

**Stoneleigh & Ashow Joint Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021**  
**via Zoom (online meeting)**

**PRESENT:**

Chairman Cllr R Hancox  
 Cllr J Astle  
 Cllr A Bianco  
 Cllr D Jack  
 Cllr T Wright  
 Cllr W Redford

There were 3 members of the public present.

**13. Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Redford and Cllr L Rolli.

**14. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**15. Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were approved.

**16. Public Session**

Standing Orders suspended at 19:34

There were no public comments

Standing orders reinstated at 19:34

**17. Finance**

**Income / Expenditure**

<b>Balance brought forward from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021</b>	£44,977.34
<b>Payments to 30<sup>th</sup> April March 2021</b>	
H Watts salary & expenses (March)	£739.11
D Malley HMRC and payroll admin	£472.20
WALC subscription renewal	£327.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>£43,439.03</u></b>

**Funds at Unity Bank**

Current Account 1	£23,439.03
Instant Access account	£20,000.00
	<b><u>£43,439.03</u></b>

**Online payments to be authorised**

H Watts salary & expenses (April)	£617.84
Transfer of WRE Forum Grant to Stoneleigh Village Hall	£2,400.00

**Payments authorised since last meeting:**

P Monaghan: Painting Ashow phone box	£240.00
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- a. The finance report was agreed
- b. All payments were agreed
- c. Standing Orders were reviewed and unanimously agreed
- d. Insurance review – The existing insurance renewal premium is £392.76 (Insurer is Aviva). The Clerk has sought an additional quote from Came & Company and their quote was £391.28 (Insurer is Hiscox). The main benefit levels are the same, with the key difference in the level of cover for the playground - £90,000 cover on existing policy, £17,000 on new quote.  
It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would remain with the existing insurer, and the payment of £392.76 was agreed.

**18. Planning**May 2021New Planning Applications**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:** 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Planning Officer:** George Whitehouse

The Parish Council is mindful of supporting an application without knowing more information about it and would like to be informed by the Planning Officer. If this can't be provided or an extension allowed, the Parish Council will take a neutral position.

**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:** 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Planning Officer:** George Whitehouse

As above

**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:** 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Planning Officer:** Lakeisha Peacock

The Parish Council take a neutral position.

#### Progress of planning applications

**Application No:** W/20/2036

**Description:** Erection of proposed rear dormer extension and rear roof balcony (part retrospective) – Notice of amended plans

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

**Applicant:** Mr Jim Brooks

**Closing date:** 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021

**Planning Officer:** Thomas Fojut

The application has been withdrawn

**Application No:** W/20/1934 & 1935LB

**Description:** Proposed demolition of an existing garage in the garden and erection of a larger garden room/ home office on the plot.

**Address:** 10 Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DH

**Applicant:** Mr and Ms Storer and Lowe

**Closing date:** 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Planning Officer:** Jonathan Gentry

The application has been refused

#### Progress of planning applications (Not outcome yet)

**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:** 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021

**Planning Officer:** Emma Booker

**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:** 22<sup>nd</sup> 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:** 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
**Planning Officer:** Lakeisha Peacock

**Application No:** W/20/2050

**Description:** Full planning application for the laying out of grass reinforcement mesh and the construction of a temporary link road

**Address:** National Agricultural Centre Showground, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, CV8 2LZ

**Applicant:** MARS Pension Trustees

**Closing date:** 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Planning Officer:** Debbie Prince

It was noted that the objection that the Parish Council (PC) made to this application has now been lifted. The PC have now been provided with additional information on this application and following assurances from the applicant that the new roadway and plascrete area will not result in additional events or an increase in traffic, that the Management of Stoneleigh Park would in future try to resolve issues if or when future events caused disturbance to neighbours of the park, plus the roadway is only a temporary change whilst HS2 build the new bridge to link the car parks to gate 2, Councillors are now able to support this application.

**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:** 24<sup>th</sup> 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:** 15<sup>th</sup> 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** 19<sup>th</sup> 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:** 28<sup>th</sup> 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:** 12<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **19. Matters arising:**

- a. Funded artwork installation – the suggestion of a dove sculpture has been forwarded to Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and the PC are awaiting designs and cost estimates. Cllr Bianco warned that it may take a number of weeks to get authorisation from the Diocese authority. Cllr Hancox will send a formal request to the Church.
- b. Funding to Church – it has been confirmed that the Parish Council are not legally allowed to provide funds to churches.

