

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 21st February 2012 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman Declares the meeting open.

2. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, Mrs A Wade, Mrs M. Woodrow, J. Bacon, M Redman, E Holder, C Rickhards., J King and A. Smith.
District Councillor Mrs H. Wright.

3. Apologies for Absence – Cllr A Clarke - Illness, Mrs S. Redman - Personal

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

None

6. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7. Matters Arising (for information only)

Min 345 Confirmation that Phil Ward and Neil Gilliver will be attending the Parish Council meeting on 6th March 2012 at 6.30pm to discuss land at Studley Sports and Social Club.

8. Items for Discussion

Min 351 ATC Lease was due for renewal in September 2011. Solicitors acting for the ATC wish to take over the additional land to the side of the ATC building as part of the lease. Parish Council feel that it would be beneficial if it was to be taken over by the ATC at the same annual rent.
Proposed Cllr M. Redman seconded Cllr Beaman that the Clerk contact Philip Guise to renew the lease with additional land at the same annual rent. Voting unanimous.

- Min 350 Revised Bank Mandate signed by the Clerk and Chairman adding new signatories.
- Min 352 Contract of Employment for Assistant Clerk.
Proposed Cllr Beaman seconded Cllr Holder that the contract for Lesley Gailey be accepted and signed.
- Min 353 Customer Access Terminal (CAT) request from SDC
 Stratford District Council looking to put Customer Access Terminals in as many outlets as possible throughout the district. A computer with a web-cam, scanner and telephone will be supplied by SDC. A private area is required for customers to access the facility where they can contact SDC enabling them to access services without the need to travel to Stratford. SDC will install all the infrastructure such as terminals, signage and literature etc.
 The Parish Council feel that this is a good idea and reasonable that the service should come here but initially may be a time issue showing customers how to access the service.
 In the future it may well be connected to Warwickshire County Council.
Proposed Cllr Holder seconded Cllr Rickhards that we proceed with having the Customer Access Terminal in the Village Hall.
Voting unanimous. Cllr Beaman to contact SDC.
- Min 376 Studley Library
 Parish Council taken on a tour of the renovations to the village hall and the recently decorated rooms. All building work is now complete. Telephone line and Broadband being installed on Friday 24th February
 When complete equipment will start going in.
 Cllr Rickhards has contacted all 12 volunteers for training. 10 have accepted. The training last 2 days 14th and 16th March at 10am in Stratford Library. May be an idea when training completed they come and look at how the systems work ready for the opening. Cllr Beaman would like them to come in and have some input in how the library will be arranged.
 Idea that everyone will enter and exit from the door from entrance hall. The door to the foyer will be open when no events are on and the Coffee shop may be open longer hours.
 Studley Tots are interested in using the Library for story time on a Wednesday morning and school children could also be invited.
 Everything is starting to look good .Thanks from Cllr Mrs Wade to Cllrs Beaman and Rickhards for all their hard work which is continuing.

**9. Planning Applications for Consideration –
(Cllrs Beaman and Holder refrained from voting)**

12/00012/FUL Mr L. Dilke, 10, Corbizum Avenue, Studley
Retrospective erection of boundary fence.

Objection

- 1. Policy PR1 states that a proposed development should enhance the quality and character of an area. This fence is out of keeping**
- 2. Size, height and materials gives a stark visual appearance causing unacceptable harm to the streetscene. Contrary to DEV1.**
- 3. Compromising Highway safety**

12/00236/FUL Mr Philip Ellis, 3B, High Street, Studley
Change of use of vacant land to staff car parking to include new pedestrian access to existing yard, offices and retail area via new steps (Resubmission of 11/01006/FUL).

Objection

No material change from the original planning application therefore the original objections remain in place.

10. Planning Decisions Received –

11/02341/FUL Advance Housing, 62, Station Road, Studley B890 7JS –
Conversion of existing house in multiple occupation to 4 no. one bed self contained flats. Proposed single storey side extension to facilitate one additional one bed self contained flat at ground level.

Permission subject to conditions 9th February 2012.

11. District and County Council Reports

District Cllr Hazel Wright :

Most important issue on the agenda at the cabinet meeting on Monday 27th February will be the setting of the new Council Tax. It is proposed that it will be reduced by 1% this year and raised by 2.5% 2013.

Cllr Ann Wade:

Attended the WALC Parish & Town Council Liaison meeting on 7th February. Feels that it is very important that it is well represented and members of the Parish Council should attend as we need to be kept informed. It was suggested at the meeting that Parish Councils would be expected to support the Government's view on housing.

Collaborative working discussed. This is already being carried out by Studley Parish Council.

Members need to read WALC newsletters which includes very useful information.

Next meeting will be Wednesday 20th June.

Studley is very highly regarded as a Parish Council.

Report by County Councillor C. Rickhards:

Any ideas on route treatment need to be reported to WCC to enable them to be included in the future.

