

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 19th September 2006 at 7.30pm.

1. Public Forum: Mark Worrall re car clamping

Car Clamping on the High Street at 11.30pm on Friday night. Police were called and there was arguing until 2.00am. £320 to recover car if towed away.

- Shops and land owned by Maurice Dyson but Tony Rice, Hairdresser is policing area.
- Issue is that no one was notified that clamping would take place and sign is not clearly visible especially at night.
- Problem is that late at night lorries turn up to tow vehicles away, lots of shouting and the men are very rough. Always out of business hours when premises are closed.
- Residents have spoken to Mr Dyson, who does not understand why this is happening but he has leased the land to Mr. Rice.
- Residents have now discovered there is a right of way in their deeds. They have told Mr Rice they will get their land back but at present bollards restricting access.
- When Ambulance Service was called out they could not gain access because of bollards and Fire Service would have same problems.
- Hairdresser has asked to attend meeting of residents.
- Legally bound to position sign notifying of clamping in a visible position.
- Only one sign and not illuminated at night.
- Residents could pursue through Environmental Health.
- Been informed that Trading Standards cannot help.
- Police sympathetic but cannot help.
- Parking an issue for the whole of the Village since decriminalisation.
- Suggestion that residents see a Solicitor and write to landowner. As private land not much that can be done unless there is a change of law.
- Parish Council will do whatever we can. Will write to Stratford District Council and Warwickshire County Council.
- Cllr Mrs McCarthy will pursue parking permits.

2. Chairman declared the meeting open

3. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, W. McCarthy, E. Holder, M. Redman, Mrs S. Redman, J. Bacon, J. Vale, Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs M. Bell.

County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy. Mr A. Daniels, Mr & Mrs Pielow, 10 members of the public.

4. Apologies for Absence

District Councillor Mrs H. Wright. Cllrs Mrs H. Wersocki, Mrs A. Wade.

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.

Min 161 Cllr Mrs M. Bell, non prejudicial interest

Planning Application No.06/02492/FUL Cllr Mrs M Woodrow, non prejudicial interest

Item no.6 Planning proposals – Cranhills, Clarkes Green, Cllr W. McCarthy, non prejudicial interest

6. G. Pielow re Cranhills, Clarkes Green

- Has bought Cranhills and is about to submit a planning application. Advised by Planning Officers, SDC to contact Parish Council due to previous problems concerning the site.
- Keeps and breeds Alpacas, Cranhills a lovely site for animals.
- Would like to alter the house, but took planning advice and house will be demolished together with non-conforming properties.
- Previous owner extended house without planning permission. Concrete drive and buildings put up illegally.
- SDC do not want to start litigation as not wealthy. Would like problem to go away. If new owner willing to demolish offending buildings as well as house will look sympathetically on development. House being built by Callow Hill developers, 4000 sq ft. Will be in keeping with area.
- Enforcement notice on road only. Ménage will also go.
- Mr Pielow knows the history of the site and is well aware of the problems. Came to meeting to present the plan and prepared to answer questions.
- The Chairman, as a member of the Arden Planning Committee, refrained from making any comments
- Understand what Mr Pielow is trying to achieve and it is nice to know what is occurring. Should be an improvement. Will await planning application.

Thanks from the Chairman for coming to the meeting. Very helpful.

7. Nominations and selection for Vice Chair

Proposed Cllr Beaman that Cllr Bacon be nominated for Vice Chairman, seconded Cllr Mrs Bell. Voting unanimous. Cllr Bacon accepted.

8. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Accepted and signed as a true record of the last meeting

9. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

None.

10. Items for Discussion

Min 113 Public Open Space: Cllr W. McCarthy

At the last meeting it was agreed not to decide on lease until more information has been received from Estates Department, SDC. In the meantime written to Mr Peel, SDC but he has now left and position taken over by Chris Sumner. Cllr McCarthy came across ecological report which stated this was valuable space with high rating of wildlife value. Also wrote to Warwickshire Wildlife Trust on 25th August and made telephone calls but still no response and therefore no further forward.

Attended lottery funding meeting at Shrewley. At least two funds that we can apply to. Hoping to get somewhere with SDC.

Statutory Authorities can apply.

Cllr Vale to chase up WWLT.

May need to ask SDC to visit group to discuss issue.

