

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 20th November at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair J. Bacon, E. Holder, W. McCarthy, Mrs H. Wersocki, Mrs S. Redman, M. Redman, J. Vale, C. Rickhards, Mrs M. Woodrow.
District Councillor M. Weddell, County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy.
Justin Sayers, 7 members of the public.

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllr G. Noke, Mrs M. Bell, District Councillor Mrs H. Wright.

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

None.

6. Justin Sayers, Studley in Bloom

Chairman felt that the comments in the press were unfair and did no favours for the Parish Council. A grant is awarded every year to Studley in Bloom. Invited to the meeting to put their case forward.

- Grant was very late this year. Justin Sayers disappointed as no feedback to his complaints of grass cutting, nothing was done, only received an acknowledgement.
- Feels let down not just by Parish Council, but by leaders, District Council, County Council, Housing Association, Business Leaders. Do not get any support, poor attitude.
- Wrote to Library and Health Centre, dead tree still not removed. High Street is a derelict area not properly maintained.
- War Memorial is not swept. Co-op site a danger, should be noted that wall is very dangerous.
- All very frustrating.
- Parish Council ask for work to be done but there is a limit to what can be achieved.
- Large sums paid out to SDC for grass cutting. Not done properly, not good value for money.
- Studley Improvement Group (SIP) has been working for improvements to the Village for the last three years. Considerably amount of work done.
- Thought this meeting was to discuss support for Studley in Bloom not for criticism.
- Would be nice if there was a Councillor on Studley in Bloom Committee then any concerns could be channelled through them.
- Cllr Mrs Wersocki thought it a shame as Studley in Bloom work hard and the Parish Council are very appreciative of what they do. We should all work together.

- Millennium Garden, very frustrating, needs maintaining. Committee needs to reform. Trustees are responsible and it is their problem, not the Parish Council.
- Perhaps members of Studley in Bloom could join the Trustees. There is a limitation as to what Councillors can do.
- Cllr Bacon: following article in newspaper, felt had to defend himself. Does litter picking everyday. All organisations need to be drawn together. There are a lot of volunteers. Same hardcore of people at every meeting in Studley. Need to work together and prioritise.
- Studley in Bloom also do weeding and clear drains.
- Cllr Rickhards volunteered to go back on Studley in Bloom Committee.
- Suggestion to apply to Stratford on Avon Area Committee as there is money available.

Chairman: to sum up, Parish Council will support wherever we can, need to work together and go forward. Thank you for attending the meeting.

7. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

8. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

Min 256 Acknowledgement of letter concerning vandalised buildings at Studley Castle received from Roy Edwin. Clerk has also written to Studley Castle.

- Neal Goldsmith, Manager, Studley Castle: buildings are not in use and have been boarded up at a cost of £8,500 but are still being vandalised. Health & Safety is an issue, it is a nightmare but will do utmost to keep public footpath clear. Case of how it can be dealt with.
- When Rover were there it was in much better condition and they had a security officer patrolling.
- Insurance would not allow just one security officer.
- Better lighting and cameras could improve the situation.
- Security is the biggest issue. Lodge houses need to look habitable as if empty they will be a target for vandals.
- Hotel is open to the public.
- Suggestion to speak to Tony Lambert, Crime Prevention Officer, Stratford.

Clerk will speak to PCSO's to ask them to patrol the area.

9. Items for Discussion

Min 113 Cllr W. McCarthy: Public Open Space
Draft lease now received from SDC. Meeting to be arranged with Solicitor, Clerk, Cllrs McCarthy and Beaman.

Min 132 Skatepark Issues: Awaiting report from GBH concerning sound insulation. Cheque to be withheld until completed to our satisfaction.

Min 203 Forward Plan: Meeting held earlier. Costs for Forward Plan included in budget.

Min 250 Amey Mouchel Report in conjunction with request from Sgt Bob Shaw for speeding signs on Birmingham Road. Discussed at a PACT meeting. Criticising the speed of traffic.
Concise and good report. May be an idea to invite WCC or Highways Agency to a meeting. Could get costs of flashing signs.
Clerk to report that warning signs on A448 are not working again.

10. Planning Applications for Consideration

None.

11. Planning Decisions Received

None.

12. District and County Council Reports

Apologies from Cllr Beaman that no District Council Report available.

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

13. Correspondence

SDC

Min 257 Planning Application no. 07/01863/REM 106 Station Road.
Objection on basis of the creation of a new access is not to be considered as part of this application as approval has already been granted on 10th August 2004. Officer recommending approval under delegated powers.

Min 258 Planning Application no. 06/00718/FUL Land Rear Of, 11 Alcester Road. Informal hearing of appeal on 27th November 2007 starting at 10.00am at Elizabeth House. No Councillor available to attend.

WCC

Min 259 Proposed Pedestrian & Cycle Bridge and Changes to Waterside & Southern Lane. Invitation for a representative from Parish Council to attend a meeting on Thursday, 29th November 2007 at 7.00pm Stratford Town Hall to see presentation and answer questions. No Councillor available to attend.

Min 260 Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Appeal Fund. Following several issues Parish Council already pledged to donate £500.00 to appeal.

Other

Min 261 WALC: Local Leadership in Action Event 30th January 2008 to discuss and explore the vital contribution that elected public servants and Councillors make to the community.

Min 262 WALC: Details of pay settlement received. Increase of 2.475% Backdated to April 2007.

Min 263 WALC: Views required from Studley Parish if we would like to see improvements in grass cutting, litter picking and less flooding. Copy handed to Studley in Bloom. Clerk to send Parish Council's comments by 30th November 2007.

Min 264 Allotment Association – gates ordered for Station Road allotments. Require a cheque for £300.00.

Min 265 Alcester Town Council current position with Alcester Hospital and its possible closure of the In-Patient facility. If concerned help required by writing to Bryan Stoten, Chairman of Warwickshire NHS PCT Board. Clerk to write.

Min 266 Request from St John Ambulance Studley Branch for grant of £500.00. Clerk to send application form.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 267 Minutes of SDC's Area Committee Meeting 19th September 2007

Min 268 Continuous Professional Development (CPD) National Training

Strategy Booklet

Min 269 Clerks & Councils Direct

Min 270 WRCC Country Matters Magazine

Min 271 LCR Journal

Min 272 The Clerk

14. Committee Reports

Report of Chairman's Ball Committee given by Cllr Beaman

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Summary:

Discussions have taken place with Caterers and menu agreed.

Cost of tickets discussed.

Format of evening agreed.

Invitations to be sent out by Clerk.

15. Delegates Reports

Studley Sports & Social Club

Cllr Mrs Redman reported that there has recently been a successful weekend event which the Club are hoping to build on by having other types of entertainment.

SCWIG (Safer Communities Wellbeing Intergeneration Group) Meeting on 1st November 2007 at Studley Village Hall attended by Cllrs Beaman and Bacon

Hope to keep things moving and would like support. Parish Council should should have an open evening to bring groups together.

16. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr W. McCarthy 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, 4th December 2007

Meeting Closed 8.50pm

