

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 21st June 2011 at 7.30pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman P. Beaman, E. Holder, Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs V. Gaize, N. Green, J. King, J. Bacon, C. Rickhards, Mrs A. Wade.
District Councillor Mrs H. Wright.
Jenny Murray, WCC.
2 members of the public.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and noted from:

Cllr Mrs S. Redman – Holiday

Cllr M. Redman - Holiday

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 Holder Min 94 – personal interest

Cllr Beaman Min 376 – personal interest

Item 16 Accounts – personal interest

5. Public Forum

Jenny Murray, Studley 'Mini Total Place'/Place Based Budgeting Pilot:

Draft Report circulated to all Councillors.

- It is all about partnership working with different agencies. Would like to see the Community Forums taking the project forward.
- Pot of money to be spent more efficiently to make savings. Initially working with Coventry/Solihull looking at children's services then new government Place Based Budgeting has now emerged as Community Budgeting to be rolled out to all areas by 2012. Using Studley as a pilot project to see how we can improve services for young people. Looking at what can be done by pooling money together.
- Threat of Youth Club closure, but decided to carry on regardless. Studley Youth Club has been identified as a centre of excellence which has been influenced by the project. Hoping for a decision at the next Cabinet

meeting. Studley has expressed an interest and there is a strong indication that it will go ahead but will have to wait and see.

- Suggestion to develop Studley Youth Board with a proportion of young people and community representatives.
- Health, Police and perhaps the Parish Council to devolve money to this Community Board to spend money efficiently.
- Community Transport throughout the District can have a link to the Studley Project.
- Would like views on whether the Parish Council are in support of what is being done. Need to make sure that the Parish Council are part of this.

Cllr Rickhards: stressed would probably have to take a role in driving it from an early stage.

Cllr Beaman: will have to take a more pro-active role.

Cllr Val Gaize: it sounds like a really worthwhile thing to pursue.

Cllr Mrs Wright: is there legislation where we stand?

Jenny Murray: as a pilot no legislation but it will probably be the Localism Bill. Rationale is that Studley has been featured. It would work with the library, transport and youth being brought together. The Parish Council will be supportive. To be discussed further on future agenda.

Cllr Mrs Wright: there was a horrendous accident on the Bromsgrove Road/Littlewood Green crossroads. Demonstrates a need to have some sort of control there.

This has been discussed many times. Should push for something to be done. It is the 16th most dangerous road in Britain.

SIP (Studley Improvement Partnership) are arranging a meeting with Highways and this will be incorporated into their meeting.

6. Co-option of Val Gaize onto the Parish Council

Proposed Cllr Rickhards that Val Gaize be co-opted onto the Parish Council, seconded Cllr Holder. Voting unanimous.

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office form was signed.

Welcome from the Chairman.

7. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were received, amended and signed by the Chairman.

8. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

None.

9. Items for Discussion

Min 94 Studley Community First Responders

Cllr Beaman: at the last meeting we found out to our dismay that the responders have to fund themselves.

Martin Barry:

- Over the last 7 days has personally attended 20 jobs. Calls come in all times of the day and night.
- A lot of wear and tear on car. All dressings are personally funded.
- It is very important to treat cardiac arrests immediately. Every minute lost is 10% off the survival rate. Ambulance should take 8 minutes but Stratford only has 2 ambulances and Redditch 3. Once had to carry out CPR for 1 hour before the ambulance turned up. Responders cover the Village 24/7.
- Personal safety is an issue. Coverage is better by radio as mobile coverage is intermittent. Only official schemes can have radios in their cars.
- Training takes 6 weekends and as cannot afford to give up time, it is £700 + VAT for private course. Looking to raise funds. Has received £500.00 from Sambourne Trust and need some local backing/funding.
- Responders carry £2000.00 worth of kit. A defibrillator is an essential piece of equipment. CPR will not re-start the heart but will help until a defibrillator arrives.
- Need a vehicle fully equipped that can pass from person to person. Also need more volunteers
- Activated by West Midlands Ambulance Service and sign their terms of agreement. Now looking for clinical governance.
- Ettington is a role model to follow, doctored their constitution.
- Some ambulance cars will become available for sale in August approximately £5000.00 to £10,000 fully equipped.

