

## Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at 7.30pm.

### 1. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair Mrs S Redman, Mrs M. Woodrow, J. Bacon, M Redman, E Holder, C Rickhards, A Clarke

### 2. Apologies for Absence – Cllr Mrs A Wade – personal, Cllr A King – personal, Cllr Mrs H Wright – personal.

### 3. Co-option of Andrew Clarke to the Parish Council

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms were signed.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Clarke onto the Parish Council.

**Proposed: Cllr P Beaman Seconded: Cllr E Holder. Voting Unanimous.**

### 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 Beaman & Cllr Rickhards Item 8 Min 376 Studley Library – personal interest

Cllr Beaman Item 15 Accounts – personal interest

### 5. Public Forum

- Following the sad news that Bert Anderton a resident of Studley and a former Parish Councillor had passed away a minutes silence was observed.
- Cllr Holder informed the meeting that Studley First Responders had received a donation from an unknown benefactor to enable them to purchase another vehicle. They have purchased a 4x4 ex-ambulance Rapid Response vehicle. During the past 2 weeks they have been called out about 70 times.
- Cllr Holder informed the meeting that the building which used to be a Gym on the Alcester Road was being refurbished and the ground floor would be used as a commercial unit whilst the upstairs would be turned into 3 residential flats.

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

The minutes were received, amended and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

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

Min 253 Confirmation that order placed for Grit Bin in Crendon Close, Studley has been received. The Grit Bin is now in place and waiting for WCC to fill.

**8. Items for Discussion**

Min 273 Nominations for the Community Shield Awards – Following discussion voting took place and the following Awards were made:-

Silver Jubilee Award - Diane Clarke

Millennium Shield Award - First Responders

Youth Shield Award - James Barry

Presentation of the Awards will take place at the Chairman's Evening on a date to be confirmed.

Min 274 Change of Date of next meeting – Due to the Christmas and New Year break the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

**Proposed: Cllr Beaman. Seconded: Cllr M Redman.**

**Voting Unanimous.**

Min 376 Studley Library - 2 plaques have been received from Talk Talk for display following receipt of their donation of £1000.00.  
Cllr Beaman has signed all forms for grant from WCC for £6000.  
The volunteers meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December was very successful with huge support. The Library will open for same number of hours as now but some hours may be substituted for evening opening. WCC will train 12 volunteers who will then train others and it is recommended that there should be one or two lead volunteers to organise rota's etc.  
The Library will close on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012 and the New Library in the Village Hall will open on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012. Disposal of the old building will be by a tendering process which will take place during the 12 weeks following closure for expressions of interest. Councillors would wish to see disposal of the old Library building move forward as soon as possible after the closing date. The patch of saleable land includes the quadrangle. To date no reply has been received to letters sent to portfolio holder or head of property services regarding the old Library building. It was proposed that Parish Clerk write to the Chief Executive of WCC. **Proposed; Cllr Holder. Seconded: Cllr Beaman.**  
**Voting Unanimous.**

Min 275      Community Budgeting - Cllr Rickhards has met with various officers at SDC and WCC to discuss and develop Community Budgeting around Early Intervention in Studley. The idea would be to put together a package with the Youth Service, Police, Children's Centre and Children's Services to target problem families in the Studley area. A successful pilot has taken place in Warwick and Nuneaton. In the long term this would also see a saving on expenditure. Expressions of support and commitment to be part of governance body are sought. The families targeted would remain confidential. Dependant on how successful the scheme is will determine whether it is ongoing. Cllr Beaman feels this is an excellent idea and has real value. The work done by Citizens Advice Bureau has highlighted the problems in Studley. Jenny Murray is willing to come and talk to the Parish Council.  
**Proposed: Cllr Beaman. Seconded Cllr Holder that the Parish Council support community budgeting and Cllr Beaman willing to serve on the committee. Voting unanimous**

**9. Planning Applications for Consideration – None received.**

**10. Planning Decisions Received –**

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| 11/02208/FUL | Mr Ricki Rooke, 60B Station Road, Studley.<br>Proposed conservatory to the rear.<br><b>Permission with conditions</b>                               |
| 11/02255/FUL | Eden Properties, 3 Highfield Road, Studley, B80 7RA<br>Proposed erection of one new dwelling.<br><b>Permission with conditions. 2 December 2011</b> |
| 11/01970/FUL | Mr P Owen, 45 Lansdowne Road, Studley, B80 7RD<br>Proposed two storey side extension.<br><b>Permission with conditions. 8 December 2011</b>         |

It was noted that improvement work is being done on the shop that was Tony's Handyman and that the advertising boards on Birmingham Road have been removed.

**11. District and County Council Reports**

Cllr Beaman reported that it has been agreed to move the starting time of the planning meetings at SDC back to 6.15pm until the new council year.  
Unanimous vote.

Cllr Holder reported that at the Licensing Committee meeting there was only one application.

Cllr Rickhards reported the following:-

- Area Committees are to be abolished.
- The Chief Fire Officer has confirmed that Studley Fire Station is to close in March 2013 and not before.
- Cllr Rickhards proposed a motion in Council welcoming the extension of child care and nursery education free to 'disadvantaged' children from 2 years old. The motion was passed.
- A presentation was delivered from the heads of the 4 Area Behaviour Partnerships dealing with the replacement arrangements for the PRU.
- NHS and Warwickshire staff have moved to the Shire Hall as part of the attempt to begin the integration of Health and Social Care. Health and Wellbeing Boards are the administrative structure for this.
- School Academies proliferate. Present funding is unsustainable so a system is evolving whereby a national formula will be applied to each authority.
- There is a developing problem for the local education authority in respect of Traded Services. Locally the Studley cluster of schools has already engaged a private company to provide a school improvement programme.
- The Budget process has commenced.
- In January the Area committee will decide on the proposals for parking restrictions re the Studley Car Boot.

