

## Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 7.30pm.

### 1. Chairman declared the meeting open

### 2. Present

Vice Chair Mrs S. Redman, M. Redman, E. Holder, Mrs A. Wade, J. King, A. Smith, N. Green, Mrs M. Woodrow, J. Bacon.  
District Councillor Mrs H. Wright.

### 3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and noted from:

Cllr P. Beaman – Holiday  
Cllr C. Rickhards - Meeting

### 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.*

None.

### 5. Public Forum

None.

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

The minutes were received, approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

None.

### 8. Items for Discussion

Min 110 Cllr Holder: Youth Centre update

The Management Committee meeting was cancelled at very short notice until they know what is going to happen. Unofficially Studley will be a Centre of Excellence. Youth Centre closed until 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 then will open for 6 days for a summer programme of activities including film night, multi sports on the recreation ground, climbing wall, disco, rocket launch. Informed by Rob McCluskey that the Management Committee is to cease but WCC will take the lead role

as they are financing the building etc. Looking for the County Councillor to chair meetings.

Cllr Mrs Wade had asked why the meetings had closed and as the Management Committee had been dissolved why there was no handover meeting. There was a lack of information.

Rob McCluskey will find out what the Parish Council involvement will be.

Cllr Holder said that there should be a Parish Council representative involved.

Concerns raised that if WCC are putting in funds to make Studley a Centre of Excellence will it be called something else and also that it will not just be for people of Studley. If it is run by WCC activities may be held in other areas, how will people travel? It could mean exclusion. Suggestion from Cllr Mrs Wright to write to the Portfolio Holder and ask for the governance strategy for the centre so we can understand the proposals and see how they will fit in with the Localism Bill.

At recent Community Forum meeting Cllr Holder told that nothing will go out of Studley. Some Youth Centres including Henley have expressed an interest to run and pay for their clubs.

Making Studley a Centre of Excellence will help its survival. Studley is a deprived area and there is a need for a Youth Centre.

**Proposed Cllr Bacon to write to the Portfolio Holder, Cllr Heather Timms to ask for clarification of the proposed governance strategy for the Youth Centre and the involvement of the Parish Council, seconded Cllr Mrs Woodrow. All agreed.**

Min 376 Studley Library: update received by e mail from Cllr Beaman

- Third quote received for alterations to the Village Hall which will form part of bid to SITA for a grant.
- Letters of support have been received from all those who were asked except for our MP. Will continue to chase him as his support will be a massive boost to our chance of success.
- The deadline for submissions has been extended. Our bid was one of the most comprehensive which will help WCC decide which bids to support.
- Will be arranging a meeting for all the interested volunteers to assess the level of service we will be able to provide. This can then be added to a final submission to WCC.
- Information received on revenue and ongoing costs from WCC which will enable us to prepare a budget of anticipated costs/benefits for the next 12/24 months.

A meeting has been arranged with the Village Hall Solicitor to discuss the appropriate way of amending the management structure of the Village Hall to ensure maintenance of continuity of the

administration of the building. Will report back to next Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Mrs Wade: Alcester/Shipston Libraries who are having their hours decreased are asking for money from WCC. This could adversely affect us.

## **9. Planning Applications for Consideration**

None.

## **10. Planning Decisions Received**

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| 11/00544/FUL   | Allelys Ltd, The Slough, Studley.<br>Demolition of existing workshop and erection of storage warehouse (B8 Use Class)<br><b><i>Planning permission granted 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011</i></b>  |
| 110/02620/VARY | Aldi Stores Ltd, 2 Birmingham Road, Studley.<br>Variation of condition 14 of Planning Permission 08/02716/FUL to change the hours of opening from between 09.00 to 20.00 Monday to Friday; 08.30 and 20.00 on Saturdays and 10.00 and 16.00 on Sunday to between 08.00 and 20.00 hours Monday to Saturday and 10.00 and 16.00 hours on Sundays.<br><b><i>Planning permission granted 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011</i></b> |
| 11/01097/TPO   | Mr D Smith, 4 Riverside, Studley.<br>T1 oak: remove deadwood and thin canopy by 15%.<br><b><i>Consent to arboriculture work 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011</i></b>  |

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

### **District Council Report given by Cllr Mrs Wright**

Stratford District Council are reducing contributions to volunteer sector funding. May result in more groups asking the Parish Council for grants.

Malvern District Council has rejected Stratford as a partner.

As part of the Enterprise Zone focus all attention is on Coventry. Tourism is very low on the agenda. Government guidance is building on what is successful such as Coventry Airport.

### **County Council Report**

No report available.

## 12. Correspondence

### SDC

None.