Cllr Holder got in touch with Ornithology Trust to enable a study to be carried out.

Min 161 Gate for Brickyard Lane Recreation Ground: Cllr Mrs M Bell.

No decision made following discussion at last meeting. Residents would happily lock and unlock gate at reasonable hours. Very concerned that the Public Open Space will be open to abuse. Litter and glass has been a problem this summer. If gate installed need to make both ends of ground secure.

Proposed Cllr Mrs Bell that gates be re-installed, seconded Cllr Holder. Voting unanimous.

Clerk to look at the financial situation and may have to be included in the precept for replacement in April 2007.

Min 169 Johnsons Coaches – Shopper Service

Discussed at last meeting but no decision made as more details required. Need to look at raising coach fare. May need to look at joint funding with Studley, Mappleborough Green and Sambourne. Maybe Mappleborough Green would be prepared to pay the difference. It is a valuable service and it would be a shame if it were lost. Clerk to ask Johnsons to come to Parish Council meeting for discussion and speak to Mappleborough Green.

Min 178 Waste Development Framework Core Strategy – Preferred Options & Proposals. Deferred to next meeting.

Min 179 Accounting Regulations Amendment 2006 for Adoption.

Proposed Cllr Beaman that the amendment to the new financial regulations be adopted, seconded Cllr W. McCarthy. Voting unanimous.

11. Planning Applications

(Cllr Beaman refrained from Voting)

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Mr I Reeves, 176A Alcester Road, Studley.

Erection of attached garage with bedroom in roof.

No representations.

12. District and County Council Reports

District Council Report – apologies from Cllr Beaman that no report available.

County Council Report given by Cllr Mrs H. McCarthy.

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Summary:

- Presented library petition to the Chairman at the Council meeting on 12th September 2006.
- Cabinet has decided on a review of the Local Schools Funding Formula.
- County Council had a two-day meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to try and sort out what we are not being told about in the Acute Services Review for Coventry and Warwickshire.
- New EU legislation is being drafted to encourage research and production of biomass fuel crops. The EC is viewing miscanthus (a grass type crop grown locally) as a non-forestry crop and it may be excluded from the funding. If it were included, vital funding would be bought to local farmers and the agricultural sector in the UK.
- Red Diesel: At present exempt from taxation and is primarily for industrial usage such as in farm vehicles but coming up for renewal. It is up to the UK Government to call on the EU Commission to extend the derogation for the UK. It is in their power to get the exemption extended but only if they reapply.
- Drivers Licence: The Driving Licence Directive will shortly be coming back to the EU Parliament for a second reading. The standards set by the DVLA in the UK mean our roads are the safest in Europe and interference from the EU is not required. Everyone who has a driving licence will be affected by this Directive when it comes into force. Draconian medical checks and costly bureaucratic renewals of licence will add cost to the road user.

13. Correspondence

SDC

None.

WCC

Min 180 Big Supporting People Event Tuesday, 3rd October 2006 Royal Show Ground 11.00am – 7.00pm for people using service providers

Other

- Min 181 WALC Briefing Events: 'How to Respond to Planning Applications' 5th October 2006 at 7.30pm at Stratford Town Hall, Sheep Street. Cllr Bacon to attend.
'Guidance on how to undertake effective Staff Appraisals/Review of Parish Council Employees' 21st October 2006 at 10.00am Town Hall, Leamington Spa. Cllrs Beaman and Bacon to attend.
- Min 182 AGM Relate (South Warwickshire) Thursday, 28th September 2006 at 6.30pm Jubilee House, Leamington Spa.

- Min 183 WALC - next liaison meeting with representatives of WCC Environmental & Economic Dept. (formally PTES). Has Parish Council any highway matters they would like raised? Responses required by 20th September 2006. Clerk to forward list of outstanding issues.

Min 184 Studley Sports & Social Club: draft lease for Parish Council with the Tennis Club. Agreed and Clerk to send back to Solicitors.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 185 The Clerk
Min 186 Clerk & Councils Direct
Min 187 SLCC Notice of AGM 21st October 2006 Plymouth
Min 188 WALC Age Equality Employment Regulations

14. Committee Reports

None.

15. Delegates Reports

None.

16. Approve Accounts for Payment

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

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 3rd October 2006

Meeting Closed at 8.55pm

