

Stoneleigh & Ashow Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 29th July 2021
Online via zoom

PRESENT:

Chairman Cllr R Hancox
 Cllr A Bianco
 Cllr D Jack
 Cllr L Rolli

There was one member of the public present.

41. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Astle, Warwick District Councillors P Redford and T Wright and Warwickshire County Councillor W Redford.

42. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hancox stated an interest in one of the planning applications as it is his neighbour.

43. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of 24th June 2021 were approved.

44. Public Session

Standing orders were suspended at 19:05

A written submission was received from one resident regarding a number of issues in the village, including HS2, increased traffic causing noise, pollution and speeding issues. A request was made to review the proposed Stoneleigh bypass, close Birmingham Road, consider speed reduction humps and signage down to 20mph, reposition the speed light on The Bank, adjust the 2.5 tonne signage and have consistent speed signage and 'not suitable for HGVs' signage.

- Clerk to email to Cllr W Redford to get a County Council opinion on all the issues raised, other than Birmingham Road.

A further resident requested an update regarding Birmingham Road. It was confirmed that a meeting has been arranged for August 4th for Parish Councillors to meet with Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Officers to discuss the next stage, and hopefully there will be a positive outcome for residents. Any changes will be a temporary solution to evaluate the effectiveness. If Birmingham Road is closed or restricted, it is likely to increase traffic on Coventry Road until such a time as the potential bypass is delivered. As soon as the meeting has taken place, the Parish Council (PC) will inform residents of what will be happening and will ask that WCC attend a PC meeting to formally present the solution to residents.

Cllr Bianco expressed thanks on behalf of the Councillors for the extensive work of the Chair and the Clerk to get the project to this point with WCC.

Standing orders were reinstated at 19:21

45. Finance

Income / Expenditure

Balance brought forward from 31st May 2021 £48,948.24

Payments to 30th June 2021

Clerk salary & expenses (May)	£635.84
E Choudry - Audit Fee	£200.00
H Watts reimbursement – McAfee Security Renewal	£34.99
Kompan – playground repairs (swing seat)	£134.40
Post Office – PO Box renewal	£360.00
Bank service charge	£18.00

Balance **£47,565.01**

Funds at Unity Bank

Current Account 1	£27,565.01
Instant Access account	£20,000.00

£47,565.01

Online payments to be authorised

Clerk salary & expenses (June)	£650.24
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Authorised:

HMRC Employers PAYE	£459.54
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- a) The finance report was agreed
- b) The payments were agreed and authorised
- c) The quarterly budget report was reviewed and agreed. The issue of the repair to the spinner in the playground was raised. The Clerk confirmed that despite contacting a number of playground repairs, no one has been willing to come out to give a quote. Councillors discussed the possibility of replacing the spinner with another piece of play equipment and suggested asking residents if they have a preference for the play area.
 - Clerk to raise issue in parish newsletter, website and facebook page.
- d) The earmarked funds were reviewed and it was agreed that the 'Gateway' funds would be renamed as 'planning campaigns' funding.

46. Planning

July 2021

New Planning Applications

Application No: W/21/0537 & 1090 LB

Description: Conversion of existing outbuilding to a bathroom and family room

Address: 10 Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DD

Applicant: Mr D Urquhart

Closing date: 30th July 2021

Planning Officer: Emma Booker

The Parish Council support this application

Cllr Hancox removed himself from the meeting at this point

Application No: W/21/0964

Description: Erection of two proposed front CAT slide dormers replacing existing front pocket dormers

Address: 9 Stoneleigh Close, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DE

Applicant: Mr J Brooks

Closing date: Thomas Fojut

Planning Officer: 5th August 2021

Issues relating to developments at the back of the house have been with planning enforcement for some time. This application relates to development at the front of the property.

The Parish Council take a neutral position.

Cllr Hancox rejoined the meeting.

Application No: W/21/0856

Description: Retention of solar panels on existing front roof elevation (retrospective)

Address: Tantara Lodge, Coventry Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DR

Applicant: Mr Reay

Closing date: 17th August 2021

Planning Officer: Thomas Fojut

The Parish Council support this application

Progress of planning applications

Application No: No: W/21/0242

Description: Erection of 3no. dormers in the rear roofslope of the garage and insertion of bi-fold doors in the rear elevation to form home gym and attic laundry room.