Cllr Beaman: you are looking for moral support, financial support and assistance to raise the profile of responders. Hopefully we can do all three. Thank you to Martin Barry who then left the meeting.

Article to be put in next newsletter and on our website. Clerk to write to West Midlands Ambulance Service asking why Responders have to fund themselves and if any funding is available.

Proposed Cllr Bacon that a grant of £500.00 be awarded to the First Responders subject to them being a constituted body, seconded Cllr King. Voting 8 for, Cllr Holder abstained from voting.

RESOLVED that, in pursuance of the power conferred by section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, the Council approves the payment of the sum of £500.00 in respect of the First Responders.

Min 95 Queen's Diamond Jubilee: it is important to mark the occasion with a proper celebration in the Village led by the Parish Council. The Village

Hall and surrounds are an ideal location. Need to involve all organisations. Committee formed Cllrs Beaman, Green, Holder, Mrs Gaize and District Councillor Mrs Wright. Meeting to be arranged to decide what events will be held.

Min 96 Fencing – The Green opposite Railway Inn

Safety issue the fence needs replacing. Could take the fencing around the car park away altogether and just replace the one by Station Road.

RESOLVED: Clerk to get two quotes.

Min 97 Cllr Bacon: Studley Point Village Gateways

At a recent meeting of SIP and Studley in Bloom a representative from Studley Point offered to sponsor the flowers and tubs this year. There was a discussion about gateways to the Village and he has taken this away to look at some ideas. Signs through neighbouring Villages look very good.

Visit to SIP meeting by David Gibbons who is running a project for youths. Looking for a challenge and idea is to have a heritage trail/map and to produce a DVD of what they have seen on the heritage walk.

Min 98 Quote for Skatepark resurfacing & repairs to play area

Proposed Cllr Holder that the Clerk go ahead and get the repairs carried out in accordance with the money allowed in the precept, seconded Mrs Wade. Voting unanimous.

Min 376 Studley Library:

Cllr Mrs Wade: attended WALC meeting discussing the library. No money will be available. Quite worrying no one knows what is happening, making decisions in a vacuum. Decision will be made at next Cabinet meeting. Studley Library feeds surrounding areas and we have three primary schools. Children need books and they are expensive. Suggestion to put more books in schools but they are becoming Academies. Alcester may have to move their library if Globe House closes.

Cllr Beaman: if library is to move to the Village Hall need a commitment from the Parish Council concerning the rental for two rooms and for the control and funding of the Village Hall to transfer to the Parish Council to ensure it is administered properly and for sustainability.

Proposed Cllr Bacon that the Parish Council support the library coming to the Village Hall to the sum of £5000.00 pa for the foreseeable future, seconded Cllr Mrs Wade. Voting 8 for, Cllr Beaman abstained from voting.

Also proposed that the control of the Village Hall be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Beaman to write to the solicitors for advice.

10. Planning Applications for Consideration

(Cllr Beaman & Cllr Holder refrained from voting)

SDC/11CC009

Warwickshire County Council, Studley High School,

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| 11/01314/COUNTY | Crooks Lane, Studley.
Installation of solar photovoltaic panels onto the school roof.
No representation. |
| 11/00920/FUL | Mr C Short, 8 Node Hill, Studley.
Proposed first floor side extension over existing garage and single storey rear extension.
No representation. |
| 11/01104/FUL | Mr Peter Neal, Land Rear Of, 31 – 34 New Road, Studley.
Demolition of existing factory premises and erection of 6 no. storey dwellings.
Support for the following planning reason:
This is what is required by residents in the Housing Needs Survey. |

11. Planning Decisions Received

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| 11/00367/FUL | Mr S Frampton, 4 Highfield Road, Studley.
Erection of dwelling.
<i>Planning permission with conditions 1st June 2011</i> |
| 11/00613/FUL | Mrs J Murch, 12 Lansdowne Road, Studley.
Proposed two storey extension. Demolish existing detached garage and replace with hardstanding.
<i>Planning permission with conditions 1st June 2011</i> |

12. District and County Council Reports

District Council Report

No report available.

