Warden Scheme with Inspector Nav Malik

Following recent problems with anti social behaviour Parish Council are interested in setting up a Warden Scheme which is operated successfully in some areas and would like some information of how to go about this and what is involved. Someone to be a presence in Village, walk around in twos and act as a deterrent.

- Community Support Officer does a very good job.
- Police have no problems with Wardens but need to risk assess each situation so that no one gets harmed by confrontation. Youths can retaliate, would not like to cause problems. Don't advocate anyone being approached. Need to be guarded in what you do and put phone call in to Police.
- Query if insurance needed. Not really, entitled to walk about.

- Where significant drug problem, is it reported to Police or Drug Squad? Cllr Mrs McCarthy phoned Inspector Malik concerning drug problem in Crooks Lane.
- Recent problem in Alcester, Inspector Malik contacted all Head teachers and spoke to children in assembly stating there will be no drugs tolerance. Also mail shot to be sent to every parent. Stop searches to be carried out and dogs to go into schools. Will do the same in Studley. It is all about educating parents and making them responsible.
- Aware of problems in Studley and know who some of the children are. Trying to address the problems.
- Police Pod in Shipston. A crude hut where police based and accessible for community reassurance.
- Purchase of alcoholic drinks. Can pressure be put on shops where drink is served to under age drinkers? Difficult to trace where cans of drink are purchased.
- When incidents occur should 999 be called? Calls are prioritised. Need to weigh up situation. If damage being caused to property or person should always call 999.
- Only two area response cars in Alcester District which is a huge area. Four Reactive Officers plus Community Support Officer. Depends how many incidents but always try to respond.
- Will try and get fence and light moved on Crooks Lane footpath to stop youths congregating. Spray cans given to residents to remove graffiti from house wall. Maybe able to include this area in ASBO.
- Biggest problem is lack of police response despite assurance that something will be done. New citizens focus project whereby computerised telephone system being improved in next 6 months making it more user friendly.
- Communities want high visibility of uniformed police and marked cars not plain clothes officers.
- Reminder of ASBO meeting on 13th July 2005.
- Police happy to talk to wardens if anyone volunteers. Safety a priority.
- Question asked about illegal parking on footpath causing obstruction. Inspector Malik to find out if this is a police matter.

Thank you from the Chair to Inspector Malik and CSO Gunnell for attending meeting.

9. Items for Discussion

Min 346 Planning Meeting, Co-op site: Meeting successful but Parish Councillors were not aware that District Councillors met with Planners in the morning prior to our meeting. Classic case of being 'messed about' and not being kept informed by District Councillors. Not fair on the Co-op planners. Discussed at Parish Council meeting but very upset that no one had the courtesy to let us know. We would have been very willing to attend meeting at Stratford and save planners the time of

- coming to Studley. Clerk to write to District Councillors.
Co-op planners listened and addressed most of our concerns.
- Min 30 Street Lighting: Clerk met with Bob Yarwood, WCC. Agreed with residents to install a new light column outside no.s 41/43 Crooks Lane.
- Min 31 Traffic calming: Sambourne Parish Council are appealing to WCC for traffic calming. Before any measures considered WCC should contact Studley to get together to discuss. Cllr Mrs McCarthy has investigated as she also represents Sambourne but nothing likely to happen for two years as every Village in Warwickshire is being looked at. Sambourne willing to pay for monitoring. All agreed that point should be made that Sambourne should not get anything without consultation with Studley. Clerk to write to WCC.
- Min 32 Loan re-schedule, SSSC: Letter with request received. Need to appoint a sub-committee to discuss and bring to next meeting. Cllrs Mrs Redman, Mrs Wersocki, S. Phipps and W. McCarthy to meet and discuss on Friday, 29th April 2005 at 9.00am in Council Chamber.

10. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Amended and signed as a true record of the meeting.

11. Matters Arising

- Min 352 Re Travellers. Confirmation from WCC that due to case in Leeds cannot remove travellers on current Human Rights Law. Awaiting ruling from House of Lords on a test case before can proceed. Environmental Health have not seen any evidence of rats. Evidence of tree cutting being reported and District Councillors to investigate.