Address: Sutherton House, 3 Grovehurst Park, Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, CV8 2XR

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Strachan

Closing date: 25th June 2021

Planning Officer: Emma Booker

Planning permission has been granted

Application No: W/20/2116

Description: Erection of a carport, garage and home office outbuilding

Address: Pear Tree Cottage, 5 Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DH

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Beaumont

Closing date: 21st April 2021

Planning Officer: Emma Booker

Planning permission has been refused

Progress of planning applications (Not outcome yet)

Application No: W/21/0315**Description:** Construction of timber framed all weather Driving Range with 4 bays, 1 teaching bay and rear store room**Address:** Coventry Golf Course, St Martins Road, Finham, Coventry, CV3 6RJ**Applicant:** Course Director, Coventry Golf Club Ltd**Closing date:** 6th July 2021**Planning Officer:** Dan Charles**Application No:** W/21/0528 / 529LB**Description:** Extension of the existing garden room outbuilding**Address:** Annexe at, Abbey Farm, Ashow Road, Ashow, CV8 2LE**Applicant:** C. Burdett**Closing date:** 13th July 2021**Planning Officer:** Lakeisha Peacock**Application No:** W/21/0031 & 32LB**Description:** Erection of a garage extension to number 2 and a freestanding garage to the rear of number 4 with an extended vehicular access from an established vehicular access off the Coventry Road.**Address:** Bridge End, 2 Coventry Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3BZ**Applicant:** Messrs T & P Sawdon**Closing date:** 11th May 2021**Planning Officer:** George Whitehouse**Application No:** W/21/0033 & 34LB**Description:** Proposed erection of a single storey rear extension.**Address:** Bridge End, 2 Coventry Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3BZ**Applicant:** Messrs T & P Sawdon**Closing date:** 11th May 2021**Planning Officer:** George Whitehouse**Application No:** W/21/0205**Description:** Proposed rebuilding of an existing conservatory and utility extension and the installation of conservation style rooflights with associated internal works including the opening up of an original door as well as an access to the conservatory from the kitchen.**Address:** Orchard Cottage, 11 Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DD**Applicant:** Mr and Mrs Faulconbridge**Closing date:** 25th May 2021**Planning Officer:** Lakeisha Peacock**Application No:** SCR/21/0003 (Pre-application request)**Description:** Scoping Opinion under the Town and Country Planning (EIA) Regulations 2017, Regulation 15, regarding the proposed battery manufacturing development on land at Coventry Airport (extending north eastwards from Bubbenhall Road to the junction of Rowley Road and Siskin Drive at Tollbar Roundabout.**Address:** Land at Coventry Airport, Rowley Road, Baginton, Coventry, CV3 4FR**Applicant:** Wardell Armstrong**Closing date:** 22nd April 2021**Planning Officer:** Helena Obremski**Application No:** W/20/2160

Description: Single Storey Side and Front Extensions with Alterations to Main Roof frontage

Address: 19 Stoneleigh Close, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DE

Applicant: Mr B Heer

Closing date: 28th April 2021

Planning Officer: Lakeisha Peacock

Application No: W/20/2013

Description: In conjunction with the scheduled Warwickshire County Council alignment of the A46 Link Road Scheme, this application proposal seeks highway improvement works along a section of Stoneleigh Road. The highway works proposed includes the construction of a 4-arm roundabout to provide two additional access roads. One to access the proposed relocation of the Rugby Farmers' Market; The other to a HS2 46/Ashow Road Main Works Civils Contractors compound.

Address: Stoneleigh Road, Stoneleigh

Applicant: High Speed Two (HS2) Limited

Closing date: 24th March 2021

Planning Officer: Debbie Prince

Application No: W/20/2020

Description: Hybrid planning application comprising: Full planning application for 98 dwellings (Class C3) served via two new vehicular / pedestrian / cycle access connections from Leamington Road, pedestrian and cycle access to Thickthorn Close; strategic landscaping and earthworks, surface water drainage and all other ancillary infrastructure and enabling works Outline planning application for demolition of existing buildings and structures; residential development of up to 452 dwellings (Class C3); primary school (Class F.1); employment (Class B2); Class E development; hot food takeaway (sui generis), community centre (Class F.2); strategic landscaping and earthworks, surface water drainage and all other ancillary infrastructure and enabling works with means of site access (excluding internal roads) from the new junction into the detailed parcel of development and access junction off Glasshouse Lane; all other matters (internal access, layout, appearance, scale and landscaping) reserved for subsequent approval.

Address: Land at Thickthorn, Kenilworth

Applicant: Barwood Development Securities Ltd

Closing date: 15th January 2021

Planning Officer: Dan Charles

Application No: W/20/1829 HS2

Description: Realignment of B4115 Ashow Road and construction of associated overbridge and underpass. (HS2 - WDC - SCH17PS - B4115 Ashow Road Overbridge and underpass)

Address: B4115 Ashow Road, Stoneleigh

Applicant: Nominated Undertaker High Speed Two (HS2) Ltd

Closing date: 1st December 2020

Planning Officer: Debbie Prince

Application No: W/20/1483

Description: Application for the approval of reserved matters (details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to condition 1 of planning permission ref: W/16/0239 for the construction of a new office building with associated parking arrangements at Whitley South (within Development Zone 3 on the parameters plan).

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: Segro
Closing date: 19th October 2020
Planning Officer: Lucy Hammond

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

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/18/0522

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

47. Matters arising:

- Grass cutting & general village upkeep

There have been requests from residents for the Parish Council to take responsibility for grass cutting from WCC and Warwick District Council (WDC). Different areas of the village are maintained by different authorities and the WDC contract was reduced to fewer cuts during the year, so grassed areas look untidy. If this is taken on by the PC, the PC will not get a refund from the local authority so would have to find the funding from the precept. The grass outside the almshouses and the forge is paid for privately and is cut to a high standard. A suggestion has been made that the contractor could also cut the grass in the village, subject to the correct insurances being in place.

Cllr Hancox stated that he is happy to proceed with getting a quote for this, but the additional cost to the PC would result in an increase in the precept. There may also be additional costs linked to Birmingham Road closure, so it is likely that the PC would have to consult with the local electorate for a raised precept. Any grass cutting would have to cover all areas so all residents felt that they had contributed to receiving the same standard of service. Cllr Hancox confirmed that he will go ahead with requesting a quote for regular grass cutting in the village and the PC will then consider next actions as if this goes ahead it is unlikely that grass cutting will be able to return to local authorities responsibility in the future.

- Cllr Hancox to request a quote for grass cutting

Cllr Bianco asked that the PC go back to WDC and WCC once again to request for a refund or grant to pay towards the cost of grass cutting. He also requested clarification of where the grass cutting will take place and the extent of the cutting. Maps are provided by WDC to show which areas got 12 cuts and which got 4 cuts (number of cuts have now been reduced). Cllr Hancox confirmed that he will use this map for the quote from the private contractor. He mentioned that the entrance to Stoneleigh Close doesn't get cut because no house fronts on to it, so will include this area as well.

Cllr Bianco mentioned the overhanging trees on Birmingham Road which don't get cut back and no one seems to have responsibility for this.

An email was received regarding the posts and chains on the Triangle, requesting deferring moving the posts and chains as they act as a deterrent to vehicles rolling over the kerb and onto the grass. The cost for replacement posts and chains is approx £2700, and action had been delayed due to awaiting the outcome of the Birmingham Road. It was agreed that, pending the outcome with WCC Officers on August 4th about Birmingham Road, Cllr Hancox will go back to the person who quoted for the replacement posts and chains and ask them for a breakdown of costs.

