

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 7.30pm.

## 1. Public Forum: PCSO Gary Johnson

Reminder of PACT meeting on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 7.00pm in Studley Village Hall.

Skatepark – has spoken to the Contractors and should take 2 weeks to complete. Receiving a lot of attention, security fence damaged but will not be replaced. Kids have been warned that the skatepark is not finished or safety checked and is dangerous. If anything happens it is at their own risk.

Keeping an eye on them. Lot of rubbish to be cleared up. Will be litter bins eventually.

Not too much trouble in the Village over the weekend. Also keeping an eye on Brickyard Lane Recreation Ground and Priory Court.

Thank you from the Chairman to PCSO Johnson for reporting to the meeting.

## 2. Chairman declared the meeting open

## 3. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair J. Bacon, W. McCarthy, J. Vale, E. Holder, G. Noke, apologies for late arrival from Mrs M. Bell.

County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy, District Councillor M. Weddell.

## 4. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs H. Wersocki, C. Rickhards, Mrs S. Redman, M. Redman.

District Councillor Mrs H. Wright.

## 5. 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.

## 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 62 CCTV visit confirmation of date Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at 7.00pm  
To accommodate numbers in small room may have to be 3 groups of 4.

Min 78 Confirmation of order for blinds for Council Chamber. Estimated 14 days wait for fitting.

## 8. Items for Discussion

Min 113 Cllr W. McCarthy: Public Open Space

Volunteer Group meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007 to discuss the latest position including the failure of the Lottery Bid. Report handed to all Councillors.

Summary of points agreed:

- All present were willing to help if the Parish Council would be willing to go ahead with the Lease. Group promised to explore funding and apply for any suitable grants.
- When lease and funding available the group to contact youth groups and the Prison Service to help clear the site.
- Contact the press and local radio to highlight what is envisaged.
- Stan Phipps welcomed as parish tree warden.
- With Parish Council and District Council approval name the site Victoria Nature Reserve (after the old brickworks) and reward the person who suggested the name.
- Competition, through the Parish Newsletter, to produce a logo.
- Nesting boxes to be installed.
- Suggested that Parish Council use £1500 in precept to pay for SDC legal fees and the Group to apply for other funding. Project to go ahead in piecemeal fashion applying for funding as the site is developed.
- Whilst Group agreed most of the heads of terms for the lease, it was felt that SDC should do more to put the fencing and main gate in good order before the lease is accepted to prevent any delay. Agreed to lobby District Councillors on this point.

May need entrance from Brickyard Lane Recreation Ground blocking off to deter youths from entering the site. Resident who dumped rubble when building conservatory needs to remove it as littering entrance. Main expense is wheelchair path. Need to consider wildflower meadow but would have to be ploughed. Entrance perfect place for disabled parking. Resident would have to move caravan.

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

07/01392/FUL      Ms C Richards, 60 St Judes Avenue, Studley.  
Erection of two storey extension with porch and conservatory.  
**No representations.**

## 10. Planning Decisions Received

07/01140/FUL      Mr and Mrs M A Handley, 8 St Judes Avenue, Studley.  
Erection of conservatory to rear.  
**Permission with conditions 5<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

07/01077/FUL      Mr and Mrs White, 82B Alcester Road, Studley.  
Proposed two storey and single storey extension to rear, conversion of existing garage and refurbishment of existing porch.  
**Permission with conditions 6<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

07/00553/FUL      Poplars Trading Estate, Redditch Road, Studley.  
Construction new industrial unit of 300 square metres.  
**Permission with conditions 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007**

07/00835/FUL      R M Goodchild, 9 Augustine Avenue, Studley.  
Proposed loft conversion.  
**Permitted development under Part B of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995.**

07/01103/FUL

C Ruane and Miss J Miller, 11 Manor Road, Studley.  
Two storey side extension to form garage with  
bedroom and bathroom over.

**Permission with conditions 8<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

## **11. District and County Council Reports**

**No District Council Report but copy of 'Parish Talk' handed to all Councillors.**

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

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Summary:

- White Paper entitled 'Strong and Prosperous Communities' is expected to bring about a change to local government. Warwickshire and the 5 Districts and Boroughs has opted not to become a unitary authority but has gone for 2 tier enhanced status.  
Its proposals are:
  1. A new performance framework with fewer indicators, comprehensive performance assessment to comprehensive area assessment, customers and citizens driving improvement.
  2. Enhanced role for Councils as strategic leaders and place shapers. Stronger local area agreements, LSPs and sustainable community strategies. Health and well being partnerships. Stronger political leadership. Major or stronger leader model.
  3. A strengthened role for front line councillors. Community champions, community calls for action, empowering local people, encourage community ownership and management of assets.
  4. A wider and stronger role for scrutiny. Power to require evidence from partners. Duty on providers to have regards to recommendations.
  5. Unitary/enhanced two tier. Bids invited, stronger cities, strategic regions, sub regional multi area agreements.
  6. Devolution of powers. Byelaws and parish councils. More conduct and standards issues handled locally. Community cohesion. At heart of community strategies and local area agreements.
  7. Efficiency – transforming local services. Comprehensive spending review 2007. More collaboration between councils and public bodies. Stronger markets. Varney review on customer centred services.
  8. Specific issues for key service areas. Community safety, health and well being, vulnerable people, children, young people and families, The Third Sector, economic development, housing and planning, climate change.

