

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 7.30pm.

## 1. Chairman declared the meeting open

## 2. Present

Chairman J. Bacon, Vice Chair Mrs S. Redman, E. Holder, J. Vale, W. McCarthy, Mrs A. Wade, P. Beaman, Mrs H. Wersocki, M. Redman, Mrs M. Woodrow, C. Rickhards, Mrs M. Bell.

District Councillors M. Weddell, Mrs H. Wright.

County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy.

Anna Stowe, WCC.

## 3. Apologies for Absence

None.

## 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

### **Anna Stowe, New Youth Leader, Studley:**

Problem with cars parking on forecourt of Youth Club and on road. Could the Village Hall put up signs asking that Village Hall users do not park on forecourt and in the Road? Difficult getting the mini bus down the road and could be a problem with emergency vehicle access. Double yellow lines were in place before road was resurfaced but cannot be enforced.

Biggest problem is parents at school time as well as users of the hall. Maybe able to get some cones. Library users also park in the Youth Club car park.

Item could be included in next newsletter. Signs are the answer.

Maybe paint yellow box or no parking down whole road.

Would it be possible for Parish Council to help with funding for signs on the road or marking?

Cllr Holder already spoken to WCC asking for 'Staff Parking only' signs.

Could move the fence so mini bus could access car park from Pool Road. Some user groups have restricted mobility.

To be discussed at next meeting.

**Cllr McCarthy:** Asked by Lottery if would like to bid again. Contacted three schools, arranging a day of talks, planting at Studley Common Nature Reserve. Putting in a bid between £1000 - £5000 for marquee, bus hire etc.

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

Minutes amended. Proposed Cllr McCarthy that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the last meeting, seconded Cllr Mrs Woodrow. All agreed.  
The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

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

None.

## 8. Items for Discussion

Min 315 Voting for Community Shield Awards

The Shields will be presented to:

Millennium Shield – Coffee Shop Helpers

Silver Jubilee Shield – Justin Sayer

Youth Shield – Tamsin Jones, runner up James Barry

Presentation evening to be arranged.

Min 354 Cllr Beaman: Air Quality Report

Suggestion to write to get in Local Development Framework (LDF).

Two nominations required to act as Parish Council Representatives on working party. Time to formulate opinions and be discussed at next meeting. High relevance to Studley – need to send out newsletter and questionnaire to every household to give opportunity to respond.

**Resolved:** to send newsletter to all residents. Cllrs Beaman and McCarthy to be representatives on working party.

## 9. Planning Applications for Consideration

**(Cllr Beaman refrained from Voting)**

08/03215/FUL Diocesan Schools Commission

St Marys RC Junior and Infant School, Pool Road, Studley  
Single storey extension to relocate early years unit.

**No representations**

## 10. Planning Decisions Received

08/02498/LBC Ms Nilu Kanani, Studley Castle, Studley.

Interior refurbishment works to facilitate additional guest rooms, and re-arrangement of public areas, to suit the current hotel market trends.

**Listed Building Consent granted 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

08/03052/FUL Mr Roy Clark, 49 Watts Road, Studley.

Construct porch and extend dining room to front of property.

**Permission with conditions 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

Cllr Beaman: Planning application for Aldi Supermarket granted with conditions by West Area Planning Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

## 11. District and County Council Reports

**Apologies no District Council Report available**

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

Received a number of calls concerning Studley Library. Wrote to Library Networks & Access Manager.

Summary of reply:

- Warwickshire Library Service has been looking at the potential for relocating the delivery of library services from the existing library building to potential space available in Studley Village Hall. The Library Service has been doing detailed work to look at the cost efficiency of the proposal and also the impact upon service provision.
- In October 2008 Warwickshire County Council Cabinet considered a report 'Framework for the Future: Library Service Transformation.' They resolved that a detailed action plan providing the way forward to 'Review the Library Network' would be brought back to Cabinet in May 2009.
- The Review of The Library Network looks at library provision across the County as a whole, services in Studley are part of this overarching review and more detail about when services in Studley will be reviewed will be included in the action plan. The timings for continuing work to look at Library provision in Studley will be dependant upon decisions made by County Council Cabinet members in May 2009.
- Any alteration to the delivery of Library Services to a community would require a community consultation exercise to ensure that local people have the chance to share their ideas and views about what they would like to see from their Library Service.

Budget still being done. Parties still have to agree. Savings required at present unacceptable as too many cuts proposed.

