

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.30pm.

## 1. Chairman declared the meeting open

## 2. Present

Chairman J. Bacon, Vice Chair Mrs S. Redman, M. Redman, E. Holder,  
W. McCarthy, C. Rickhards, Mrs H. Wersocki, P. Beaman, Mrs M. Bell.  
District Councillors M. Weddell, Mrs H. Wright.  
P. G. Kaba, Youth Club.  
3 members of the public.

## 3. Apologies for Absence

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

## 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.*

Cllr E. Holder – Item 6 non prejudicial

## 5. Public Forum

**Mr Sealey:** re Planning Application No.08/00931/FUL covenant on land, copy handed to Parish Council. To be discussed under item 10.

**Joan Lock, 12 Bell Mead, Studley:** her son has been seriously wounded whilst in Afghanistan. Was treated at Selly Oak hospital and then at Headley Court. Trying to raise money for swimming pool and gym to provide therapy for the injured. As part of fund raising doing bike ride in 6 days around battle grounds of Northern France. Details passed to Parish Council. Maybe Parish Council could make a donation. Could be publicised in Newsletter. Money raising will be continuous. Cheques can be made out to 'Help for Heroes'.

Thank you from the Chairman for bringing this to our attention.

**Mr Whitlock:** has applied for planning permission for the stable (planning Application no.08/00931/FUL). His interpretation is that the covenant is to do with housing development and not a stable which is needed to house a ride-on mower. Only way to cut a paddock and it needs to be stored. Hoping for support from the Council.

## 6. P G Kaba, Youth Centre

Thank you for the invite. An opportunity to bring Parish Council up to speed with what is happening at the Youth Centre.

- Numbers often go down in May – August but seniors have increased to 25 per night. It is good that they want to be there.
- Junior Club there is a problem with staffing. There were 30 but now only 15 juniors. Not funded and run by volunteers but having difficulty in recruiting them. Suggested that club be closed until after summer but fear that it would not reopen. Young people should have the facility. Any assistance from the Parish Council would be

appreciated.

- Can say with pride that the youth club is not what it was. Has taken it from a problem to a higher level with better behaviour. Some of the youngsters have become more responsible and mature.
- Funding is a major concern. Budget £17,000. £10,000 from WCC, need to find further £7,000. Always a difficulty as competing with other groups.
- Came here 5 years ago, there was a need for a skatepark and it has fulfilled all its potential. Contributed to decrease in anti-social behaviour which is down by 60% according to Police. Full credit to the Parish Council for backing it.
- Involved in a number of projects. Traditional youth work such as table tennis, football, pool but need to raise level of expectation such as music projects. Members have contributed to school music. Drama and photography also a success. Have been asked to put on an exhibition in Redditch Library and hoping to put on a show later in the year in Village Hall.
- Working on summer activities programme for July/August. Applied for funding and hoping for success.
- Behaviour of youth has improved and attitudes changed, now more understanding between generations. A few things have happened and have been rude to staff but now under control and hopefully will improve.
- With goodwill and support will continue to deliver a positive programme for the young people of Studley.

To build up membership could put an article in the next newsletter and also ask for volunteers.

Fund raising has included car boot sale, table top sale, sponsored walk.

Partnership is important, work with Police, SDC, WCC and Parish Council. Youth Service cannot be isolated. Losing Connexions in Studley in September which is unfortunate.

Copy of Report handed to Parish Council.

Thank you from the Chairman for coming to the meeting.

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

08/00931/FUL     Ian Whitlock, Paddock Behind, 4 Priory Court, Studley.  
Erection of a single storey stable.

**Objection for the following planning reason:**  
**Inappropriate development in the green belt.**

## **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 58 Cllr Beaman: many bus shelters around the Village are in need of repair with broken glass and seats. To be checked on Village walkabout.

Min 59 Cllr Beaman: car boot sale and traffic problems. Police looking at it. Need to look at planning application a few years ago to see if anything

can be done to make sure that conditions can be put in place to alleviate parking and traffic problems. Suggest write to Mrs Quinney to see if things can be done as traffic management unacceptable. Send copy to Police. It is no longer a car boot sale more like a market. Cllr Beaman has spoken to Enforcement.

Min 113/ Cllr McCarthy: Public Open Space information. WCC putting in radar gate and improving path. Been in touch with Severn Trent to get a letter regarding the protection of the foul water drain but nothing received in writing. Made an appointment with the Contractor to discuss the issue. Received ecology advice on brambles. Benches and litter bins have been ordered by Parish Council. Very wet at the moment but nearly there.  
Well done to Cllr McCarthy.

## 11. Planning Decisions Received

08/00608/FUL Mr & Mrs Taylor, 41 Toms Town Lane, Studley.  
Single storey front extension.

**Permission with conditions 8<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

## 12. District and County Council Reports

Apologies from Cllr Beaman no District Council report available but comment that all Councillors had objected to the proposed Eco Town at Long Marston.

Apologies from Cllr Mrs McCarthy that no County Council report available.

## 13. Correspondence

### SDC

Min 60 Flood Defence Assistance Grants. £100,000 maximum available to help Communities that suffered flooding during July 2007 to improve defence arrangements. Communities required to make their own arrangements for developing any scheme and overseeing its completion securing any necessary permissions from landowners, WCC or other agencies.

Applications to be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008. Area around St Chads suggested.