## **12. Correspondence**

### **SDC**

Min 276 Planning Application 11/02255/FUL. 3 Highfields Road, Studley. Email received from Lucy Hammond Planner at SDC. Responding to concerns raised regarding the foundations at the neighbouring property number 5 and the suggestion that planners should agree the way the foundations are put in so as not to affect the neighbouring foundations. Lucy Hammond confirmed that this matter is entirely outside the Planning Authorities remit and is therefore not something over which they have any control. Matters relating to foundations and the physical construction of the building come under the control of the Building Control Team who become involved once permission has been granted and ensure that matters over which there is concern are suitably addressed.

Min 277 An additional meeting of the Planning Committee (west) will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 6.15pm at the Council Chamber, Elizabeth House, Stratford on Avon.

**WCC**  
None

### **Other**

- Min 278 The Certificate and calculation for the Christmas lights has been received from Western Power.
- Min 279 A briefing from NALC has been received on the future of the Code of Conduct as a result of the Localism Act 2011. It confirms that the current model Code of Conduct is in place until 15 February 2012.
- Min 280 Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy Development Plan has been submitted to the Secretary of State on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011. Full details are available on the website [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wcs)
- Min 281 Precepts 2012-13 – Confirmation from WALC that capping provisions do not apply for 2012-13 to Parish and Town Councils.

### **Correspondence for Circulation**

- Min 282 Mac News
- Min 283 Warwickshire County Council Press Releases:-
- Work begins on the Alcester Fire Station Upgrade
  - New year, New Reuse Shops
  - Warwickshire gets prepared after 2012 drought warnings
  - Don't let fire become an unwelcome guest this Christmas
  - Hospice supports Recycling Centre changes
  - New year, New opening hours for recycling centres
- Min 284 Society of Local Council clerks Branch Newsletter
- Min 285 Warwickshire Police – Alcester North Safer Neighbourhood Team Community Newsletter
- Min 286 LCR – Winter 2011 Edition
- Min 287 Visit Heart of England Winter Voucher update
- Min 288 Christmas wishes from Came & Company

### **13. Committee Reports**

#### **Surrender of Village Hall Lease -**

Cllr Beaman reported that it is important to ensure the safety of the Village Hall and with the Library proposed to be up and running by April 2012 now is a suitable time to have the transfer in place. The Parish Council already contributes £10,000 towards running of the Village Hall. If administration becomes responsibility of the Parish Council savings could be made and the hall run as a sub-committee of the Parish Council. Agreement

required from Parish Council to go forward for long term future of the Village Hall. Draft Heads of Terms have been drawn up by the solicitor but needs to be checked and amended.

The Village Hall Management Committee has now so very few members and struggling to get volunteers. Cllr M Redman was concerned about the running of the Village Hall as many Councillors have other commitments. Cllr Beaman confirmed that existing members of VHMC would be co-opted and the hall would continue running as it does now. Cllr Rickhards felt confident that volunteers could be recruited following the success of getting volunteers to run the Library.

Cllr King thought that perhaps should have a corporate identity such as 'Friends of the Village Hall'.

Cllr Mrs S Redman felt the hall should be run as a business and not by the Parish Council and should have a more robust committee with a manager to maximise use of the facilities in the hall. However this could not be afforded.

Following much discussion two proposals were made.

**Proposed Cllr M Redman, seconded Cllr Bacon** that Parish Council should look at how many volunteers would be agreeable to join the village hall as 'Friends of the Village Hall'. **Voting 3 for 6 against**

**Proposed Cllr Rickhards seconded Cllr Holder** that the Parish Council gives its assent in principle to support the Deed of Surrender to the Council. **Voting 6 for 2 against and 1 abstention.**

Cllr P Beaman and Mrs S Redman to look at and work on the Deed of Surrender and bring back to a later meeting of the Council.

#### 14. Delegates Reports

- Cllr Holder reported that the Youth Club is now closed until the New year. Anna Stowe will return but will deal with Early Intervention. Bev Ingram will continue running the Youth Club. An enquiry has been received from Mencap who would like to use the Club as a venue.
- Cllr Redmond reported that Studley Sports and Social Club were now holding an event each month with entertainment that people have indicated they want to see. Event dates to be provided to Parish Council for publishing on website.
- An approach has been made for young people in bands to practice in the Club when it is not being used, this would have to be under supervision. Young people need encouragement and they could perhaps perform at the club free of charge.

**15. Approve Accounts for Payment**

During this item Cllr Beaman left the room.

**Proposed Cllr Redman the schedule of cheques for payment be approved,  
Seconded Cllr Holder. Voting 7 in favour and 1 abstention.**

**Cheques**

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
923	D E Mitchell	£1353.70
924	L Gailey	£ 872.85
925	Inland Revenue	£ 584.59
926	G S Adams	£1882.20
927	Glasdon Ltd	£169.26
928	D Sollis	£ 46.20

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**Meeting closed 8.30pm**

*Signed: Chairman .....*