- Cllr Hancox to request further details of the costs of replacement posts and chains
 - Sculpture

The initial suggestion of placement of a sculpture on the Triangle was not popular with residents, so the alternative location of the churchyard was suggested. Cllr Hancox has asked the Church Council, but there has been no response despite this being chased by Cllr Bianco. The Village Club was suggested as a further option, and it was also agreed that the PC would be happy to proceed with the sculpture and place it in storage until such time as a suitable location can be agreed.

- Cllr Hancox will contact village club about placement of the sculpture, and chase Church Council for a decision. He will also contact Dan about the possible options – storage, village club or church yard and ask how he wants to proceed.

48. HS2 update

There is a new plan for the B4115 which has a number of changes. The engineer has now visited the site and offered a walk through in the next 10 days. The engineer has identified culverts and a number of drainage issues for which discussions are ongoing. There will now be a properly constructed track leading to the balancing ponds and four ancient woodlands in the area have now been included on the map.

BBV have been trying to get explanations from ecology about the various markings on the trees in the area. BBV have offered a presentation of 30 minutes in the next 6-8 weeks to talk about challenges in this area, which are significant.

The compound is being used by fewer people than was originally expected which is positive for local residents.

The covenant issue is still not resolved.

Tristan Hall of WCC and representatives from COLAS will be giving a presentation about the A46 junction to Parish Councillors on August 3rd. There is an updated diagram of whole project, and two weeks ago, a transport assistant presented a speed map.

Post meeting note: Cllr Bianco requested an update from WCC regarding the reinstatement by HS2 of the A46/Crewe Lane verge in order to improve the visual appearance of the area and stop an unwanted illegal parking area developing.

49. Updates from Warwickshire Police, WCC Cllr Redford and WDC Councillors P Redford and T Wright

Warwickshire Police:

Below is a summary of the Warwickshire Rural East Community Forum policing priorities that were conducted between February 2021 and June 2021. The below priorities are now complete.

- Inconsiderate/dangerous parking patrols – Bubbenhall: Warwick Rural East SNT conducted 15 dedicated patrols in Bubbenhall monitoring areas where unnecessary/dangerous parking has been raised a concern by the local community. 7 motorists have been reported for causing an unnecessary obstruction. A number of motorists were given words of advice. The local community and key community representatives were engaged with.
- ASB/drug prevention patrols – Baginton: Warwick Rural East SNT conducted 13 dedicated foot patrols in Baginton, along with mobile patrols where necessary. Areas of concern checked. Crime prevention signage has been provided where necessary. The local community and key community representatives were engaged with.
- ASB/drug prevention patrols – Radford Semele: Warwick Rural East SNT conducted 17 dedicated foot patrols in Radford Semele, along with mobile patrols where necessary. Areas of concern checked. A number of persons and vehicles were checked where there were appropriate grounds. The local community and key community representatives were engaged with. WRE SNT were able to act on information received by the local community re suspected drug activity. Response officers attended a cannabis grow at a residential property. Four males were arrested and remanded in custody.

- Speed checks/monitoring – Rugby Road, Cubbington (between Windmill Hill & Rugby Road shops): Warwick Rural East SNT conducted 10 speed checks/monitoring sessions (each session approx 1 hour) on Rugby Road, Cubbington. 91 warning letters were sent to motorists, 1 motorist was advised at the roadside and 3 motorists were visited at their home addresses for exceeding the 30mph speed limit.

50. Correspondence

A resident has contacted the PC to ask if it would be possible to apply to the Queens Green Canopy scheme for tree planting and wildflower planting in the green in the centre of Hall Close. This was proposed previously and residents were reluctant due to children playing on the area. Trees were there originally, but were damaged by children playing. Cllr Rolli suggested that the area could be used for children to take care of, such as a planting area. Cllr Hancox stated that the Village Hall committee are looking to plant trees and hedges along the edge of the playing field and he could suggest that the scheme is approached for that.

- Cllr Hancox to approach village hall trustees about tree planting
- Clerk to ask residents about Hall Close through the parish newsletter, website and facebook page

51. Questions to Chairman

Cllr Bianco thanked the PC for its of support local groups opposing developments in the area.

52. Date of next meeting:

- September 9th 2021 – online via zoom

53. Closure

The meeting was closed at 20:36