#### **20. Application for a co-opted Councillor on the Parish Council**

The Parish Council has received an application for the vacant position on the Council. Concern was raised by all Councillors about the predominant number of Councillors who live in the vicinity of Stoneleigh Abbey and that this could be seen as very biased with only one Councillor living in Stoneleigh village. It was unanimously agreed that the application be turned down on this basis.

- Clerk to contact applicant to advise of the outcome.

#### **21. Mowing and verge maintenance**

It has been suggested by some residents that areas of PC land that have grass cutting provided by Warwick District Council (WDC) are not well maintained. They have suggested that the maintenance could be carried out by be Graham Dawson who already carries out mowing and verge maintenance in the village. Following investigation into this matter, it was confirmed that WDC will not refund the cost of the grass cutting in the village back to the PC, so effectively residents will be paying twice, through the PC precept and through their council tax.

It was agreed that Cllr Hancox will request a quote from Mr Dawson for the cost of the grass cutting, with costs to include Stareton and Ashow, and potentially the approach areas to the village and Crewe Lane. Cllr Hancox confirmed that Warwickshire County Council (WCC) carry out highway verge cutting which would continue to be their responsibility.

Cllr Jack asked about the progress of the installation of the posts around the triangle. Cllr Hancox has requested a written quote which he is still waiting for.

#### **22. Closure of footpath between Stareton Bridge and Stoneleigh Park**

Cllr Hancox has been contacted by a resident who walked back from Stoneleigh Park via the main road due to the closed pathway, and tripped on a pipe installed by HS2. She sustained injuries to her hands and knee. This incident will be shared with HS2 and WCC to demonstrate that this is a dangerous route for people to walk and could have been far worse had the resident fallen into the road.

Cllr Redford stated that this must be made as a formal complaint to HS2, copied to him, including photographs of injury and the offending pieces of pipe.

### **23. HS2 update**

There is still no outcome on the planning application for the roundabout on Stoneleigh Road which the PC has objected to.

Cllr Bianco informed Councillors regarding a section of Crewe Lane where work has recently been carried out in respect of the gas pipeline. Cadent have installed new fences and planted a number of saplings, however the land on the side of the verge remains as rubble, despite the works taking place a number of weeks ago. Cllr Bianco has made a number of complaints about this but no action has been taken. He requested support from the PC in this matter.

Cllr Hancox stated that HS2 have informed Highways England that the works planned on the A46 which were to be carried out over 7 days at Christmas 2021 have now been reassessed as the work can't be carried out in 7 days. The new plan is to close the section of road for 7 days over Christmas 2021 to carry out exploratory work, and then close the road again for 7 days at Christmas 2022 to carry out the works.

### **24. Broadband upgrade – Ashow and Crewe Lane area**

Cllr Bianco reported that there is still no progress on this issue.

Cllr Redford has an email updating on the broadband situation and will send it to the Clerk for circulation

### **25. Neighbourhood Plan**

Meeting to take place in May and feed back in June meeting.

### **26. Updates:**

**Update from Police:** None

**Report from Cllr W Redford:**

- There have been no further COVID deaths in Warwickshire for at least the last two weeks and only 20 confirmed cases in last 7 days.
- In Warwick District, 59% of the adult population has been vaccinated.
- Pound Lane Test Centre is the busiest test centre in Warwickshire, and has home kits available.

**Report from Cllr T Wright**

- Conversations are continuing regarding the proposed Gigafactory. There may be a potential opportunity to take some of the traffic away from the local villages through the increased infrastructure, and offering compensation to the local villages in terms of infrastructure support. Cllr Wright expressed concerns about some of the traffic data used. One particular positive on this project is that there is very good engagement at this stage with the right people.

### **27. Correspondence**

During recent repair works carried out to the playground equipment, the engineers identified that the spinner requires repairs to the bearings which are likely to cost approximately £2000 plus VAT. The PC will seek another quote for the work and whether the work it is definitely needed.

- Clerk to seek further quotes for the work

Cllr Wright suggested putting in a bid to HS2 for replacement playground equipment. It was suggested that the Clerk at Cubbington PC may be able to provide assistance.

**28. Questions to Chairman**

None

**29. Date of next meeting:**

- June 10<sup>th</sup> 2021 – Stoneleigh Village Hall

**30. Closure**

The meeting was closed at 20.45.