12. Planning Applications

05/00773/FUL

Mr & Mrs P Gair, 4 Station Road, Studley.
Proposed demolition of existing garage and replace with two storey pitched roof side extension.

No representations.

05/00854/FUL

Messrs G & J Gilbert, 1 Bell Lane, Studley.
Demolition of Police House and erection of building comprising A2 use at ground floor level and 2 flats above.

Objection for the following planning reasons:

1. Concerns remain about parking.
2. Over development of site. Overbearing tall building, high roof, also size and scale.
3. Highway safety – access to fire station.
4. No reason to put extra storey into roof.

05/00820/OUT

Garden Meadow Homes, 90 Alcester Road,
Studley.

Proposed erection of 9 no. residential apartments.

Objection for the following planning reasons:

1. Overbearing out of context with surrounding buildings.
2. Inappropriate development, 3 storeys too high.
3. Previous contamination of site as an old gas works.
4. Highway safety – access onto a busy road.

13. District and County Council Reports

No written reports.

County Cllr Mrs McCarthy has been in touch with WCC Traffic Dept. about High Street and Station Road to try and get weight restrictions. Also residents wanting to park outside their homes.

14. Correspondence

SDC

- Min 33 Litter problems, acknowledgement of letter, to be dealt with by SDC.
- Min 34 Public Open Space – land rear of St Judes Avenue. Before activities can commence negotiations to take place to ensure they are approved and legal agreement put in place.
- Min 35 Appeal by Co-op Group 04/03927/OUT by Public Inquiry, Elizabeth House, Stratford. Clerk to reply before 16th June 2005.
- Min 36 Bin required in Brickyard Lane for dog mess. Clerk to check area.
- Min 37 Small Business Rates Relief application form for cemetery and Parish Office. Clerk to complete forms.
- Min 38 Planning comments application no.05/00523/FUL, Permission already in place for two dwellings on site. Present application for one. Highways Agency have no objection. Require confirmation if response is still the same. **Proposed Cllr Pittaway that objection be withdrawn, seconded Mrs Woodrow. Voting 7 for, 2 abstentions.**
- Min 39 Confirmation of nominations for County Council election 5th May 2005.

WCC

- Min 40 Inspection of Park Avenue, although looks untidy it is safe and not a priority repair. Pot holes to be repaired in near future.
- Min 41 Thank you from Nick Bishton. He may still be involved in fight for Bypass. In interim period Ian Marriott will be point of contact.

Other

- Min 42 Request from Richard & Ann Hooper to purchase bungalow at SSSC. Clerk to acknowledge and check with solicitors.
- Min 43 Resignation of Joan Tappenden as Secretary of SSSC. Andy Roberts to take over. Clerk to write letter of thanks and wish her well for the future.
- Min 44 List of new Committee members received from SSSC following AGM.
- Min 45 Request from St Johns Ambulance Division in Studley for a grant. Clerk to acknowledge and pass to Grants Committee. To be held before Parish Council meeting on 3rd May 2005.
- Min 46 Confirmation that PAYE end of year submission has been successfully received online.
- Min 47 New season brochure received for The Theatre, Chipping Norton
- Min 48 Local Liaison Group meeting 20th April 2005 Alcester Town Council 7.30pm for Clerk and Councillors.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 49 National Probation Service newsletter
- Min 50 Studley Leisure Centre User Forum minutes
- Min 51 WALC Newsletter

15. Committee Reports

None.

16. Delegates Reports

None.

17. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr Phipps that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr Mrs Wade. Voting unanimous.

18. Urgent Business

Cllr Mrs Wade: Studley Leisure Centre User Forum minutes. Application for fitness suite. Concerned that Parish Council not been asked to discuss. We ask that no planning application be put in before discussion by Parish Council. If there were two fitness centres, would close existing business. Agreed to put on next agenda. Clerk to write to P.Owen, SDC for discussions.

19. Chairman's Business

Diversion signs sending all traffic down A448 before getting permission from WCC. HGV's cannot get round island at Crabbs Cross. Parish Council should have been consulted because we know the practical difficulties HGV's have on this route.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 3rd May 2005 following the Annual Meeting. Wine and nibbles will be provided.

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm