

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd May 2005 at 7.30pm.

1. Present

Chairman Cllr W. McCarthy, Vice Chair P. Beaman, M. Pittaway, Mrs M. Woodrow, Mrs H. Wersocki, Mrs A. Wade, M. Redman, Mrs S. Redman, J. Bacon, S. Phipps, J. Vale.
A. Daniels, Parish Lands Trust, D. Charlton, Village Hall Management Committee. 3 members of the public.
District Councillor Mrs H. Wright

2. Apologies for Absence

None.

Welcome from the Chair to Councillors and members of the public

3. Declarations of Interest

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

4. Chairman's Report

(Copy handed to all Councillors)

- Difficult to follow in Mike Redman's shoes as he was an excellent Chairman.
- Determined to try to follow up improvements to the Parish Council's link with the community and improvements to the Village scene.
- Innovation in this regard was launch of Newsletter. Hope to continue as a quarterly event.
- Involving members of public in management of Public Open Space near St. Jude's. Awaiting meeting with SDC. Several members of public have volunteered and we thank them for that.
- Parish Council linked with County Library Service to improve library area. County paid for tarmacing, Parish Council for tubs which we should now start to plant with flowers. Thanks to WI and Studley in Bloom who have promised to help.
- Mappleborough Green became a separate parish and we wish them well.
- Abbeyfields Footpath completed due to goodwill of Studley FC and grants from WCC via our County Councillor Helen McCarthy, SDC, this Parish Council and Studley Community Action Group. Parish Council also paid for the street lighting.
- Planning is of continual concern. Negotiated with developers of Co-op site to gain improvements and written to SDC in strongest terms about handling of two other applications. Also negotiated with SDC for improvements to drainage at Common Recreation Ground.

- Discussions took place with SDC, Police, Housing Association and District Councillors about nuisance youth problems in Village and actively looking at measures to reduce it.
- Thanks to Councillors for their continual hard work and commitment which is not always appreciated by residents. In particular thanks to Cllrs Maureen Rickhards, Keith Clifford and Sean Regan for all their past work and welcome to Jim Bacon and Jon Vale onto the Council.

5. Election of Chairman

Proposed Cllr W. McCarthy that Cllr P. Beaman be nominated for Chairman. Seconded Cllr Mrs A. Wade. Voting unanimous.

Cllr P. Beaman elected as Chairman. Congratulations from Cllr McCarthy. Cllr Beaman thanked Cllr McCarthy for his hard work over the last 12 months.

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

Form signed by Cllr P. Beaman.

7. Election of Vice Chairman

Proposed Cllr P. Beaman that Cllr M. Pittaway be nominated as Vice Chairman. Seconded Cllr S. Phipps. Voting unanimous.

Cllr M. Pittaway elected as Vice Chairman.

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

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.

11. To Agree Cheque Signatories and sign appropriate Bank Mandate

All signatories now received.

12. Presentation of Accounts

a) Parish Lands Trust

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

More applications for Young Education Grants would be appreciated.

Not a vast amount of money, 5 people received £10 grants and 2 grants of £25 given to young people going overseas. Laid down in statue to help residents with care and sharing in the community which is at the heart of the Trustees.

The Chairman thanked Mr Daniels on behalf of the Parish Council for all their hard work over the last year.

a) Village Hall Management Committee

Accounts and Report given by Denis Charlton. (Copy passed to Parish Council)

End of year profit situation. All accounts finalised and debts cleared.

Users of the hall very varied from seminars, political surgeries, family Celebrations, WI meetings etc. Entertainment still growing. Support of Parish Council very welcome.

The Chairman thanked Mr Charlton on behalf of the Parish Council.

The date of the next Annual Meeting will be Tuesday 2nd May 2006

Annual Parish Meeting concluded at 8.00pm