## **12. Correspondence**

### **SDC**

- Min 355 Request for precept requirement for 2009/10 to be submitted as soon as possible. The District Council budget for 2009/2010 will not be known until the budget meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009. Provisional Council Tax Base for Studley calculated at £2068.69. The precept will be paid in two equal instalments by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
- Min 356 Emergency Planning. Following the emergencies dealt with last year in the District, WCC is reviewing the generic template Parish Council Community Emergency Plan. Invitation to Emergency Planning Workshop on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at Elizabeth House at 7.00pm. Programme to include an update on emergency planning in Warwickshire, a presentation on the new plan and a workshop session. Cllrs Holder, McCarthy and Redman to attend.
- Min 357 Letter received from Lech Kocan that arrangements have been made for the mobile advertisement board on the Birmingham Road to be removed by Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009. After this date formal proceedings to regularise a breach of the Advertisement Regulations will commence.
- Min 358 Refuse and Recycling. Final service developments get underway in April 2009. Green waste collection will re-start 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009 the same

day as recycling. Kitchen waste can be mixed with green waste. The grey bin will be collected every other week. An update leaflet and collection calendar will be issued with the Council Tax Bill at the end of March. The Refuse and Recycling Team are willing to come to a Parish Council meeting to talk about the changes. Decided not to accept offer as already had an informative talk a few months ago.

## **WCC**

- Min 359 Warwickshire Climate Change Team would welcome the opportunity to talk to Council Members on Climate Change in Warwickshire, looking at how the Parish Council can help Warwickshire deliver its Local Agreement. Agreed to invite to Team to Parish Council meeting.
- Min 360 Barley Mow Roundabout Signage. Initial plan of signage upgrading and removal in Studley received from Andrew Savage. Since plan prepared a new development by Aldi and other factors arisen that warrant a quick review by mid January 2009. Electrical alteration costs and practical issues to be reviewed by Bob Yarwood. Aim to do work February/ March. Meeting to be arranged mid January to finalise details/ comments.

## **Other**

- Min 361 Letter received from Mrs Sarah Higgins concerning payment of fee for information requested in accordance with Data Protection Act. Clerk has already responded.
- Min 362 NALC: Legal Briefing on The Power of the Promotion of Economic, Social or Environmental Well Being. Guidance to be issued in the New Year.
- Min 363 Communities in Control: Real people, real power: Code of Recommended practice on local authority publicity – A Consultation. Comments required by 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Cllr Bacon to read and report back to next meeting.
- Min 364 West Midlands Regional Assembly. West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy: Phase Two Revision. Copy of letter and report received for information that was sent by the Chairman, WMRA to Rt Hon. Margaret Becket MP concerning the unprecedented position of having to make representations on their own RSS Phase Two Revision Draft.

## **Correspondence for Circulation**

- Min 365 SDC Car Parking Enforcement figures for Studley 2008.
- Min 366 The Clerk
- Min 367 ICT Workshops @ SDC January to April 2009
- Min 368 Clerk & Councils Direct
- Min 369 Age Concern Warwickshire Care & Repair Leaflet
- Min 370 Parish Plans Newsletter No.4

## **13. Committee Reports**

**Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 6.45pm to discuss the Stratford on Avon Local Development Framework (LDF) Draft Core Strategy**

## **Copy of minutes handed to all Councillors**

Draft Core Strategy:

- Decide which elements we would like to retain.
- In Market Town Visions the Draft LDF take into consideration Parish Plans and will help meet ambitions.
- Objective – housing and employment development.
- Each of the larger rural settlements of which Studley is one different in size, location and character.
- Service provision to be maintained. Loss of shops and businesses should be resisted.
- Options in place for commercial, housing and business development to reduce the use of private cars. Focusing on settlements with public transport.
- No radical change to green belt policy, with extension of green belt in Mappleborough Green.
- Preferred option for housing in Redditch is the Bromsgrove area.

Clerk to write with the following points:

- i) Point of Parish Plan to be recognised in it's entirety.
- ii) Support policies on main rural centres concerning businesses and commerce
- iii) Retail survey, Market Towns support needed for retail stores. Any development should support the needs of the local population.
- iv) Strongly support the greenbelt policy and retention of the green belt area between Redditch, Studley and Mappleborough Green.
- v) Some element for reduction of traffic on A435 corridor, Coughton, Studley and Mappleborough Green.

## **14. Delegates Reports**

Visit to CCTV Centre by Cllrs Bacon, Holder and Assistant Clerk. Centre has been updated and monitors now all in colour. Very interesting evening. Support to Police and Traffic Wardens. Digital recorders will continue to record whilst being reviewed making response much quicker.

Cllr Mrs Bell attended the Stratford-on-Avon District Annual Sports Awards Evening on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at The Holiday Inn, Stratford upon Avon. The Blue and White Rope Skippers won the Alternative Sports Award. It was a very good evening.

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

**Proposed Cllr McCarthy that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr Beaman. All agreed.**

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009**

**Meeting Closed 8.50pm**

