

Stoneleigh & Ashow Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 13th February 2020
At Ashow Village Club at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

Chairman Cllr R Hancox
 Cllr S Williams
 Cllr A Bianco
 Cllr D Jack
 Cllr L Rolli (left at 20:54)
 Cllr T Wright
 Cllr W Redford
 Cllr P Redford

There were 2 members of the public present.

138. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Astle. Mr M Innocent also sent his apologies.

139. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

140. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 9th January 2020 were accepted and approved.

Standing orders were suspended at 19:03

141. Public session

- It was confirmed that the hole in road on the way out of village will hopefully be repaired soon.
- There are deep ruts along the side of Crewe Lane. Cllr Bianco has photographs which he will forward to Cllr W Redford who will pass to the appropriate team for action.
- A number of lamp-posts in Stoneleigh Close are in poor repair, with peeling paint and rust. Details of the post numbers will be forwarded to Cllr P Redford who will pass to the appropriate team for action.
- Cllr Hancox will contact Warwick District Council (WDC) regarding the choice of tree to be planted in the meadow. When the species is agreed with WDC, it will then be checked with the Meadow Society to ensure they are in agreement.
- The hearing loop system for the village hall is with the village hall committee for action. They are currently sourcing an appropriate contractor. Cllr Wright offered to share a copy of a specification he has recently written for the town hall which may be helpful.
- Stoneleigh Village Hall will fund the purchase and installation of a defibrillator. This is currently in process.

- The Issue was raised of hazardous parking in Bericote Lane junction caused by parking for rugby home games on some Sundays. It was suggested that the Police Locality Officer, Ed King, be informed of the location and worst times for the issue so he can investigate.
- Concerns were raised regarding the upcoming Race Retro event at Stoneleigh Park. It was confirmed that this is a very different event to AutoFest last year, being much quieter and generally attracting an older group of people.
- Concerns were raised regarding a house development which has been ongoing for a couple of years and has been covered in a blue tarpaulin for a length of time. It was confirmed that there is nothing that the Parish Council (PC) or WDC Planning Enforcement can do as once the development has started, there are no regulations about how long it should take. Cllr Hancox asked if details of the property owner could be forwarded to him and he would write on behalf of the PC to ask about plans for the development.

Standing orders reinstated at 19.20

142. Finance

Finance Report 1st February 2020

Payments / Invoices

Income / Expenditure

Balance brought forward £44,007.30

Payments to 31st January

301455 H Watts salary and expenses December £585.25

Balance **£43,422.05**

At Co-operative Bank plc, Birmingham

38A/C 6101168500 (Current) £17,887.45

A/C 6101168550 (Instant Access) £5,073.12

A/C 6101168556 (14 Day Deposit) £20,461.48

£43,422.05

Cheques to be authorised

301456 H Watts salary and expenses January £582.05

301457 H Watts reimbursement printer cartridge £27.99

- a) The accounts were unanimously agreed.
- b) The authorisation of cheques was agreed.
- c) The Combined Risk Assessment was reviewed and agreed unanimously
- d) It was unanimously agreed to engage an auditor at a cost of £200.00

143. Planning

February 2020New Planning Applications**Application No:** W/20/0032

Description: Proposed first floor extension (after demolition of the existing walls and rebuilt to the same front and side wall footprint) to the existing house with a single storey rear extension with a pitched roof at ground floor and dormer to the rear roof slope.

Address: 7 Church Lane, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DN

Applicant: Mr J Churchley

Closing date: 14th February 2020

Planning Officer: George Whitehouse

The Parish Council supports this application.

Application No: W/20/0020

Description: Reserved Matters application pursuant to condition 1 of planning permission W/17/1631 [variation of original outline W/16/0239] for details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for a car showroom and ancillary workshop, repairs and valeting areas with associated external car parking, storage and display areas, and hard and soft landscaping (Zone 2 on the parameters plan). W16/0239, as varied by W/17/1631, was for a comprehensive development comprising offices, research & development facilities and light industrial uses (Use Class B1), hotel accommodation (Use Class C1), car showroom accommodation and small scale retail and catering establishments (Use Classes A1, A3, A4 and/or A5).

Address: Land to the North and South of the A45 (between Festival and Tollbar junctions) and land at the A45/Festival Roundabout, the A46/Tollbar Roundabout and at the junctions of the A444 with the A4114/Whitley Roundabout.

Applicant: Sytner Group Limited

Closing date: 28th February 2020

Planning Officer: Lucy Hammond

The Parish Council take a neutral position on this application

Progress of planning applications**Application No:** W/19/1895

Description: Replacement of an existing timber stable with an oak framed garage port

Address: Oakland House, Ashow Road, Ashow, Kenilworth, CV8 2LE

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Cox

Closing date: 30th December 2019

Planning Officer: Jonathan Gentry

Planning permission has been granted

Application No: W/19/1958

Description: Proposed erection of a log cabin for educational use.

