

Stoneleigh & Ashow Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 24th June 2021
At Stoneleigh Village Hall

PRESENT:

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

There were no members of the public present.

31. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs P Redford, T Wright and W Redford.

32. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

33. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary meetings of 6th May 2021 were approved.

34. Public Session

There were no members of the public present

35. Finance

Finance Report 1st June 2021

Income / Expenditure

Balance brought forward from 31st April 2021	£43,439.03
Payments to 30th May 2021	
H Watts salary & expenses (April)	£617.84
Transfer of WRE Forum Grant to Stoneleigh Village Hall	£2,400.00
P Monaghan: Painting Ashow phone box	£240.00
BHIB Insurance renewal	£392.76
Income	
Precept from WDC	£8,854.50
VAT refund	£305.31
Balance	<u>£48,948.24</u>

Funds at Unity Bank

Current Account 1	£28,948.24
Instant Access account	£20,000.00
	<u>£48,948.24</u>

Online payments to be authorised

H Watts 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

- a. The finance report was agreed
- b. All payments were agreed
- c. The audit report was reviewed and the actions identified have been carried out.
- d. Cllr Hancox proposed that the Parish Council declares itself exempt from a Limited Assurance Review and this was unanimously agreed.
- e. The Annual Governance statement 2020/21 (section 1) was reviewed and agreed unanimously. The Accounting Statements (section 2) were reviewed and agreed.

36. PlanningJune 2021New Planning Applications**Application 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

The Parish Council support this application

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

The Parish Council support this application

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
 The Parish Council support this application

Progress of planning applications

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: 19th March 2021
Planning Officer: Debbie Prince
The application has been granted

Progress of planning applications (Not outcome yet)

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/21/0699 LB
Description: Replacement windows to front, rear and side elevations. Replacement of approximately 3.6m oak wall plate on front elevation. Removal of cementitious mortar and replacement with lime mortar on front and side (part) elevations.
Address: Pump Yard Cottage, 21 Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DD
Applicant: Mrs Bisbey
Closing date: 9th June 2021
Planning Officer: Zoe Herbert

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 Falconbridge
Closing date: 25th May 2021
Planning Officer: Lakeisha Peacock

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**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

Concerns were raised about the current delays with planning applications in Warwick District Council (WDC) due to the shortage of Planning Officers. If an application is not decided within a set period of time, it will automatically be 'deemed'. The Parish Council have submitted objections to this application and to application W/20/2013 (new roundabout). Cllr Bianco suggested that a complaint be raised with WDC regarding the delay to this application.

- Cllr Hancox to find out when HS2 may have the decision for this application to be deemed.

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

Cllr Bianco informed the PC that WDC Councillors Wright and Redford have written a joint letter about this development to the WDC planning committee, as did Cllr Bianco as a local resident. No action was taken by WDC in respect to these objections. Cllr Bianco emphasised serious concerns about safety on the roads in this area.

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

37. HS2 update

Cllr Bianco provided an update about the progress made by the PC with various issues relating to HS2 (see appended document A)

- **A46 & tree removal**

The consequence of the tree removal is noise, visual disturbance and impact on the clean air zone. Cllr W Redford has contacted the Warwickshire County Council (WCC) HS2 Officer about this, however, the reply from WCC took no responsibility or action in response and advised that it was an issue for HS2 and Environmental Health Officers (EHO).

Cllr Hancox stated that local residents should be aware that Stoneleigh & Ashow area is quite late in having trees removed compared to other areas in the country, and despite significant efforts to stop the tree removal, there has been no success in other areas.

There was discussion around the response from WCC and the role of EHO is dealing with noise levels. The difficulty is that there were no noise levels taken prior to the removal of the trees so it is hard to prove the impact of the tree loss.

Councillors agreed that some kind of noise barriers should be installed as an urgent issue, as all councils (PC, WDC, WCC) agree that noise is an issue.

- **B4115**

There is a new compound gate to be built in the next two or three weeks, with the compound active from 1st July with around 150 staff. Maps show a new compound link road to get into the balancing pond next to the railway.

Cllr Bianco asked HS2 about the positioning of the cycle path, but reply was that it was unknown.

Cllr stated that the three key issues around the B4115 are:

- Need a proper understanding of trees south of the road.
- Need a proper understanding of diagrams of land / land usage south of B4115
- Need to understand where drainage channels will be positioned.

Cllr Bianco also stated that there was a need to understand the impact of the bridge design and its acoustic impact, and would like details from HS2, as well as what will happen to the railway from the bridge to the A6.

Stoneleigh Park railway line will have a concrete barrier on either side. HS2 will put up acoustic fencing through the park. The viaduct will be built with acoustic fencing.

- **Covenant Update**

Cllr Bianco has been told that things are moving on with regards to the covenant. Cllr Bianco suggested that the PC ask for an update about this issue.

- **Stoneleigh Road junction / roundabout**

Cllr Bianco requested that the PC request an update on this planning application (W/20/2013).

- Clerk to contact Rob Young, WDC to request an update.

- **Stoneleigh Park update**

The impact from the Stoneleigh Park works will be noise, visual disturbance and impact on the clean air zone. The line through the park will have a concrete 3-meter parapet plus acoustic fencing to the area of B4115 but not on the B4115 bridge or to the A46 crossing.

- **Acoustic Investigation**

Cllr Bianco requested that the PC request an acoustic investigation on B4115 bridge and track to A46. Cllr Hancox suggested that it worth raising the issue to as if the acoustic impact of the bridge has been considered.

- **Traffic Plan**

Traffic plans for 20mph limits on Stoneleigh Road and Birmingham Road will be in place 24/7 until the scheme is completed (March / April 2022).

Cllr Bianco will be raising the traffic plan for Warwickshire at meeting with Jeremy Wright. Cllr Hancox stated that the West Midlands traffic model now includes Coventry and part way down A46.

- **Crewe Lane verge restoration**

Cllr Bianco made request to Cllr Redford to ask that the verge be raked and seeded and have some mature shrubs planted to avoid it becoming a parking area. After several discussions, Cllr Redford has agreed and passed it for action to Sara Board at WCC. The hedge cutter can no longer cut the hedges due to the state of the verge.

Cllr Bianco requested that the PC support the restoration of the verges in Crewe Lane.

- **Case against HS2**

Cllr Bianco informed Councillors that a case has been raised again HS2 and WCC stating that they can be held responsible for the community damage that is being caused through noise, visual blight and air pollution.

38. Questions to Chairman

Cllr Bianco stated that the damage to the kerbs in Vicarage Road has been repaired. Cllr Hancox reported that police have ticketed those cars parked on the footway, so this has stopped and repairs to damaged kerbs have been carried out. As this is a narrow road and people are parking now correctly on the road, refuse trucks and heating oil tankers can't get through. People are now driving on the verge to avoid the parked cars, resulting in the verge being damaged. Residents have asked for the other side of the road to be kerbed, which would narrow the road even further. Residents do not want any painting on the road (for example, no parking lines), so it is difficult to resolve this issue.

Cllr Bianco asked about the situation with the replacement of the rotten lamp posts. Cllr Hancox replied that a number of lampposts were repainted, but 9 were considered too rotten and would require replacing. WDC keep stating that they are not in a position to order them as yet, so these remain in varying states.

Cllr Jack asked about the posts and chains on the triangle. Cllr Hancox replied that we are still waiting to hear from WCC about the solution for Birmingham Road and any impact this will have on the triangle. Cllr Jack asked if the posts and chains could be removed as they are an eyesore.

- Cllr Hancox to arrange for the posts and chains to be removed

A question was asked about grass cutting. Cllr Hancox confirmed that different areas are cut on different schedules, however, it appears that some of the areas cut by WDC have been left for some time. WDC have refused to refund cost of cutting grass if the PC do decide to employ someone else to carry this out. There is a WDC Officer who can be contacted if the grass hasn't been cut and this has resulted in action being taken. It was suggested that residents need to check when grass is being cut and let the PC know so it can tracked as to whether it is being cut at the appropriate intervals.

