

# **Studley Parish Council**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd May 2006 at 7.30pm.

## **1. Present**

Chairman Cllr P. Beaman, Vice Chair S. Phipps, Mrs A. Wade, Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs H. Wersocki, M. Redman, Mrs S. Redman, W. McCarthy, J. Bacon, J. Vale, E. Holder.  
County Councillor Mrs H. McCarthy, District Councillor Mrs H. Wright.  
A. Daniels, Parish Lands Trust, D. Charlton, Mrs B. Beaman, J. Pitman  
Village Hall Management Committee, one member of the public.

## **2. Election of Chairman**

**Proposed Cllr Phipps that Cllr Beaman be elected as Chairman for second year, seconded Cllr Holder.**

**Proposed Cllr W. McCarthy that Cllr Phipps be elected as Chairman, Seconded Cllr Holder. Voting Cllr Beaman 9, Cllr Phipps 2.**

**Cllr Beaman elected as Chairman for a further year.**

## **3. Apologies for Absence**

None.

## **4. Declarations of Interest**

Item 12(a) Village Hall Management Committee, Presentation of Accounts  
Cllrs P Beaman, S Phipps – Non prejudicial.

## **5. Chairman's Report (Copy handed to all Councillors)**

Summary:

- Third time that Cllr Beaman has presented an Annual Report to the Council and they do not get any easier.
- With regret report starts with the sad news that the wife of one of our former Councillors, Bert Anderton, passed away this weekend. Mary was a great support to Bert so with Council's permission we will send a letter of condolence and, depending on the arrangements, Chairman will attend the funeral.
- The Council year also started on a sad note with the death of one of the Council's longest serving members. Gill Harris had been a faithful servant to Studley and will be missed by all who knew her.
- This year Mappleborough Green set up their own Parish Council after the Abbeyfields footpath had been completed.
- The Sports & Social Club has finally opened the long awaited changing rooms. With proposals that are under discussion for the Club, it will be an interesting couple of years. We wish them well.
- The Village has continued to suffer from vandalism and anti-social behaviour. The dispersal order has helped the Police who, despite criticism continue to do a good job.

- The Village Hall has fenced off the building, with the Council replacing the fence on the Recreation Ground receiving criticism by some and compliments from others.
  - A new Allotment Association has been started in response to more vandalism and theft. With the support of the Parish Council fences have been replaced, new ones installed and hopefully this will deter those who carry out damage and destruction for 'fun'.
  - Several Councillors have attended training sessions. If we are to apply for Quality Parish Council status, it is important that every Councillor receives training. Would like to see a much higher take up of training sessions as a start to achieving recognition for the work we do.
  - With the help of several groups, including the Parish Council, Studley has finally got some Christmas lights. The team responsible for them and the Christmas Fayre deserve all our thanks and support for this year's event.
  - Action Studley have had a successful bid for funding for a Consultation and continue to help to make Studley a better place with regular litter picks.
  - Malcolm Gill and his team together with Hazel Wright and the Clerk have been busy working to tidy up the area around the Village such as Station Road Green, Brickyard Lane and Monks Drive.
  - It is obvious from this report that we cannot do it all on our own but with the assistance of some willing volunteers, we can all make a difference and the hard work of a lot of people is finally starting to show rewards.
  - Finally, welcome to two new Councillors, Jon Vale and Eric Holder. Thank you to a retiring Councillor Mark Pittaway for his valuable contribution, and to our Clerk and her Assistant for putting up with us all for the past twelve months.
- Thanks to you all.

#### **6. To Receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Form signed by Cllr P. Beaman.

#### **7. Election of Vice Chairman**

**Proposed Cllr W. McCarthy that Cllr Phipps be elected as Vice Chairman, seconded Cllr Mrs Wade. Voting unanimous.**

Cllr Phipps elected as Vice Chairman for a further year.

#### **8. Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting**

Already accepted and signed as a true record of the meeting.

#### **9. To Agree Dates & Venue of Council Meetings for the Year 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007**

List of dates handed to all Councillors. All agreed and approved.

**10. Membership of Committees**

Membership agreed. Copy to be handed to all Councillors at next meeting. Meetings to be arranged.

Cllrs W. McCarthy and Mrs S. Redman agreed to be Trustees of Studley Sports & Social Club.

**Proposed Cllr Beaman that the Chairman of the Parish Council act as 3<sup>rd</sup> Trustee, seconded Cllr M. Redman. Voting unanimous.**

**11. To Agree Cheque Signatories and sign appropriate Bank Mandate**

Mandate for previous year still appropriate.

**12. Presentation of Accounts**

**a) Village Hall Management Committee**

Report given by Mrs B. Beaman (Copy handed to Parish Council)

Accounts presented by Denis Charlton (Copy handed to Parish Council)

**b) Parish Lands Trust**

Accounts and report presented by Arthur Daniels. (Copy handed to Parish Council)

Thanks to all for their hard work and for presenting the accounts.

The date of the next Annual Meeting will be Tuesday 1st May 2007

**Annual Parish Meeting concluded at 8.00pm**