

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 21st April 2009 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman J. Bacon, Vice Chair Mrs S. Redman, P. Beaman, E. Holder, C. Rickhards, Mrs M. Woodrow, M. Redman, W. McCarthy, Mrs H. Wersocki.
District Councillors Mrs H. Wright, M. Weddell.
County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy.
PCSOs Dave Martin, Laura Thompson.

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs J. Vale, Mrs A. Wade.

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

PCSO Dave Martin: is now leaving but will come back to Studley when required. Has a vested interest in youth development. Laura Thompson has been here for two weeks. Previously worked in a number of schools. If any problems here to help.

Recreation Ground – holes need to be filled in and football pitch re-instated. Could be marked out as a $\frac{3}{4}$ pitch to encourage youths to play. Entaco has spare nets. To be discussed with groundsman.

J. Bacon: as Chairman of Neighbourhood Watch will be in social contact with Laura. Thank you from the Chairman for coming to the meeting. Visual presence of PCSOs has made a big difference to the Village.

Cllr McCarthy: received a leaflet about minerals site. Support required for Salford Priors and Dunnington against the site. Garden produce is sold at Hillers and lunches. From point of view of Studley residents who go there should give support.

6. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Proposed Cllr Beaman that the amended minutes be accepted as a true record of the last meeting, seconded Cllr Holder. All agreed. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising (for information only)

None.

8. Items for Discussion

Min 20 Air Quality Action Plan – copy given to all Councillors

Cllr Beaman would like Council's full agreement before attending Air Quality meeting.

Cllr McCarthy: need to keep traffic moving. Best way is to stop access from High Street, send traffic down Redditch Road. Suggest to WCC to close road for 6 month trial.

Would not work as would cause problems on other routes. Need to consider action that would not harm other areas. Need to keep traffic moving through Village to ease air quality. Traffic lights at each end of the Village would help slightly but will not solve problem by any one measure need a combination. Need to get traffic to exit Village quickly.

Proposed Cllr McCarthy to support his idea to ask WCC to stop access onto the Alcester Road from the High Street for a trial period of 6 months, seconded Cllr M. Redman.

Voting 2 for 7 against.

Proposed Cllr Rickhards that Parish Council give support for Cllr Beaman to take the Air Quality Action Plan to the Air Quality meeting, seconded Cllr Holder. All agreed.

9. Planning Applications for Consideration

None.

10. Planning Decisions Received

09/00301/FUL Mr James Powell, 17 Riverside, Studley.
Garage extension and conversion.

Permission with conditions 8th April 2009

Cllr Beaman: Planning Application No.09/00096/FUL Studley Football & Social Club, Abbeyfields. At Area Planning Meeting it was agreed to leave the final details with the Ward Member but this is not allowed under the Constitution so conditions will be agreed at meeting on Thursday, 23rd April 2009.

11. District and County Council Reports

No District Council Report available.

County Council Report given by Cllr Mrs McCarthy

Copy handed to all Councillors.

Summary:

- Railings outside Tescos: agreed with other Councillors under the delegated budget for our area and endorsed by West Joint Committee. The agreed delegated budget is due to be passed by Cabinet on Thursday. The railings will then be put onto a schedule of work for some time in the year from now until March 2010.
- Pavement parking on A435 between Church Street and Toms Town Lane. The Police had suggested an area for parking marked out partly on the pavement and partly on the road, as happens in part of Henley. County have

said that the road is too narrow and that no areas can be marked for parking on the road because there are no restrictions in place. They are looking into the possibility of a no parking order on the pavement. People should be able to park in front of their houses in this area, but the pavement should not be blocked for pedestrians, prams, wheelchairs, invalid carriages etc.

- Studley Library: has asked for a business plan to move the library into the Village Hall to be prepared as part of the County Library Review, and that no change to the provision of library services in Studley is decided unless this business plan has been done. This request has been endorsed by the West Joint Committee. Those in charge of this service have been reminded that Studley is seeking greater parity with the library services in this area and that the existing hours were agreed for 6 months, partly to deter 'nuisance youths', and would also need to be looked at again.
- Redditch Tip: Worcestershire were asking for outlandish fees for Warwickshire people to use the Redditch Tip. Roy Burton has been asked to approach Worcestershire again about this matter.
- Attended two Adoption Panel meetings and due to attend a Health O & S meeting.

