

Studley Parish Council

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

1. Public Forum

None.

2. Chairman declared the meeting open

3. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair J. Bacon, E. Holder, Mrs M. Woodrow, C. Rickhards, W. McCarthy, Mrs H. Wersocki, Mrs S. Redman, M. Redman.
District Councillor Mrs H. Wright.
3 members of the Scout Group.

4. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs A. Wade, J. Vale, Mrs M. Bell, County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy.

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. Presentation of Youth Shield Achievement Award

Presented to Chris Marshall, Studley Scout Group.

Chairman: it is a real pleasure to hand over this Award which commemorates 30 years of Gill Harris being on the Parish Council. Thanks to Chris for all his hard work and input to the Scouts. It is much appreciated. Congratulations from the Parish Council.

7. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

8. Matters Arising (for information only)

Min 169 e mail received from Mappleborough Green Parish Council re Friday Shopper Coach. Clerk to respond that decision made to continue service with a pick up point at their Village Hall, for use by residents over 50 years at a charge of £1 return.

Min 245 Dog fouling bin, Pool Road/New Road now in place.

Min 256 Parking problems, A435 Alcester Road outside Tesco being investigated by Highways.

9. Items for Discussion

Min 282 Approval of Precept 2007-2008

Slight increase on last year. Discussed at Office Committee meeting.

Proposed Cllr Beaman that the precept for 2007-2008 be

approved as published, seconded Cllr Mrs Redman. Voting unanimous.

Thanks to the Clerk for all her hard work.

- Min 283 Advertising on the website & Scope meeting 6th December 2006. Chairman and Clerk attended a meeting to discuss our computer needs following the Awards for All grant of £5000. Looking to have three desktops including one for the Village Hall which will be situated in Council Chamber for residents use. Keep independent website with SDC link. Need to look at networking and have a projector for planning applications. All within our budget. Advice received from WALC that local businesses can advertise on the website with a disclaimer. Old computers could be used by other organisations.
- Min 113 Public Open Space: Cllr McCarthy
Latest information – bid had to be in by 13th December 2006. Met with Susan Steele, SDC willing to grant permission for Public Open Space. £5 million liability insurance. Susan Steele satisfied with quotes for litter bins, benches etc. Lottery needed copies signatories, back accounts. Cllr McCarthy drove to Newcastle to save cost of courier and to ensure that bid was received on time. Now awaiting decision. District Councillors could help to press for gate to be repaired.
Thanks from Cllr Mrs Wersocki to Cllr McCarthy for all his hard work. She had walked the area which is quite overgrown and slippery. Caravan parked on access road.

10. Planning Applications

None.

11. District and County Council Reports

No reports available this month.

12. Correspondence

SDC

- Min 284 Christmas Bank Holiday Refuse & Recycling Collection Arrangements. Information on website and notice board.
- Min 285 Initiative to tackle graffiti across the district. List of problem areas in Studley to be forwarded for inspection and potential removal. Free service and funding provided by Crime Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP). Councillors to check their area and notify Clerk of any problems.

- Min 286 Planning Appeal by Shirley Park Amusements, erection of 6 no. flats & widening of existing access. Written representation required by 3rd January 2007.

WCC

- Min 287 Request from Positive about Young People to use Recreation Ground for Snax & Sport. Advised that as work may be in progress for Skate Park on Crooks Lane, they could use Brickyard Lane Recreation Ground instead. Suggestion that they may use Studley Sports & Social Club.
- Min 288 Winter Maintenance in Warwickshire 2006/07. Only minor

amendments made and do not affect Studley.

Other

- Min 289 Notice of Draft Order to detrunk A435 and therefore classified as a principle road to become responsibility of WCC & Worcs CC. Can be inspected in Parish Office & library between 6th December 2006 and 7th February 2007. Comments or objections to be received before this date. Roger Poole, WCC negotiating with Highways Agency before the transfer. WCC are not going to object and support the detrunking. Do not know what work if any they are going to do to improve the road. Cllr Mrs Wersocki questioned Roger Poole if the signs will be changed. Highways Agency should be responsible for changing signs to send traffic down A46 which will remain a trunk road. Highways Agency would like to hand over the road at the least cost to themselves. Need to meet with WCC and press them to get as much done as possible before handover.
Clerk to write and invite Roger Poole to Parish Council meeting to discuss what work we would like to see done before detrunking takes place.
Also invite representatives from Mappleborough Green and Coughton.
- Min 290 WALC re Community Computers Scheme – pilot scheme to offer 100 free recycled computers to any local and voluntary organisations including Parish Councils. They can apply for a maximum of 2 computers each by 12th February 2007. Action Studley may be interested.
- Min 291 Urban Practitioners – World Class Stratford Urban Design Framework Draft Supplementary Planning Document will be published 12th December 2006. Copies of the draft SPD will be viewable on the District Council's website www.worldclassstratford.net. Any representations to be submitted to SDC by 2nd February 2007.
- Min 292 ATC renewal of lease. Clerk to contact Solicitor.
- Min 293 Altodigital – confirmation of increase of copier charges from January 2007. 0.84p black/white, 8.39 colour copies. May look at Village Newsletter combined with NHW and all other organisations which would help with funding.
- Min 283 WALC: advertising on the web site dealt with in Items for Discussion.
- Min 294 Parking problems at Parish Council Burial Ground. Cars congregate in the evening. Rev'd Deimel would like any information as to what steps can be taken to improve security. Clerk to contact Police.
- Min 295 Thank you letter received from Allotment Plot Holder Janie Stephenson for clearing away oil drum.
- Min 169 Friday Shopper Coach dealt with in Matters Arising.

Correspondence for Circulation

None.

13. Committee Reports

None.

14. Delegates Reports

None.

15. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr E. Holder that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr Mrs M. Woodrow. Voting unanimous.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 16th January 2007

Thanks from the Chairman to everyone for their support. Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Meeting Closed 8.43pm