Address: Beekeepers Association, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, CV8 2LG

Applicant: British Beekeeper's Association

Closing date: 9th January 2020

Planning Officer: Helen Obremski

Planning permission has been granted

Progress of planning applications (Not outcome yet)

Application No: W/19/1987 and 1988LB

Description: Erection of single storey courtyard extension to kitchen & enlarged dormer to bedroom.

Address: The Pheasantry, Grovehurst Park, Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, CV8 2XR

Applicant: Mrs Penelope Besson

Closing date: 10th January 2020

Planning Officer: Jonathan Gentry

Application No: W/19/2146

Description: Change of use from residential (use class C3) to Office (use class B1a) and single storey extension.

Address: Abbey Park, Stareton Lane, Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, CV8 2LY

Applicant: D I Property Development Strategies Ltd

Closing date: 29th January 2020

Planning Officer: Rebecca Compton

Application No: W/19/1833

Description: Two storey purpose built domestic dwelling

Address: Heathfield, Leicester Lane, Stoneleigh, Leamington Spa, CV32 6QZ

Applicant: Mr D White

Closing date: 11th December 2019

Planning Officer: Andrew Tew

Application No: W/18/1635

Description: Demolition of existing farmhouse and agricultural buildings and outline planning permission for residential development of up to 640 dwellings (Use Class C3) and community hall (Use Class D1) including means of access into site (not internal roads), parking and associated works, with all other matters (relating to appearance, landscaping, scale and layout) reserved.

Address: Land east of Kenilworth, Glasshouse Lane/ Crewe Lane, Kenilworth

Applicant: Catesby Estates Plc

Closing date: 12th April 2019

Planning Officer: Dan Charles

NOTIFICATION OF AMENDED PLANS:

- Amendments Proposed: Reduction in numbers from 640 dwellings to 620 dwellings.
- Addition of proposed primary school.
- Omission of community hall

Application No: W/18/2237

Description: Proposed landscaping in association with the adjacent UKBIC Facility, including the construction of a gabion wall.

Address: Land to the north and south of the A45 (between Festival and Tollbar junctions) and land at the A45/Festival Roundabout, the A46/Tollbar Roundabout and at the junctions of the A444 with the A4114/Whitley Roundabout.

Applicant: Coventry and Warwickshire Development Partnership

Closing date: 17th January 2019

Planning Officer: Lucy Hammond

Application No: W/18/0522

Description: Outline application including details of access for the comprehensive redevelopment of land South of Coventry Airport, comprising demolition of existing structures and the erection of new buildings to accommodate general industrial uses (Use Class B2) and storage and distribution (Use Class B8), ground modelling works including the construction of landscaped bunds, construction of

new roads, footpaths and cycle routes, associated parking, servicing, infrastructure and landscaping and the creation of open space in a Community Park. Provision of new sports ground including the creation of new sports pitches and a club house.

Address: Gateway South, Land to the South and West of Coventry Airport and Middlemarch Industrial Estate, Coventry

Case Officer: Rob Young

144. Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan is moving forward. Two meetings have taken place and the plan has been divided up with Councillors working on different sections. There will be a survey to go out to all residents in Stoneleigh & Ashow. Cllr Bianco will sort plans and maps. The next meeting is planned for March 10th.

145. HS2 Update

Cllr Bianco expressed disappointment with the outcome of the national review, and noted that the Oakervee Report is full of inaccuracies. Contractors still do not have agreement to proceed. The Parish Council should continue to hold to account whoever gets the works contract as it is not clear that Warwickshire County Council (WCC) have the resources to look at the details considering the scale of developments in the area.

The Parish Council have been trying to set up a meeting with senior representatives from HS2 and early works contractors in order to get a proper plan of what is going on locally. Purdah means that HS2 will not hold any meetings until PCC vote in May so it was agreed that this meeting will be delayed until after May 7th.

Cllr Bianco proposed that the Parish Council continue with its efforts to mitigate the local impact and hold people to account as much as possible.

- Cllr Wright will provide the statement issued today by Jeremy Wright MP regarding HS2.

Cllr W Redford confirmed that there will be a WCC Members working group meeting regarding HS2 on 11th March which will include updates on current state of affairs. He will circulate the notes from the meeting to the PC.

146. Developments

a) Kings Hill Housing

Cllrs Astle and Hancox have been involved with a large group of individuals to encourage the Secretary of State for Housing to call in this application, in regards to the number of houses in Coventry. A planning solicitor has provided guidance. Cllr Hancox requested that the PC and local residents also write to the Secretary of State for Housing reiterating the concern and supporting the letter.

- Cllr Hancox will circulate the letter for people to read and support if they wish.

b) Catesby Homes Crewe Lane

Current traffic problems demonstrate the lack of capacity on Crewe Lane. The state of the road was mentioned in Item 141 above.

c) Gateway and Whitley South Development, and A45 bridgework

- Cllr Hancox to circulate information about night closures as a result of the bridge works across the A45.

Cllr P Redford informed Councillors that the outline plan has been submitted for Gateway South.

147. Traffic and Road Issues

a) Traffic on B4115 – walkway and cycleway

- Clerk to circulate update from WCC

Cllr W Redford stated that in his opinion HS2 should be paying for the cycleway on the B4115 and WCC should be doing more about this. The current priority is Kenilworth to Leamington and this is the only route with full capital funding.

