

# Studley Parish Council

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

## 1. Chairman declared the meeting open

## 2. Present

Chairman J. Bacon, Vice Chair Mrs S. Redman, E. Holder, W.McCarthy, J. Vale,  
C. Rickhards, P. Beaman, Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs M. Bell.  
County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy  
District Councillors M. Weddell, Mrs H. Wright.  
12 members of the public.

## 3. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs A. Wade, Mrs H. Wersocki, M. Redman

## 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

**Barbara Beaman:** a lot of people in the Village are using mobile scooters and having difficulty getting around corners as gradient on pavements very steep. Clerk to contact Warwickshire County Council.

**Proposed Aldi Store:** residents already written to Planning Officers with their views.

- Concerns about the entrance and exit and design of building.
- Traffic implications could further congest the Barley Mow Island.
- Concerns that drive will be less pleasant if trees and hedges are removed.
- Concerned about a portion of land that is not in plan. What will happen to this land?
- Pedestrian crossing will exacerbate traffic problems. Make Redditch Road more hazardous.
- Land at rear is green belt – being ignored. Opportunity to make it a conservation area.
- Design of building is inappropriate. Curved roof design as seen on some Aldi buildings would be preferable.
- SDC should defer decision until Highway report received from WCC.
- Island area has already been identified as polluted.
- Why another supermarket?
- Cllr Vale: would attract more people to the Village and maybe an asset. Shops are always closing.
- Cllr Mrs Bell: would concur with what has been said, but has spoken to local traders who want more people coming into the Village. If no decision made could be a derelict site for 12 months. If industrial units were put there could be traffic problem with lorries. What would residents like to see on site?
- Advantages are that the store would bring employment to the Village and an alternative shopping facility which could be beneficial to other shops. Enough

- empty shops and could be even more if it goes the way it is at present.
- Disadvantages are additional traffic. Site may not be attractive.

The Chairman requested that with the permission of the Council item 6 be brought forward.

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

08/00726/FUL Aldi Stores Ltd., 2 Birmingham Road, Studley.  
Demolition of existing buildings and erection of Class A1 food retail store with associated car parking.  
**Proposed Cllr Rickhards:**  
**Objection for the following planning reasons:**

1. Poor design of building, not in keeping.
2. In accordance with Policy DEV.4 impact of development on vehicular movement and congestion. Traffic already at capacity on A435.
3. In accordance with Policy COM. 3 – new shops acceptable if main function meets local needs rather than people from elsewhere. Already two supermarkets in the Village and this development would attract people from a wider area.
4. Not enough directional signs.

However if the District Council has a mind to approve this application the Parish Council would wish to see the materials to be used. Landscaping needs to be taken into consideration.  
**Seconded Cllr McCarthy. Voting 2 for, 6 abstained.**

08/01631/FUL Mr G. Sim, 15 Station Road, Studley.  
First floor extension to rear – ensuite.  
**No representation.**

08/01915/FUL Lloyds Homes Ltd., Land To The Rear Of 34 and 36, Node Hill, Studley.  
Erection of 6 no. dwellings, land to the rear of number 34 and number 36 Node Hill, Studley.  
**Proposed Cllr Vale:**  
**Objection for the following planning reasons:**

1. Over development of the site.
2. Insufficient space for service vehicles (Policy DEV.4)
3. Traffic and parking problems.

**Seconded Cllr Mrs Woodrow. Voting unanimous.**

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

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

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

Min 163 Confirmation from SDC they have received the suggestion to use Studley Village Hall as a venue for one of the Code of Conduct Meetings. Will contact with times and dates.

Min 173 Confirmation of Christmas Fayre at Studley High School 15<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

## 9. Items for Discussion

- Min 164 BT proposals to remove public payphones in Stratford-on-Avon District. Residents would be pleased to see removal and Parish Council agree.
- Min 167 Tree Warden Scheme. Stan Phipps has already asked for trees for the Public Open Space. Perhaps could ask for oak trees for Millennium Green and Burial Ground. Clerk to write and also to check if Cllr Vale still a Tree Warden.

## 10. Planning Decisions Received

08/01425/FUL Mr M Morgan, 60A Station Road, Studley.  
First floor extension over existing flat roof  
for bedroom.

**Refused 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008**

## 11. District and County Council Reports

No reports available.

## 12. Correspondence

### SDC

- Min 179 Independent Inspection of Play Areas arranged by SDC. Clerk to contact SDC to arrange inspection of Crooks Lane play area.
- Min 180 Establishment of new Community Forums across the District. Studley and Henley Forum to take place 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008. Clerk to attend to support lead officer Dave Webb at first meeting to start at 6.00pm Studley Village Hall.
- Min 181 Invitation for Chairman to attend Chairman of SDC Civic Service on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at St James Parish Church, Alveston at 3.00pm. Clerk to write and accept.
- Min 182 Rural Housing Enabling Event to take place on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2008 4.00pm at Ettington Community Centre. Looking for representatives from Parish Councils. Cllr McCarthy to attend.

