

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2006 at 7.30pm.

## 1. Public Forum: Barbara Beaman

- a) David Pettifer is to finish collecting for the Poppy Appeal after 20 years. Asking for help with collecting this November. If anyone knows of someone who is willing to take over please let him know.
- b) Queen's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday – thinking of coffee shop or afternoon tea party or maybe extend to include whole Village.
- c) Olympics coming to England – could Parish Council in some way put money aside for in 6 years time to give young people in Village an Olympic Event (perhaps involve football teams, sports club, swimming pool).
- d) Would it be possible to have an official photograph of the Parish Councillors and Village Hall Committee to hang in Village Hall? Check possibility perhaps ask Ian Geddes.

Thanks from the Chairman to Barbara Beaman for attending with her suggestions.

Newsletter is always a good start for advertising events. Ideas noted for Action Studley. If a grant is needed could approach Parish Council and it will be looked at

favourably. Good ideas, will pursue. Much Wenlock holds an Olympic Event, could ask for more information.

## 2. Chairman declared the meeting open

## 3. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Vice Chair S. Phipps, Mrs A. Wade, E. Holder, W. McCarthy, Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs H. Wersocki, J. Bacon, J. Vale, Mrs S. Redman, M. Redman.  
County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy.  
Mrs Barbara Beaman.

## 4. Apologies for Absence

District Councillor Mrs H. Wright.

## 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.*

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

- Min 231 Co-op Store – neglected site. Question asked if anything has happened since last meeting. Area has been cleaned up but no reply received to our letter asking for hoardings to be put up to improve appearance of site. Chairman informed by SDC that nothing will happen to the site until the planning application appeal is sorted out. This is not acceptable. Car park belongs to Co-op but it is a public car park and reasonable use acceptable.
- Min 379 Public Open Space – no news from SDC concerning the lease. Clerk to chase up.

## **8. Items for Discussion**

- Min 363 Configuration of NHS Ambulance Trusts in England Consultation Document. The Parish Council strongly object to the merger of the Ambulance Trusts for the following reasons:
- a) Primary Care Trust performance ratings for 2005, Warwickshire and Coventry are a three star trust. Best in district. If merged will go down.
  - b) Bigger is not always better.
  - c) Previous merger in East Anglia proved disastrous.
  - d) Potential savings peanuts as they will be swallowed up in Administration.
  - e) It is not clear how many stations there will be and Ambulances may not respond in time.
  - f) Our station will probably be in far North East which will be too far a distance for the ambulance to come from.
- Min 357 Traffic Problems in Studley:
- Not sure if we need a sub committee.
  - To get something moving we need a sub committee then it can be an agenda item.
  - Parish Council need to be 100% behind it. Could invite other Parish Councils Sambourne, Coughton, Mappleborough Green along to see if they agree to ideas.
  - Need to discuss the A435 and the rest of Studley. A435, nothing will be done until handed over to WCC but must make sure that they know what we want. County Councillor Mrs McCarthy could ask someone from WCC to come to Parish Council meeting.
  - Rest of Studley the roads are dreadful. Should ask for 20mph on Crooks Lane (1200 children attend school) and also New Road.
  - Areas dealt with in alphabetical order so Studley near the bottom.
  - Alcester received money from Advantage West Midlands (AWM) because they are a Market Town.
  - AWM have money available but need to put forward a proposal.
  - Action: get someone from WCC to talk to us, form a sub committee, make a plan.
  - Proposed Cllr Beaman to set up a sub committee:

1. Meet beforehand to decide what we need to do.
2. Need to identify concerns.
3. List can then be put forward.
4. Can handover list and ask for response.

Sub committee to meet on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006 at 7.30pm. Three weeks to get sorted out and then ask for someone from WCC to April meeting 4<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

Min 377 Alcester Road Parking Scam: letter from resident read out concerning car parking outside takeaways on Alcester Road. Car clamped, towed away to Birmingham, cost £220 to get vehicle back. Private road, police cannot do anything. Clamping company abusive and threatening. Strange that during Inspector's Inquiry into Duke of Marlborough Development it was said that there was plenty of parking space. Item to be put in newsletter warning residents not to park there.

Min 378 Press Statements: Chairman received telephone call from irate Clerk of Bidford PC asking why we had made press statement that Bidford and Alcester had received extra funding. This is not correct, only funding received for library. Chairman not able to clarify position. Reminder to all that press statements should be cleared through Parish Council.

## 9. Planning Applications

06/00214/FUL                      Firoka (Studley Castle) Ltd., Studley Castle,  
Warwickshire.  
Change of use of training and conference centre to  
form 57 bedroom hotel.

**No representations.**

## 10. District and County Council Reports

**Apologies from Chairman, no District Council Report available this meeting.**

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

Copy handed to all Councillors.

- Attended a meeting on Strategic Health Authorities, Primary Care Trusts & Ambulance Trusts. Already been advertisements in national newspapers for applicants for posts of Chairman and Executive for the potential regional ambulance trust notwithstanding that the deadline for the 'consultation' on the configuration of ambulance trusts is 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2006. Explained that the advertisement mentioned creating a 'pool' of eligible people should the result of the deliberations following 'consultation' result in a West Midlands Ambulance Trust.
- Also presentation from Malcolm Hazell, the Chief of the Coventry and Warwickshire Ambulance Trust. Together with other Councillors decided that we wish to preserve the present very efficient and excellent Coventry and Warwickshire Ambulance Trust.
- Attended meetings on Warwickshire Waste Development Framework, meeting

- Modernisation, merging of various departments, at present taking place at WCC.
- Budget for 2006/07 now set. Council Tax will increase by 4.93%. Basic amount of Council Tax (Band D) will be £996.28.