### WCC

Min 122 Care Charges in Warwickshire – Consultation

WCC have decided that they can no longer afford to subsidise services other than through means testing. As part of the changes, charges for residential respite services were increased to the full cost of £51.80 per day from December 2010. Now proposing to introduce charges on all replacement care service as soon as possible and to move to full cost subject to means testing by April 2012. Consultation finishes on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011. Questionnaire for completion on:

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/replacementcareconsultation](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/replacementcareconsultation)

Clerk to write of concerns about short notice to complete the questionnaire and to ask for extension to deadline as this is a very important issue.

### Other

Min 123 Community Forum – Studley Issues that need attention reported by Bill McCarthy.

Clean up needed – SIP (Studley Improvement Partnership) walk around the Village and have had success in tidying many areas.

Aldi site ‘looks like a shed’ - Aldi is a big improvement for the Village and has encouraged trade/jobs.

Potholes and pavements – these have already been reported by the Clerk.

Streetlights – those not working have been reported. Area that is poorly lit is what residents wanted.

Dog mess – is an ongoing problem due to irresponsible owners.

Excess speed Bromsgrove Road and Crooks Lane – has been checked in the past.

Complaint that verges in Watts Road were ‘never cut’. There has been a reduction in grass cutting service but Cllr M. Redman commented that these verges were constantly driven over anyway.

Increase in traffic particularly heavy lorries – Cllr Mrs Wright has raised this with WCC. Awaiting confirmation of consultation in September.

More shops needed – quite lucky, new shop is a credit to the Village.

Shops are lost when there is no custom.

Congratulations to the ‘Flower Team’ i.e. Studley in Bloom.

Min 124 Notification that BT has accepted application to join the Direct Debit Scheme.

Min 125 BACS Remittance Advice received from HM Revenue & Customs for

repayment of Duty/VAT £2893.89.

- Min 126 The Planning Portal website [www.planningportal.gov.uk](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk) is an online planning guidance and information service and is well used. A survey was sent to Local Councils via NALC in May 2008 when a National Consultation Service was introduced and as many frontline services are being reviewed and restructured would like views. Survey can be completed on: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/LK2D89B](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LK2D89B)  
Copy circulated to all Councillors.
- Min 127 WALC: Invitation to Parish & Town Council Liaison meeting and an update on the future of Libraries within the District on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011 at 6.30pm at Elizabeth House. Clerk to clarify date of meeting and report back to next Parish Council meeting.
- Min 128 Thank you letter from Studley First Responders for donation of £61.00 raised at Studley Village Festival. Clerk to advise them how to become a Registered Charity to apply for funding.

#### **Correspondence for Circulation**

- Min 129 The Clerk Magazine
- Min 130 WALC Parish & Town Council Liaison meeting minutes 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011
- Min 131 Warwickshire Local Resilience Forum Post Exercise Report: Exercise Watermark 2011
- Min 132 SLCC Apportionment of Clerk's Costs – Guidance on Good Practice
- Min 133 Mac News
- Min 134 NALC E Bulletin: Parish Mapping online & Activities Young People
- Min 135 E Bulletin from the National Association of Local Councils 8<sup>th</sup> July 2011

#### **13. Committee Reports**

**Minutes of the Library Meeting held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011 at 7.00pm held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall.**

Copy circulated to all Councillors.

**Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 6.45pm in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall.**

Copy circulated to all Councillors.

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

**Report of Studley Festival held on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at the Sports & Social Club given by Cllr M. Redman**

Festival went very well. Committee for next year which hopefully will be bigger and better. Six groups did not turn up but over 1000 people attended. Need to make a few changes next year re the layout, but all in all very good feedback. Letter going out next month to thank everyone involved.

Cllr Bacon: Next year is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, could have a combined event.

It has already been proposed to hold an event in the Village Hall and Recreation Ground. Could be a whole day event with sports in the morning, an afternoon festival and an evening play. Letters to all schools and groups to get everyone involved need to go out quickly.

Cllr Mrs Redman: SSSC event is usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in July and the Queen's Jubilee is 2<sup>nd</sup> June (4 weeks difference).

Cllr Mrs Wright: two events would be good. Could be different types of celebration.

Cllr Bacon: should ask the Theatre Group to perform as we have given them a grant.

Sub Committee meeting to be arranged soon.

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

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

839 – SSSC £1200. 840 – Bullivant Media £249.18.

841 – Mrs D E Mitchell. 842 – Mrs S Perks.

843 – Inland Revenue £751.51. 844 – Newsquest £390.00.

845 – G S Adams £814.20. 846 – D. Sollis £23.23.

847 – N power £4220.27. 848 – Pro-mats £4164.81.

849 – Studley First Responders £500.00\*. 850 – A Cale £16.80.

Direct Debit PWLB £3499.84.

**\*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 £500.00 in respect of Studley First Responders.**

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2011**

**Meeting closed 8.35pm**

*Signed: Chairman .....*