Min 61 Administration of the Code of Conduct. As a result of changes to Regulations all complaints will be considered in first instance by the Standards & Ethics Committee. Changes currently being developed to be considered by Standards & Ethics Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008. Publicity leaflets available for display.

Min 62 Details of refuse and recycling service which is changing in August. Posters received to promote the service and changes. Copy handed to all Councillors.

Min 63 Local Government Elections Declaration of result of poll. Cllr Beaman re-elected.

Min 64 Off-Street Parking Strategy. District Council is seeking to develop its car parking service in order to reduce congestion and environmental damage while supporting the local economy. Interested in Council's views on some of the policy directions. Clerk to look at form.

Min 65 Details of Spring Bank Holiday refuse and recycling collection arrangements and new contract. New arrangements commence 4<sup>th</sup> August 2008. SDC willing to come and talk to Parish Council. Blue dry

recycling bins and grey general waste bins will start to be delivered week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> May 2008. Ten week delivery programme should be completed by 4<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

- Min 66 Application received for Street Trading Consent from Mr Derek Hooper to sell hot and cold food and drinks from mobile catering unit on car park of Poplars Manufacturing Co. Redditch Road. Permission already obtained from Landowner. Any objections to SDC by 29<sup>th</sup> May 2008. Clerk to write no objections but need for strict hygiene precautions to prevent rodent infestation.

## **WCC**

- Min 67 Stratford District Public Realm Grant Scheme. Grants of £1000 for one-off projects that will improve a publicly accessible area. Local community groups can apply but Parish Council must endorse all applications. Further information available on [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/stratfordarea](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/stratfordarea) Details passed to Action Studley. Maybe able to apply for grant towards bus shelter improvements.

## **Other**

- Min 68 Redditch Borough Council Core Strategy Issues and Options and Sustainability Community Strategy Consultation 9<sup>th</sup> May – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2008 Comments can be made on website [www.redditchbc.gov.uk](http://www.redditchbc.gov.uk). Details of consultation period runs for six weeks with exhibitions/drop sessions.
- Min 69 Letter received from Mrs & Miss Treadgold, Crooks Lane. Concerned that if speed humps placed in Crooks Lane would cause damage to foundations and structure of their house. Asking Parish Council to consider views and alternative measures such as 20 mph speed limit. Clerk to write that there will be a full consultation with residents before any action taken.
- Min 70 Request from Mrs Rogers, Augustine Avenue for large leylandi on allotments to be trimmed as overhanging into her garden. Clerk to check with SDC.
- Min 71 Request from Miss Hutchinson, Studley in Bloom for removal of two silver birch trees between Health Centre & Library which have been dead for some time. An eyesore detracting from the efforts of Studley in Bloom causing adverse comments from 'Heart of England in Bloom' Judges. Already reported but Clerk to write again to WCC.
- Min 72 Letter received for information from The Pool Medical Centre with concerns regarding the unilateral withdrawal of District Nurse Services Studley. Seeking confirmation from Nurse Manager, Alcester Health Centre that arrangements are only temporary.
- Min 73 SLCC Regional 'One-Day' Conference Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008 Walsall Football Club 10.00am – 3.45pm. £45 per delegate.
- Min 74 WALC: Induction Day 'Being a Good Councillor and Clerk' Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at Rugby 10.00am – 4.00pm. £30 per delegate. Councillors to notify Clerk if they wish to attend.
- Min 75 CCTV camera can be hired from Advance Monitoring for three months before committing to purchase.
- Min 76 WALC: Details of WCC ICT Help Desk Support. Clerk to look at information.
- Min 77 Letter received from Acorn Veterinary Centre concerning car boot sale.

Complaining of intolerable situation affecting Centre. Unable to get to Centre because of traffic and therefore being financially affected. Clerk to respond and also send copy of letter sent to Mrs Quinney and Police.

### **Correspondence for Circulation**

Min 78 Clerks & Councils Direct

Min 79 The Clerk

Min 80 LCR The official Journal of NALC

Min 81 CCTV Annual Report

Min 82 Studley in Bloom minutes of meeting 28<sup>th</sup> April 2008

Min 83 Business Matters

## **14. Committee Reports**

None.

## **15. Delegates Reports**

### **Report from Action Studley given by Cllr McCarthy**

Copy handed to all Councillors

Summary:

At the AGM the following reports on the Activities of the Committee were published:

- Consultation exercise concluded enabling access to appropriate funding.
- The group had paid more into the Studley Lights funds.
- Obtained funding for the Nature Reserve.
- Not obtained more hours for the Library.
- Continued efforts to keep Studley litter free.
- Chairman attended a conference in the Village Hall attended by delegates from around the country to promote good feeling between generations.
- Raised £200.00 for Community Support Officer's bicycle.
- Co-operated with Studley in Bloom.
- Failed, so far, to form a Studley Band.

Election of Officers

Chairman, Bill McCarthy

Vice Chairman, Lavinia Hand

Treasurer AN Other, Vice Pam Lee

At the following group meeting it was reported:

- The footpath up to the Nature Reserve is to be upgraded by WCC. Ecological Service, WCC to carry out a species survey in June.
- Credit Union has saving accounts in three schools.
- Considerably less litter behind the Youth Club and in the Basketball Court following a letter to the Police and the Head of WCC Youth Service.
- Extended Schools Service CoOrdinator will finish on 31<sup>st</sup> May and a part time co-ordinator is being recruited.

## **16. Approve Accounts for Payment**

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

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008**

**Meeting Closed 9.10pm**