### WCC

None.

### Other

- Min 183 WALC: Invitation on behalf of Low Carbon Communities Network to Low Carbon Conference on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at Royal International Pavilion, Llangollen. Registration 9.30am – 10.30am.
- Min 184 £9,000 to be sent from Youth Club, remainder of grant for Skatepark.
- Min 185 E mail received from Mr Morgan, 60A Station Road thanking the Parish Council for support but this was not passed to Planning Officers, SDC. Will be taking planning application to appeal.
- Min 186 Green Issues would like to establish a Parish Forum for Parish Councils interested and affected by the proposed Middle Quinton Eco Town.
- Min 187 Estimate for A3 Aluminium 'No Dogs Allowed' signs. 4 Signs £170.00 +£40.00 typeset and proof + £17.50 for delivery from Fitzpatrick & Woolmer. SDC quote £65.00 per sign plus carriage.

**Proposed Cllr Beaman that the quote received from Fitzpatrick & Woolmer be accepted, seconded Cllr McCarthy. Voting unanimous.**

- Min 188 Letter from Mandy Baylis re brambles coming into her garden from the allotments and how long it will be until they are cut back. Cllr Holder will have a look and if necessary arrange for them to be cut.
- Min 189 Studley Sports & Social Club: Thomas Guise Solicitors dealing with a charge on the Club including the bungalow in favour of Carlsberg. Carlsberg want to step in if club goes into liquidation and propose to give notice of 14 days to confirm they wish to become new tenants. The reason being the lease is a valuable interest to SSSC and to Carlsberg. If anything happens they will want to make sure the lease remains in force to enable them to assign the lease to a third party subject to obtaining Parish Council consent. Advice is to accept. Clerk to write to Solicitors to obtain clarification concerning conflict of interest as they are representing both parties concerned and also to invite Brian Ward, Secretary of SSSC to a Parish Council meeting to discuss the matter further.
- Min 196 Quote for new gate at Dunstall Allotments £1997.00 + VAT Hodges & Lawrence Ltd. and £2225.00 JFS Landscape & Garden Services. Further quote received for continuation of security fencing for approximately 40 metres at £75.00 + VAT per metre. Passed to General Purposes Committee to be discussed in detail.
- Min 191 Query from Caroline Ford re street lighting and length of time they are on during the night. One outside her property keeps her awake. Would like to see evidence of running costs as need to save energy with having timed lighting. Clerk has already emailed to say we are on an unmetered supply and pay for number of lights not the hours they are on. Clerk to write that a lot of work and research was done between the Parish Council and the MEB to provide the most energy efficient lighting for Studley. However we could arrange for a cowl to be fitted to the light causing the problem.

**Correspondence for Circulation**

- Min 192 In2Sport newsletter
- Min 193 Outlook Supporting People Professional & Members Newsletter
- Min 194 Stratford Community Services Incident Log July 2008
- Min 195 Parish Talk *Special*

**13. Committee Reports**

None.

**14. Delegates Reports**

**Report on the Meeting of the Allotment Association on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008 given by Cllr McCarthy**

Copy passed to all Councillors

Summary:

- Thought to be less vandalism since the gate was installed on the Station Road site.
- Chairman suggested that a member of the Parish Council should inspect the sites together with the site secretary every month. He suggested that the association wanted a pattern of letters sent to nuisance plot holders so that they were banned after the third letter with a

termination date to be stated.

- Chairman has written to SDC re putting a fence at the western end of Dunstall site. The reply was it is the responsibility of the Parish Council. The Clerk has suggested a wire fence.
- The Clerk was finding out about moving the Dunstall gate towards the road.

### **Report of Meeting with David Morgan, Stratford CVS re Studley Parish Plan**

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Summary:

- Mr Morgan has one year with the Stratford CVS previously a commercial marketing expert. Is being funded to support Parish Plans and will be reporting to Stratford District Council.
- Idea is to a) publicise successes b) try and help with any small problems such as funding c) champion long term problems.
- Will hope to keep in contact via the Clerk one or twice in the next 6 months. Studley Parish Plan is one of the latest.
- Background to the Parish Plan given by Cllr Hazel Wright.
- Plan has been adopted by SDC but not WCC.
- Weakness if any is that the vast majority of questionnaires were answered by older residents.
- Funding may be available through Virtual District Initiative. Will distribute information when it has been received.
- Plan required for housing needs survey.
- Meeting to be arranged with Cllr Holder to discuss rural youth.

Thank you from the Chairman for attending the meeting.

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

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

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2008**

**Meeting Closed 8.45pm**