## **11. Correspondence**

### **SDC**

- Min 380 Section 136 –notification of Category ‘A’. Payment of £1750 already forwarded to our bank account.
- Min 381 Development of Parish & Town Council websites ‘Connecting our Communities’. A major part of the Council’s E-government Programme is to provide internet access to all residents. Nationally run scheme ‘Awards for All’ provides funding of up to £5000 per application (Parish Council). To get connectivity to all Parish/Town Councils across Districts proposed to form partnership ‘Connecting our Communities’ and any funding received will be ‘ring fenced’ for the partnership. Clerk and Chairman attended briefing session and application form submitted.

### **WCC**

- Min 382 Formal consultation – increase in admission number of Thomas Jolyffe Primary School consultation document. Comments required by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2006. No response.
- Min 383 Minerals Waste Development Framework Strategy – Preliminary Consultation Questionnaire to be completed by 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006 plus notification of ‘Getting Involved’ a choice of forums, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2006 Manor Hall, Leamington Spa (1 day) or 3 morning sessions, details available from Parish Office. Cllr W. McCarthy to look at consultation document.
- Report given by Cllr W. McCarthy on WCC Waste Development Framework Core Strategy Consultation Session handed to all Councillors:
- First session consisted of short presentations from Arup the WCC Advisors for Waste Matters followed by general discussion session. Discussions centred around the aims of the Forum, in particular its value in informing the WCC of the issues as seen by residents, as well as by industry and the waste industry itself in the County’s formulation of the best means to agree an efficient, sustainable and eco-sensitive Strategy.

### **Other**

- Min 384 Studley Sports & Social Club lease: letter received from Thomas Guise solicitors enclosing land registry plan indicating the position of the tennis courts. Also number of questions asked concerning tennis club. Invite representative from Club to meeting. To be put on next agenda. Councillors will need to ask for dispensation from Monitoring Officer, SDC as Parish Council are landlords.
- Min 385 Redditch BC Local Development Framework (LDF) – Consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement Submission Document.

Pre-consultation and representation form can be viewed and down-

loaded from website: [www.redditch.gov.uk](http://www.redditch.gov.uk) Comments required by  
Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

- Min 386 WALC Nominations for attendance at a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2006. Chairman and his wife nominated.
- Min 387 Studley Poppy Appeal 2005. Thank you letter received for Parish Council donation. £1877.51 grand total collected. David Pettifer to retire. Looking for someone else to carry on. Thank you letter to be sent thanking him for all of his hard work. Note for newsletter.
- Min 388 Age Concern, Warwickshire Parish Links Scheme. Meeting on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2006 at Leamington Spa 10.00am – 12noon. New initiative called OAK (Older People Advice Knowledge-base) Project which aims to increase access to information and advice services for older people living in rural areas of West Midlands in a variety of ways. Need to establish a network of volunteers. Cllrs Phipps & McCarthy to attend.
- Min 389 Notification of appeal decision, planning application no. 05/01659/FUL 90 Alcester Road. Appeal allowed. Permission granted to build 6 residential apartments.
- Min 390 n power electricity price increase from 1st January 2006. Offer of long term fixed rate. Clerk to check rates of other companies.
- Min 391 Select Business Services - grass cutting and maintenance 2006/07. Thank you for contract, assured that work will be carried out to high standard.
- Min 392 National Probation Service: Working together to reduce Re-offending Conference on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2006 at Dunchurch Park Hotel 9.30am – 4.00pm. Cllr M. Redman to attend.

### **Correspondence for Circulation**

- Min 393 WALC Solihull Area Committee Agenda for meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2006
- Min 394 Warwickshire Municipal Waste Management Strategy Summary
- Min 395 SLCC Local Government Pension Scheme
- Min 396 Local Council Review

## **11. Committee Reports**

None.

## **12. Delegates Reports**

### **Report of Youth Club Management Team given by Cllr Mrs Wade**

Youth Club Management Committee want to get others involved, Police etc., and are looking for new members. Youth Club held a disco at the Village Hall last Friday. It was fantastic, all were well behaved, a really good evening. It was well policed and St Johns Ambulance were also present. Would like to thank Village Hall Management Committee for allowing the disco to go ahead.

Very good for the Village. Next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> February 2006 at 7.45pm.

**Report on Draft Warwickshire School Framework given by Cllr Mrs Wade**

Too late to respond but Studley not really affected. Education Act 2002

Government bodies have to provide community buildings. Should make better use of school buildings for adult evening classes. Would be good for Studley.

Expansion of schools only if places needed for pupils from area as WCC have to pay for buildings. No expansion if places are available within 2 mile radius for primary school children, 3 mile radius for secondary. Schools in this area already expanded so no more will take place. Very difficult to predict numbers.

**Report on WCC Minerals Core Strategy Preliminary Consultation on**

**21<sup>st</sup> February 2006 given by Cllr W. McCarthy**

Copy of report handed to all Councillors.

**14. Approve Accounts for Payment**

**Proposed Cllr Mrs S Redman that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr Mrs M Woodrow. Voting unanimous.**

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2006**

**Meeting Closed 8.48pm**