Also completed the Fire and Rescue Review questionnaire. Now awaiting outcome.

## **12. Correspondence**

### **SDC**

- Min 88 Planning Application no.07/01102/FUL UK Solutions Ltd. Notice of withdrawal of application.
- Min 89 Town & Parish Council Training – 'Material Considerations in Planning'. Thank you from SDC to all those who attended. Further date available Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2007 6.00pm – 8.00pm in the Council Chamber, SDC, Elizabeth House.

### **WCC**

- Min 90 Invitation to attend meeting Carers Partnership Board Monday,

25<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 10.30am – 2.00pm Brunswick Healthy Living Centre, Leamington Spa. Cllr Holder attending.

- Min 91 Fire Service Review - confirmation from Cllr Richard Hobbs that it will be totally independent. Already had several discussions with County Cllr Helen McCarthy who has relayed our concerns. Not sure what outcome will be but Peter Morphew is also well aware of our concerns. Will serve no purpose to have meeting with Parish Council.
- Min 92 Public meeting at Greig Hall re Alcester Hospital. E mail from Cllr Helen McCarthy querying if anyone from Studley notified. Meeting was not about Alcester Hospital. Cllr Mrs McCarthy will be attending Stratford meeting about Community Health. PCT has not enough money for new hospital. Will look later. Outcome not known.

### **Other**

- Min 93 Andy Roberts re lease for SSSC. Query still about length of lease. Awaiting confirmation from Solicitors that it will remain at 99 years. Still awaiting quotes from insurers for replacement security fencing.
- Min 94 WALC: Parish & Town Councillors Induction Days, Town Hall Leamington Spa, Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2007 10.00am – 4.00pm. £30.00 per delegate.
- Min 95 E mail from Clive Kibblewhite. Due to ill health no longer able to continue with our play area inspections. David Fisher Landscapes may be able to carry on the way Avon Leisure did. Clerk to contact him.
- Min 96 Inspector Warren Ayres, Alcester Police confirming that the work on the skatepark will be brought to the attention of 24 hour response staff as well as PCSO's and beat Police. Clerk has also written to the High School in an attempt to stop youths entering the construction site while work going on as it is dangerous.
- Min 97 Letter received from Paul Richards, plothead at Station Road Allotments with request to let the hedge grow higher to encourage nesting birds as well as for security for Allotments. Suggestion that sides only be cut in July to allow upwards growth. E mail also received from another plothead objecting to this proposal. Hedge could be grown 12" higher to keep tidy but maybe security problems if any higher. Clerk to contact Allotment Association for their comments.
- Min 98 Mappleborough Green Parish Council have agreed to donate £50.00 towards Friday Shopper Coach to enable resident to be continued to be picked up.

### **Correspondence for Circulation**

- Min 99 Parish & Town Council Chairmen & Clerks Liaison Meeting  
Minutes 21<sup>st</sup> February 2007
- Min100 West Midlands Regional Assembly 'Speaking Out' magazine
- Min101 SDC 'Parish Talk' newsletter

## **13. Committee Reports**

### **Report of the Office & Finance Committee meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2007 given by Cllr Beaman**

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Due to unsuccessful bid to the lottery for funding for the skatepark serious shortfall in funding.

Decided by Committee that the Public Works Loan Board be approached for a loan of £45,000 to complete the skatepark and to undertake improvement works in the Recreation Ground with extra seating and litter bins.

**Proposed Cllr Beaman that a loan of £45,000 to complete the skatepark should be applied for, seconded Cllr Mrs Bell. Voting unanimous.**

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

**Report of the Sub-Committee meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2007 to discuss the Chairman's Ball given by Cllr Beaman**

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Summary:

- Agreed date 1<sup>st</sup> December 2007.
- Free tickets could be given to Award winners and one guest.
- Cost of tickets £20.00.
- Any profit made could go towards grants to local charities.
- Presentations to be made at end of meal.
- Entertainment plus dancing to 11.30pm.
- Invitation to Parish Councillors, District Councillors, County Councillors, ATC, Scout Leaders, Credit Union.
- Suggested that nominations for Youth Shield, Silver Jubilee and Millennium Shield for services to the community be included in Autumn Newsletter for residents to nominate with a reason why chosen.

Clerk confirmed that entertainment has been booked. Deposit to be sent.

**Report of the Annual Parish Inspection on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007 given by Cllr Beaman**

Copy given to all Councillors.

Summary:

- Crooks Lane Recreation Ground: fencing around the recreation ground needs replacing as becoming dilapidated. Trees obstructing CCTV camera, need to be cut back in Autumn. Millennium Green Trust to be approached to replace dead oak trees. New skatepark progressing well. Burnt surfacing on play area to be repaired.
- Burial Ground: generally in good order. Need to look at some headstones which are tilting. Old Cherry trees may need removing and replacing.
- Dunstall Allotments: much improved. Allotment Association has made a difference and most plots now taken. New beds also improved.
- Station Road Allotments: no apparent problems. Plots now tidy and unsightly fencing removed. Issue with hedge to be discussed at next Parish Council meeting.
- Brickyard Lane Recreation Ground: reasonably tidy although area by culvert very overgrown. Need to install another section of fencing by entrance. Area inside compound needs strimming. Gates from St Chads needs to be installed to help with security. Arrangements to be made for a local resident to lock the gate at night and to open in the morning.

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

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

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2007**

**Meeting Closed 8.25pm**