Cllr Bianco asked about removal of the telegraph poles and placement of the cables underground. Cllr Hancox stated that BT have refused to do this unless it is paid for by the PC.

39. Date of next meeting:

- July 29th 2021 – Stoneleigh Village Hall

40. Closure

The meeting was closed at 21:09

Appended Document 1:

HS Update report for May / June 2021 (Cllr A Bianco)

The Parish Council (PC) was alarmed to find the further removal of the tree line acoustic barrier on or about the 17/18 May 21 along the A46 south side from Crewe Lane to Stoneleigh Junction. The actions were taken without any community warning or consultation as to the consequences.

The result is both visual and increasing noise blight to many properties in our area.

The A46 is a major UK east west trunk road with very high publicised traffic volumes (97k vehicle movements per day as at Dec 19) and will return & grow in the near future. At the moment, following the covid shut-downs traffic has reduced, however traffic volumes are now returning and will increase to pre-covid numbers and with no screening, the noise and now visual blight will return.

The recent additional tree line removal on the B4115 and proposed now higher level railway bridge just adds to the community concerns (see below).

The history of our A46 sector is on public record dating back to 1973 at build and ENVIRONMENTAL reviews 86/89 and 94/95 when major action was taken in surface sound reduction including the maturing tree line planted in the 70s.

The response from WCC and the County Councillor was "HS2 are acting within the Act guidelines".

The PC has requested an urgent review of this problem and remedial action planned, funded by HS2.

We suggest an acoustic fence barrier erected without delay to preserve the sanity of the local community following a large number of complaint letters and emails. These barriers are a commonplace solution in many cases in UK and in Europe. However, we await a response from experts at WCC & HS2

The short notice work notification for the B4115 (12-14 May) stated that work was to take place starting on 24th May for 7 - 10 days. The note had 2 parts, neither fully descriptive or in fact notified to all.

Part 1 plant crossing works are all ok and sensible but in fact not presented included a major drainage crossing which we welcomed when the contractors kindly set up a Team briefing meeting with the PC 19 May

Part 2 presented major tree removal at the B4115 junction and Crewe Lane to rail route and beyond for 750m. The purpose albeit is for the initial ground and tree clearance for the B4115 realignment and Rail bridge crossing and new build. The PC requested advice and support from WCC, however we were again informed that "HS2 were operating within the Act"

The PC have requested plans and information for 3 years on the scope of this work project and for the last 18 months have been informed that work is in progress. No diagrams of any detail or working drawings have been presented.

11 weeks ago at the MPs forum 2 thumbnail illegible slides were shown by HS2 for 45 seconds revealing a bridge X section and 2 new service roads north and south off the B4115 at the railway line area. The PC requested readable copies and received them from the chief engineer plus a 15 min briefing to one PC Councillor when it was agreed that the X section needed review and the cycle-lane we have been requesting for 2 years WILL be clearly shown and built into the new plan from Crew Lane to Stoneleigh crossroads.

An online meeting held on 19th May was helpful. It included an initial google map diagram of the project and scope of ground clearance and additional land take as the bridge height has been elevated and thus B4115 road height and width with raised embankments has been revised to the north of B4115.

The result was work started on 24th May and a PC walk through agreed with the helpful site clearance manager and BBV. This has minimised tree clearance to within 100m of Crewe Lane junction area, a redrawing of the junction bellmouth. Work to the south side of the B4115 was limited to 3m verge only pending a formal review of now much reduced land take required for trackway planning and an eco-site review, the 4 sites of ancient woodland clearly marked. The remaining green areas now annotated. The two streams north and south of the drainage crossing and junction corner and green

culvert 100m east of Crewe Lane were resurveyed on 11th June . Notification of a new B4115 drainage system to update the 300 year old system has now been included in the plan and will provide improved all-weather road safety.

The site work was completed on time and in an amicable way. The protests were peaceful and controlled.

The discussions are ongoing with annotated diagram number 3 expected week commencing 14th June.

A work start date will be announced shortly

The result is the PC have established a useful line of communication with BBV, the main contractor who will be covering the extensive ongoing work in our area and have saved a number of trees which would otherwise have been chopped down.

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