12. Correspondence

SDC

- Min 225 Local Partnership update circulated to Councillors. Following meeting on 16th January. Cabinet of SDC has supported the groups proposals to keep CCTV as a local service funded as a partnership between local Town and Parish Councils where CCTV is located. Proposals sought to provide an annual contribution of £52,000 to supplement SDC's budget for 2 full time staff to restore full time monitoring of CCTV which will be reviewed after 3 years. To date £32,778 has been committed. Not all parties has agreed to provide funding. It is proposed that these areas will receive a service but no additional monitoring and those who make a contribution less than the allotted amount will need to agree pro-rata arrangements.
- Min 308 Draft Core Strategy – Meeting arranged with officers from SDC to be held on Tuesday 20th March 2012 at 6.30pm prior to the Parish Council meeting.

WCC

None

Other

- Min 354 Letter of thanks received from Midland Air Ambulance Charity for the kind donation of £65.00 in lieu of Christmas cards.
- Min 355 WALC up2date pre-determination and Localism Act 2011 and WALC up2date LAIS 1335 document pre-determination circulated to Councillors. The briefing includes a consultation on cost cutting measures to remove the need to advertise road control orders for road works and paving arrangements by Highway Authorities and be replaced by a requirement to consult with Town, Parish and District Councils.
- Min 356 NALC – Guidance issue to Parish Councils regarding FOI requests and information held in private email accounts. Clerks should consider setting up an email account such as Clerk@..... rather than using personal email addresses. Studley Parish Clerk already has email set up in line with the guidance from NALC.

- Min 357 Children's Party Bus request funding from the Parish Council to enable them to offer play sessions to local children aged 3-8 years during summer holidays. **Clerk to write for more information**
- Min 358 Letter from a resident re: loss of a trug from the grave she regularly tends and her dissatisfaction from the contractor who undertook the annual tidy up in the graveyard. Clerk to respond to resident with apology and contact contractor to make him aware of the issue.
- Min 359 Studley Neighbourhood Watch has introduced a facebook page giving users access to their information: www.facebook.com/studleynhw
- Min 360 Mappleborough Green Parish Council enquiring whether Studley Parish Council would be interested in collaboration between the two parishes concerning a response to the draft core strategy.
Resolved that the Clerk contact both Mappleborough Green Parish Council and Sambourne Parish Council to invite them to the meeting on 20th March 2012 at 6.30pm.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 361 For Information: Copy of response from Caroline Ford to the draft Core Strategy consultation.
- Min 362 Minutes of the WALC Parish & Town Clerks Liaison meeting 7/02/12
- Min 363 Warwickshire County Council Press Releases:-
- Sign up for faster broadband
 - WCC freezes County Council tax
 - Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service on Facebook
 - Smallbrook Business Centre

Committee Reports

- Meeting with Greenwood Planning & Dave Ashmore from the Heat Store Redditch Road
- Planning Application hoped to be made for the redevelopment of the Heat Store site which is made up of a number of industrial units, small businesses as well as flats. A total of 34 workers are employed on the site which over the years has become very constrained.
- The aim is to redevelop the site with a residential development but hope to relocate in Studley which is a good centre for business as can be found easily.
- Site does have access problems. Following a traffic survey it was noted 51 vehicles came into the site with 61 out between the hours of 7am – 7pm. This should reduce with a residential development but access needs to be addressed.
- Previous development in 2005 was rejected for a number of reasons such as design, traffic and access. Now looking at Town Houses as the preferred design with a target of about 7.

- As much of the original frontage to be retained with a new access created to make a better frontage but will mean the loss of a cottage.
- Minimal front gardens with railings are proposed that will not restrict visibility instead of parking which will be at the rear of the development.
- Query from Cllr Redman concerning number of parking places. Agreed there is a parking constraint but there will be 7 dedicated spaces for residents and 2 visitor spaces. There was also an issue locating pedestrian entrances but they will be off the street. Visibility when leaving the development will be improved therefore should get approval.
- The houses will be two bed properties.
- The council feel that the appearance of this development is much improved and in keeping with the area the main concern being that the existing business remains in Studley. Assurances from Mr Ashmore that the is committed to staying in Studley as he has been here for many years.
- Thank you from Cllr Mrs S Redman for attending the meeting and the Council await the plans when submitted in the future.

13. Delegates Reports

Cllr Holder: Last meeting of the Management Committee of the Youth Club will now take place at the end of April. Youth Club still going strong. Anna Stowe still on sick leave but will be office based on her return.

14. Approve Accounts for Payment

During this item Cllr Beaman left the room.

Proposed Cllr Holder the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, Seconded Cllr Mrs A. Wade Voting 8 in favour and 1 abstention.

Cheques

Cheque Number	Payee	Amount Paid
958	D E Mitchell	£1353.70
959	L Gailey	£ 495.62
960	Inland Revenue	£601.31
961	BRT Group	£21.00
962	G.S. Adams	£1146.00
963	G.S. Adams	£538.20
964	Redditch Skip Hire	£367.20

965	Amberol Ltd	£710.40
966	I. Geddes	£57.75
967	Frampton Construction	£6464.40
DD	PWLB	£3416.56

**The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for
Tuesday 6th March 2012**

Meeting closed 9.00pm