

Studley Parish Council

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

1. Chairman declared the meeting open

2. Present

Chairman Mrs S. Redman, Vice Chair C. Rickhards, E. Holder, P. Beaman, J. Vale, M. Redman, W. McCarthy, J. Bacon, Mrs M. Woodrow, Peter Tedd.
District Councillor M. Weddell.

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs A. Wade, Mrs H. Wersocki – Holiday commitment
District Councillor Mrs H. Wright
County Councillor M. Barry

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.

Cllrs M. Redman Planning Application No.09/01184/OUT – Personal interest
Cllr Mrs Woodrow Planning Application No.09/01184/OUT – Non prejudicial interest

5. Public Forum

None

6. To Pass the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were amended, accepted as a true record of the last meeting and signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising (*for information only*)

Cllr McCarthy has passed on some old photos to the Sports & Social Club for their 60th Anniversary family fun day.

8. Items for Discussion

Min 65 Cllr McCarthy: Stratford-on-Avon Equality and Diversity Workshop Report. Not applicable.

Min 114 West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy Phase Three Revision
Not too much that impacts on Studley. Gypsy sites not yet agreed.
45 sites to be identified. Phase Two dealt with housing.

Items for Discussion were temporarily interrupted

9. Rob Weeks, SDC re Bulky Waste Collection

Apologies for late arrival.

Problems with Bulky Waste Collection – dumping was always going happen.

- To take forward we need local help. SDC will pursue when they know who the people are. Could not get anyone from CCTV to come and explain scope etc. but CCTV can be used in evidence. If anyone locally knows names and addresses SDC will write to them.
- Some Councillors went to monitor situation during last collection but were verbally abused and there was a heated discussion. As residents had seen waste already dumped thought they could do the same but following explanation they came back at the right time.
- 99% of residents find the service very useful and it would be a shame to stop it because of a few who abuse it.
- Would like CCTV focused on area for two days before and two days after collection and a more permanent sign concerning trade waste.
- Often charged for removing fly tipping as well as waste collection. If collection service stopped fly tipping will continue around edge of Village.
- Would like to see better use of CCTV. Rob will speak to Yvette Widdowfield, Parking & Services CCTV Manager to see what can be done.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write with date of next collection and ask for camera to be focused on area for two days before and two days after, copy to Richard Beard, Manager of CCTV Control Centre. Large notice to be put up stating that monitoring is in operation.

SDC do not have provision to issue fixed penalty notices but if found guilty would be court action. If not enough evidence for court can write and suggest offenders pay for cost of removal of waste.

Query if collection point in the right place? If moved could be traffic problems and advantage is that at present is in sight of two cameras.

Thanks to the Operatives who are very helpful and who do over and above what is required of them.

Thanks from the Chair to Rob Weeks for coming to the meeting.

8. Items for Discussion (Continued)

Min 130 Fencing at Scout Hut

Fencing around Scout Hut is in a dreadful condition. The Scout Leaders have been asked to put request for replacing in writing for next year. Some paling fencing may be available, Cllr Vale will investigate.

Most of the concrete posts are substantial but corner is in desperate need of repair.

May need to be replaced section by section. Could use money from grant fund to replace it.

RESOLVED: Item for discussion on next agenda.

10. Planning Applications for Consideration (Cllr Beaman refrained from voting)

09/01250/FUL Mr Thomas Betts, 138 Alcester Road, Studley.
Replacement window with french doors.
No representation

09/01184/OUT Mr Green, Holt Farm, Alcester Road, Studley.
Erection of agricultural workers dwelling.
Objection for the following planning reasons:
1. Inappropriate development in the green belt.
2. Insufficient evidence that a dwelling is required as there are dwellings in the vicinity that could be used.

