

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at 7.30pm.

## 1. Public Forum

**PCSO Gareth Walton:** SDC are putting money into cleaning up areas of Graffiti. Already aware of Lansdowne Road - Crooks Lane footpath and footpath by Tony Handymans. Let him know of any other areas. Cleaning machine also available. Councillors to liaise through Clerk.

## 2. Chairman declared the meeting open

## 3. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair J. Bacon, E. Holder, J. Vale, Mrs M. Woodrow, W. McCarthy, Mrs S. Redman, Mrs. M. Bell. County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy, District Councillor Mrs H. Wright. PCSO G. Walton.

## 4. Apologies for Absence

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

## 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. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

## 7. Matters Arising (for information only)

Min 328 Confirmation from SDC e mail received concerning the installation of baby changing facilities in Studley Public Toilets. In agreement with our reply.

## 8. Items for Discussion

Min 113 **Cllr W. McCarthy: Public Open Space**

Update, no further movement. Meeting to take place with Mr Buckland on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007 for further discussion.

Min 348 Amendment to Model Code of Conduct. No comments received.

Min 306 A435 Detrunking Order. Letter from Highways read out. Query about signs that are life expired. Perhaps we could offer to pay for replacement. Maybe an idea to support in principle with condition that certain improvements are carried out. Clerk to write.

Min 337 Meeting of West Midlands Regional Assembly (WMRA) in Council Chamber, Town Hall, Redditch 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2007 at 7.00pm to discuss West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) development proposals.

Important that Councillors attend as they are looking to develop neighbouring land including A435 corridor.

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

None.

## **10. Planning Decisions Received**

06/03511/FUL                      Mr & Mrs S Yates, 6 Monks Drive, Studley.  
Ground floor kitchen extension, utility, toilet  
& storage. First floor two bedrooms.  
**Permission with conditions 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2007.**

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

**Apologies from Cllr Beaman that no District Report available.**

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

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Summary:

- All three parties agreed on the budget this year – 4.9% increase in the Council Tax.
- Everyone who is not a Worcestershire resident will, from April, be turned away from Crossgates. This will mean a round trip of 25 miles to a waste disposal site. Matter raised with the County Council but temporary collection points are a budgetary issue. Consideration at some point will be given to the possibility of paying a lump sum to Worcestershire so that local residents could use Crossgates but probably Worcestershire will only want to do this if our lump sum outweighs the cost of the resulting extra waste disposal.
- Warwickshire Pension Fund is coming close to £1 billion and is one of the better performing LA Pension Funds in the country. Excellent team in the Finance Directorate, diversified investments and fund managers and an excellent independent financial advisor.
- The relevant Cabinet Member, plus the relevant spokespersons for the two opposition parties will have met the Chief Fire Officer this afternoon to decide who and how the proposed review of the Fire and Rescue Service will be undertaken. Any letters with views on the subject can be addressed to Cllr Richard Hobbs, WCC, Shire Hall, Warwick.

## **12. Correspondence**

### **SDC**

Min 353 Confirmation received from Macer Nash, SDC that quota of Parish Councillors for Studley remains at 12 after the formation Of Mappleborough Parish Council.

Min 354 Confirmation received from Planning Department that proposed Skatepark does not need planning permission as falls under General Permitted Development Order 1995. Letter received from Nick Ellison, Environmental Health read out. Concerns about noise levels. Clerk to contact GBH.

Min 355 Allotments off Station Road & Redditch Road concerning siting of rats. Suggestion that keeping of chickens be restricted and housings be raised above ground level to discourage shelter for rats beneath. No restriction on number of chickens allowed in

Allotment Act. Make tenants aware of good housekeeping and management. Cost of treatment for removal of rats £252 + VAT for 12 monthly ½ hour inspections.

Clerk to contact WCC re flooding of entrance to Station Road Allotments. Letter to be sent to plotholders re fencing & dumping.

Min 356 Awards for All update. All agreed to go ahead and purchase projector. Clerk to investigate costs.

Min 357 Clerks & Chairmen Liaison Meeting Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2007 at 6.30pm, Council Chamber, SDC. Clerk & Chairman to attend.

### **WCC**

Min 358 SpeedAware mobile camera will be operating for ½ day on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2007.

### **Other**

Min 359 Audit Commission proposal to extend appointment for Clement Keys to undertake audit for financial year 2006/07.

Min 360 Alan Smith Associates request again for possible access from SSSC site to new development on High Street. Clerk to write that Parish Council not agreeable.

Min 361 NALC Review of Quality Town & Parish Council Scheme. Clarification of arrangements of scheme.

Min 362 WRCC Best Kept Village Competition. All agreed to enter.

Min 363 Loss of use of Redditch tip. What proposals are in place for Studley residents. Talks in progress with Worcs CC and WCC to see if any arrangement can be made.

### **Correspondence for Circulation**

Min 364 The Clerk

Min 365 CCTV incident log update January 2007

## **13. Committee Reports**

### **Grants Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2007**

Copy of Report handed to all Councillors

**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 £100 in respect of a Shredder for Studley Credit Union and £100 in respect of work related directly to the Parish Plan.

## **14. Delegates Reports**

### **Report of Air Quality Management meeting given by Cllr Beaman**

Attended by Cllr Beaman, Cllr Mrs Wright, Nick Ellison SDC, Tony Gennoe, representative from WCC. Conclusion of favoured option is gateway into Studley and realigning the road at most polluted points from Tesco to Barley Mow Island to move traffic away from pedestrians. Very useful meeting. 5 models being prepared. Other suggestion put order to prevent people living in flats above shops. Many options but depends on what is affordable. Cannot send problem elsewhere. Will report back after next meeting.

**Action Studley** – reminder of Quiz on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2007 at SSSC 7.30pm for 8.00pm. All welcome.

**Minerals Core Strategy** – Cllr W. McCarthy. More information in recent document, added geographical maps. Onus should be on developers to prove their point.

Will not affect Studley. Coal, Doormill Colliery is largest UK producer.

Thanks to Cllr McCarthy from the Chairman for his hard work. Clerk to respond to questionnaire.

**15. Approve Accounts for Payment**

**Proposed Cllr J. Vale that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr E. Holder. Voting unanimous.**

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

**Meeting Closed 8.30pm**