Cllr Beaman: proposal to move the time of the Planning Committees from 6.15 pm to 2.00pm. Everyone should write to strongly object as parking costs could be an issue, working people will be penalised if they cannot get time off work to attend meetings. It will inconvenience many people.

Cllr Holder: Sewage problem on the Birmingham Road. Geoff Turton, SDC has sorted out the problem. Pipes will be upgraded.

Cllr Mrs Wade: Next WALC Liaison meeting to take place Monday, 3rd October 2011 at 6.30pm Elizabeth House.

County Council Report

No report available.

13. Correspondence

SDC

- Min 99 Invitation to join a practical session to explore how Studley may benefit from setting up an Oil Syndicate. As the rising cost of oil is becoming a serious issue offering this session with a view to providing an opportunity to address energy costs. To be held on Thursday, 7th July 2011 starting at 7.30pm – 9.00pm in Elizabeth House. No one to attend.
- Min 100 Planning Application 11/00544/FUL – Allelys Ltd, The Slough – due to an administrative error the application was recommended as ‘grant’ in error, should have recommended refusal. Apologies from SDC.

WCC

None

Other

- Min 101 Opportunity under the Sustainable Communities Act of help to Parish and Town Councils with proposals to require applicants of major developments to attend local council meetings to answer questions on the application for development and to fund the Council to commission an independent report. The rationale being that local people should be making their decision on whether the application should go ahead based on the evidence.
- Min 102 Request for funding from Lianna Hoppé towards a place on the three year Performers Professional Diploma Course in London. Unfortunately the criteria for grants means the Parish Council cannot give grants to individuals. Clerk to advise.
- Min 103 Notice of resignation of Sue Perks as Assistant Clerk. Clerk to organise a Staff and Office Committee meeting prior to the next Parish Council meeting.
- Min 104 Thank you letter from Jennifer Rigby New Century Theatre Company for grant towards technical equipment.
- Min 105 NALC Briefing: Councillors notification under the Data Protection Act 1998. Copy Circulated to Councillors.
- Min 106 Notification from Bill McCarthy that Action Studley has decided to close. The remainder of its balances (£170.00) has been donated to the Parish Council towards the cutting of the wildflower meadow on the Nature Reserve.
- Min 107 The Queen Elizabeth 11 Field Challenge operated by Fields in Trust to mark the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee next year to permanently protect recreational and outdoor spaces for the Community. Application form enclosed. Awaiting further information from solicitors in NALC concerning the Trust Deed wording.

Correspondence for Circulation

Min 108 LCR Summer 2011

Min 109 Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting 14th June 2011

14. Committee Reports

Annual Parish Council Inspection 14th June 2011 circulated to Councillors.

Councillors were pleased to see how well the village looked. Jon Vale carrying out work as part of his Lengthsman's role.

Clerk to write to the Allotment Association.

15. Delegates Reports

None available.

16. Approve Accounts for Payment

Cllr Beaman left the room during this item.

Proposed Cllr E. Holder that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr N. Green . Voting unanimous.

823 – Mrs D E Mitchell. 824 – Mrs S Perks.

825 – Inland Revenue £736.09. 826 – G Gardner £67.50.

827 – BT Office Telephone Charges £84.50. 828 – G S Adams £538.20.

829 – ASAP Printing £277.50. 830 – Severn Trent Water £203.84.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 5th July 2011

Meeting closed 9.40pm

Signed: Chairman