Cllr Hancox informed that the bridge over Glasshouse Lane will shortly be demolished and rebuilt as it is not up to standard.

b) A46-A45 Link Road

Nothing new

c) Birmingham Road

Nothing new

d) Speed limits on Stareton Road

Cllr Bianco expressed appreciation for the work Cllr Redford and his team have done to find a solution to this junction. The proposed solution will be temporary as it will be changed when HS2 work progresses. WCC estimate that a roundabout is approximately 2 years away and Road Safety feel that something should be done in the meantime. Colin Hooper was sent consultation papers and he sent Cllr W Redford his response. The consultation finishes on 28th February and the outcome is likely a month later.

Cllr W Redford stated that there will be no changes to speed limits as the police object to any changes and without police agreement, nothing will be changed.

148. To receive reports from:

a) Police Report:

Between 15:00hrs Tuesday 11th February and 12:15hrs Wednesday 12th February unknown offender(s) caused damage to a red Peugeot 107 that was parked at the roadside on Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh.

New Police Officer Amy Paul recently attended the recent Rural Forum and discussed the incidents reported in the local WRE policing area. Figures reduced in 2018/19 from the previous year. The issue with the highest number of reported incidents is violence and sexual offences.

- Clerk to circulate crime breakdown to Councillors

b) County Councillor: Cllr W Redford

Cllr Wallace has received a complaint regarding parking on The Bank at Stoneleigh causing erosion. David Elliston has written to residents in the area pointing out that the area is not for residents use for parking and turning, it is a grass verge. There have been no further complaints, so this may have worked. If parking / turning continue, bollards will be erected as the bank cannot be left to erode away.

An issue has been raised regarding parking at a footbath near the Birmingham Road crossroads. Vehicles parking on the grass verge have churned it to mud. The area is generally used by people taking dogs for walks and a number of dog walking companies which park vans there regularly. Cllr Redford suggested either of two solutions. The first is that vehicle registration / company owner details can be provided to WCC who will write to them to request that they not park in that area. The second is that the area be turned to hard standing. Concerns were raised that if the parking is stopped, people will either park elsewhere along the road or in farm gateways, and the risk of hard standing is that lorries will use it for overnight parking.

The WCC precept increase will be 3.99% with 2% ringfenced for adult social care. This equates to a £57 per year increase for a band D property.

c) District Councillors: Cllrs Wright & Redford

WDC are intending to implement green policies and to do so, are asking every local household for £1 per week to go into a green policies fund, which would result in £3m per year ringfenced. On top of this, the WDC precept will increase by around 4%, which combined exceeds the central government allowance. WDC therefore have to carry out a referendum which will take place on 7th May. As council tax rates are set in April, payments will already have started to be taken from residents, so if vote is against the proposition, those additional payments will have to be refunded. One of the green policies will be to plant 168,000 trees, although available land to plant the trees is currently an issue. There is a five year aim to make WDC and its assets carbon neutral. Sustainable transport is being considered, but the providers are private contractors and to change to electric vehicles requires a significant financial investment.

WDC have a new green parking initiative, providing free parking permits for owners of fully electric vehicles. Charges will be frozen at designated park and stride parking areas.

Cllr Wright visited a Betel centre to view their service and was very impressed by the work that they do. They have applied for planning permission to build a local facility and thanked the PC for supporting the development. Betel would like to come in and talk about what they are doing if they are successful in their application. Cllr Wright will continue to monitor and work with them, particularly in supporting issues with HS2.

149. Boundary Man

Responses have been received from two Parish Councils expressing an interest in joining with Stoneleigh & Ashow in employing a Boundary Man. This will be added to the neighbourhood plan agenda for further discussion.

150. Correspondence

The PC are considering joining with Baginton and Finham for VE Day celebrations, as they have an extensive programme planned, with funding from WRE. WDC have a small amount of money for setting up events (£1100 in total) and bids need to be in by 8th March. The Village Club in Stoneleigh are planning a street party primarily for children. Cllr Bianco will see if anyone is available to attend the Baginton planning meeting on 17th February.

Bus survey: Councillors are reminded about the local bus services survey.

- Clerk to send out link to survey.

A complaint has been received regarding the parking on the verge near the Birmingham Road crossroads as discussed in Item 148B. It was clarified that evidence of what is happening (photos, reg numbers, etc) should be passed to Cllr W Redford.

151. Questions to Chairman

The issue of white lines along the B4115 was raised with a request to find out about the cleaning schedule for the road, as debris from trees and hedges covers the white lines. Cllr Redford agreed to find out about the cleaning schedule.

A question was asked about progress on the A46 junction. It was suggested that either Nicola Van der Hoven or Tristan Hall from WCC are invited to attend the next PC meeting to give an update on the situation.

- Clerk to invite Nicola or Tristan to next meeting.

It was confirmed that the hedging taken down at top of slip road south of A46 is all for the new bridge.

152. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12th 2020, at 7pm, in Stoneleigh Village Hall.

153. Closure

The meeting was closed at 21.15