11. Planning Decisions Received

09/00901/FUL Mr Richard Stokes, 82 St Judes Avenue, Studley.
Proposed single storey side and rear extension.
Permission with conditions 25th June 2009

09/00078/FUL Mr Simon Biddle, 21 Alcester Road, Studley.
New shop frontage and rear extract wall vent.
Permission with conditions 22nd June 2009

12. District and County Council Reports

No report available but Cllr Beaman handed to all Councillors an information sheet with examples of the types of regulatory work undertaken by staff within the Environment Service such as food poisoning incidents, out of date food incidents, voluntary public house closures, accidents, licensing, drainage matters including a sewage problem in Studley, pest control and dog control where following the recent adoption of new anti dog fouling laws officers have issued the first fixed penalty notice.

County Council Report

No report available.

13. Correspondence

SDC

None.

WCC

- Min 131 Delay in progress of Emergency Plans due to issues around swine flu outbreak. Mick Potter will be sending new template together with existing plan after his return from holiday. The new document can be adapted to suit each Parishes need.
- Min 132 Confirmation of change of address of Warwickshire Highway Maintenance – County Highways, Old Budbrooke Road, Warwick CV37 7DP. Customer Service Centre No.01926 412515.

Other

- Min 133 Rural Community Network, a thank you for taking an interest and to Clerks for distributing the information to Councillors. Offer to have interested parties in the Council to receive e mails direct.
- Min 134 E mail received from Dr Martin Vasey re issue with the pelican crossing and the need for it to be relocated at the bottom of Needle Close across to Tesco Express and the Post Office. Has had to stop on 3 separate occasions to allow elderly pedestrians to cross the road. Could be physically impossible to move the crossing although may cure the parking problems. Previously discussed with Sustrans but was not possible due to Castle Road junction. Traffic regulations have changed.
- RESOLVED:** Clerk to write to WCC asking for reasons why the crossing cannot be moved. Possible answer will be lack of funding but money could come from maintenance budget.

Correspondence for Circulation

- Min 135 The Clerk
- Min 136 Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership – monthly bulletin
- Min 137 In2Sport newsletter
- Min 138 WALC newsletter & Place Survey and Local Residents Priorities
- Min 139 SLCC Warwickshire & West Midlands Branch minutes of meeting 2nd April 2009
- Min 140 The Standards Board for England Bulletin
- Min 141 SDC Incident Log June 09 Breakdown by Town

14. Committee Reports

None.

Finance Committee meeting arranged for Tuesday, 4th August 2009 at 6.30pm before the Parish Council meeting.

15. Delegates Reports

Report given by Cllr Beaman:

Village Hall and Parish Council were approached by Jack Chamber's niece. Would like to give something to the Village Hall to commemorate what he did

for the Village. Willing to pay for a flagpole to be erected on Village Hall grounds in his memory. As Chairman of the Village Hall has no objection.

Report given by Cllr McCarthy: attended Warwickshire/Solihull Biodiversity Meeting and did a presentation about the Nature Reserve. Studley Parish Council got an accolade. Received offer of trees and volunteers.

Report given by Cllr Holder:

Studley Youth Club will re-open on Thursday evenings from September. Funding has been secured until December. Hoping to hold a Table Top Sale on 14th November 2009 if no other function on that date. Copy of comments from Youth Club members now it has been improved handed to all Councillors. Also have some new members. Core funding this year £21,000 but have to find £2500 of that amount themselves. Youth Clubs are closing countrywide due to lack of funding then youths get into trouble because they do not have anywhere to go.

Report given by Cllr M. Redman:

Studley Sports & Social Club are moving forward with regular meetings with other sections of the Club. Committees to be involved with all functions of the Club. A lot of organisations are getting involved in the Family Fun Day. Disappointed that the Parish Council are not involved. Could do with a stand. Some pubs are trying to get tug of war teams. Hoping it will be a success. The drive needs to be done at a cost of £15,000 and are in the process of looking to refurbish the function room.

The Railway Football Club has now moved to Entaco.

The Caravan Club will be using the Club next year.

It was nice that the Clerk was asked to officially open the Bowls Club.

Clerk will organise a stand for the Family Fun Day to be run by Cllr Mrs Redman and Cllr Beaman.

16. Approve Accounts for Payment

Proposed Cllr McCarthy that the schedule of cheques for payment be approved, seconded Cllr Beaman. Voting unanimous.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 4th August 2009

Meeting closed 8.45pm

