

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 19th May 2009 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman Mrs S. Redman, Vice Chair C. Rickhards, Mrs A. Wade, E. Holder, P. Beaman, J. Vale, J. Bacon, M. Redman, W. McCarthy.
County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy.

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs H. Wersocki.
District Councillor M. Weddell.

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 Holder Item 8 Min 63 – non prejudicial

Cllrs Mrs Wade, McCarthy Item 12 Min 68 - non prejudicial

Cllr Vale Item 12 Min 64 - personal

5. Public Forum

None.

6. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The amended minutes were accepted as a true record of the last meeting and signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

Min 407 Confirmation from WCC of Public Footpath Diversion Order for footpath AL164.

8. Items for Discussion

Min 61 Cllr Mrs Wersocki: New Dog Fouling Law

Request that we follow lead of Bidford Parish Council to adopt the powers locally and ask PCSO's to fine anyone whose dog is seen fouling in any public area. Whilst supporting the law which covers all public and private areas, concerned that the current regulations cannot be Policed so it will be difficult to cover the fields. Review of signage needed as some are

out of date. One of the worst areas is Pool Road to New Road footpath.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Rob Weeks to request that the CCTV team train their cameras on this area and also to contact Bob Shaw to monitor the situation.

Replacement signs to be ordered. Contact the Press to publicise that there will be a 'blitz' to try and clean up Studley.

Min 62 Cllr McCarthy: Bulky Waste Collection

Growing problem of people dumping rubbish on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings before collectors arrive leaving others to clear up. May have to look at withdrawing service or photographing the culprits.

CCTV room have been asked to check cameras to identify number plates. Clerk to check situation with Chris Dobson as one number plate already identified.

Need to stipulate what can be dumped, no trade waste only household waste.

RESOLVED: Clerk to put up signs giving times of collection and giving information of what can be dumped. Item for newsletter.

Min 63 Cllr Bacon: Allotments – Memorandum of Understanding

Copy handed to all Councillors.

If agreed will take to the Allotment Association meeting on Thursday, 21st May 2009.

Tenancy Agreement should be reviewed in the next 12 months.

RESOLVED: Cllr Bacon to take forward to the Allotment Association Meeting on behalf of the Parish Council the amended Memorandum of Understanding.

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

09/00723/LBC Mr I Whitlock, 4 Priory Court, Studley.

09/00724/FUL Replace window with door to rear garden.

No representation.

10. Planning Decisions Received

09/00323/LDV Aldi Stores Ltd., Birmingham Road, Studley.

Double sided illuminated sign box between twin posts.

Internally illuminated wall sign.

Consent to the display of an advertisement(s) 27th April 2009

11. District and County Council Reports

District Council Report given by Cllr Beaman

Rob Walsh is leaving Stratford District Council on Thursday. Full Council meeting will be debating whether to have just one Planning Committee for all of the District. Will

await decision.

County Council Report given by Cllr Mrs McCarthy

- Has been pressing for 18+ Staying-put Family Placements.
- There are 450-500 children in care at any one time.
- Pleased to be associated with the Adoption Panel. Everything possible is done to keep families together, no decision is taken lightly.
- All Councillors are 'Virtual Parents' if something is not good enough for their children it is not good enough for children in care.
- At present there is no support after the age of 18 years. The County Council is undertaking a pilot study that at age 18 children do not have to leave their placement. They can stay with foster parents or a family placement if they want to.
- They will not get allowances but will get support if not working.
- Will be reviewed every 6 months.
- Children in Care Committee is made up of young people in care with Officers. It is a good system, a step forwarded.

Cllr Rickhards proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Mrs McCarthy as the tenure of office comes to an end for the excellent and entertaining communications.

Thanks also from the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

12. Correspondence

SDC

- Min 64 Notification of appeal Planning Application No.08/02168/VARY 2 Field Farm, Hardwick Lane. Written representations before 3rd June 2009. Clerk to write.
- Min 65 Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership – Awareness Raising Morning Thursday, 21st May 2009 9.00am – 1.00pm Main Hall, Methodist Church, Old Town. Maximum of 3 can attend.

WCC

- Min 66 Henley & Studley Community Forum. Information Collection Sheet to be trialled to enable the Alcester North Safer Neighbourhood Team to identify priorities. The sheets can be brought along to next Community Forum meeting on 25th June 2009.

Other

- Min 67 Letter received from Mr Bevington re hedgerow on Birmingham Road. Clerk has contacted WCC and they are arranging to have it cut back where it encroaches onto the footpath.
- Min 68 Grant application received from Action Studley requesting funding to pay for a coach to carry up to 8 groups of schoolchildren from Studley schools to Nature Reserve to plant wildflower plugs and to be shown features by WCC Ecological unit.

RESOLVED that, in pursuance of the power conferred by section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, the Council approves the payment of the sum of £175.00 in respect of Action Studley.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 69 Notification of Persons Nominated and Notice of Poll, European Parliamentary Election and Statement as to Persons Nominated, County Council Election in Studley
- Min 70 Council for Disabled People Job Vacancies
- Min 71 Charitymatters newsletter
- Min 72 WALC Newsletter
- Min 73 Clerks & Councils Direct
- Min 74 Sport England – Rural Sport Fund Opportunity
- Min 75 The Clerk
- Min 76 Studley Common Nature Reserve Ecological Management Plan

13. Committee Reports

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 5th May 2009 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall

Copy handed to all Councillors

Summary:

Dog Fouling Bin and extra street lighting footpath between Green Close and Allendale Crescent

- Letter received from District Councillor Hazel Wright concerning a request at the last Orbit Housing Association Residents meeting for a Dog Fouling bin and a Street Light on the footpath leading from Green Close to Allendale Avenue to deter youths from gathering in that area.
- The Police are not in favour of this request as they cannot approach groups of youths quietly and often street lights encourage youths to gather under them as has been experienced in the past. Proposed that the Clerk meet with Bob Yarwood, Lighting Officer, WCC to seek advice if a new light is needed and where the best position for the light would be.
- The request for light in Willow Way. Committee decided there was probably enough light from the existing lamps on Watts Road and Allendale.
- Clerk has met with Bob Yarwood and looked at the area. The only place a new light could be put is on Orbit Housing land. Therefore any request should be forwarded to them.
- Clerk to inform Cllr Mrs Wright.

Proposed Cllr Beaman that the minutes be accepted, seconded Cllr McCarthy. All agreed.

Clerk has been informed by SDC that 4 new bins will soon be installed in Studley. New rules are that as SDC considers there are sufficient bins in the District, any new bins will be the responsibility of the Parish Council.

14. Delegates Reports

No report but information concerning Studley Sports & Social Club given by Cllr M. Redman.

It is the 60th year since the formation of SSSC and they are holding a Special Day on Sunday, 26th July 2009 to celebrate. Trying to get all the organisations in the Village involved including the Parish Council. Item to be featured in newsletter.

The Bowls Club looked very good when recently featured on breakfast television.

Youth Club: Cllr Holder reported that the Monday After School Club is going well with between 20-30 attending. No youths had attended the Youth Club last week but this week they are involved in cooking.

15. Approve Accounts for Payment

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

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday 2nd June 2009

Meeting closed 8.35pm

Signed: Chairman