This is the last report to the Parish Council from Cllr Mrs McCarthy. Would like to thank the Parish Council for their encouragement and forbearance.

12. Correspondence

SDC

Min 21 Core Strategy – promoted sites in Studley. Received 1800 representations from people and groups, local Councils, residents etc., including responses from promoters and landowners. Only one site promoted in Studley which is the Poplars Industrial Estate for business use. Comments required.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write that the Parish Council has no objection to Poplars Engineering Ltd promoting the Poplars Industrial Estate for business development as long as any development stays within the existing footprint.

Min 22 Notification of withdrawal of Planning Application No.09/00256/FUL 26-32 High Street.

WCC

Min 23 Bus Service Improvement Consultation 2009. Responses required by 5th May 2009 on the sustainability of bus services operating through our Parish as there still maybe unmet demands.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write that the Council are generally satisfied and there has been a tremendous improvement in the frequency of the bus services. However it would be a good idea for the bus companies to liaise as the timetables could be better organised. Two or three buses often arrive within 15 minutes of each other. Timings could be better distributed within the hour. Also a case for increase in the Sunday service to Redditch.

Min 24 Community Forum Wrap-up meeting dates. Noted by Clerk

Min 25 Notification of temporary closure of Hardwick Lane, Outhill for five days commencing 16th April 2009.

Other

- Min 26 Invitation to Chairman of Studley Parish Council to 'Mayor Making Ceremony' on Tuesday, 5th May 2009 at the Council Chamber, Globe House, Alcester 7.00pm. Clerk to write with apologies unable to accept due to Council meeting.
- Min 27 Confirmation of visit of John Lawson's Circus Friday, 26th June until Sunday, 28th June 2009 for performances plus setting up on Thursday, 25th June 2009.
- Min 28 Clarity Solutions increase of 9.50% from 1st May 2009 on hardware and consumables introduced by Sharp and Olivetti.
- Min 29 WALC: Legal Topic and Guidance notes now available 24 hours a day. The WALC website has been upgraded and now has a password protected site for member Councils.
- Min 30 Thank you from Forest of Arden Youth for kind donation and support.
- Min 31 Resignation from Parish Council from Milena Bell. Clerk to write letter of thanks for contribution to Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr M. Redman to write letter of thanks and gratitude to Helen McCarthy for all her work, support and reports given to the Council, seconded Cllr Bacon. All agreed.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 32 District Wide Crime Prevention CD
- Min 33 Weekly Rural Focus Digest – 14th April 2009
- Min 34 Studley Youth & Community Centre Management Committee Agenda & Minutes
- Min 35 SDC News Release – Pick it up and bag it!
- Min 36 WCC 'How to use sandbags'
- Min 37 NALC Employment Briefing Employment Act 2008
- Min 38 SLCC Warwickshire & West Midlands Branch newsletter
- Min 39 Charitymatters newsletter
- Min 40 Decorum – Standards & Ethics newsletter
- Min 41 West Midlands Regional Assembly meeting
- Min 42 WALC: various issues

13. Committee Reports

None.

14. Delegates Reports

Cllr McCarthy: Extended Schools

High School looking to encourage groups to use their music room, computers, stage. Need to spread word around. Could be complimentary between Village Hall and High School. Cllr McCarthy to get details for circulation in next Newsletter.

Cllr Holder: Youth Club

Has now been refurbished. Looks much better bright green walls and white ceiling. New equipment installed. Monday after school club going well. Encouraging more youths to start fishing and boxing projects. One to one sessions with youths with ASBOs and ABCs. Encouraging them to take the lead.

Cllr Bacon: Meeting with residents of Birmingham Road

Attended by representatives from Aldi, District Council and Parish Council.
Residents concerned what is happening to 5 acres of land at the rear of the Store. Against idea of public open space as concerned about vandals.
Consensus of opinion residents want to buy land, others do not and would like it kept overgrown. Prefer private ownership. It is not the responsibility of the Parish Council as is owned by Aldi. It is a flood plain and cannot be built on.

15. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr McCarthy that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr Bacon. All agreed.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 5th May 2009

Meeting Closed 8.35pm

