

Stoneleigh & Ashow Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 10th November 2022
At Stoneleigh Village Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr R Hancox (Chair)

Cllr J Astle

Cllr Bianco

Cllr Jack

Cllr P Redford (WDC)

Cllr T Wright (WDC)

Cllr W Redford (WCC)

B Maoudis (clerk)

Also in attendance was Sara Lee (BBV), Tsungai Mumba (BBV), Rick Nelson (HS2), Andy Bond (Colas), Zeshan Hussain (Colas), Steven Brooks (Colas) and Paul Bentley (WCC).

There seven members of the public present.

95. Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies

Apologies were received accepted by Cllr Rolli.

96. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

97. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of 13th October 2022 were approved.

98. Public Session

No issues raised.

99. BBV Briefing

Sara Lee (Community Engagement Manager, BBV) gave a presentation on the current and future plans for HS2 in the Parish.

There will be a public engagement event, held on 7th December at Kenilworth Methodist Church, from 3pm to 5pm and 5pm to 7pm.

The earthworks for the Ashow Road overbridge are 60% complete. Construction is due to start week commencing 14th November 2022 and will be finished by Autumn 2023.

The Ashow Road underpass construction will start in Spring 2023 and be complete by early Autumn 2023.

There will be a public consultation regarding the A46 main compound extension, due to take place in December 2022. The exact times and dates are to be confirmed. The clerk will add more details to the website when they are received.

The compound extension is only temporary, it will allow material stock piling for up to six years and will aim to keep more heavy goods vehicles off the village roads. Sara confirmed that as far as HS2 are concerned the site will be restored and there are no plans to class it as brownfield.

The plant crossing will still be utilised in the current manner. The idea is to stack the vehicles so that the crossing will not be used continually through the day.

Sara also informed members that there had been an accident and a few near misses as regular traffic is not adhering to the traffic management. She has asked that all road users are compliant with the signals at the crossing to avoid any more accidents.

The presentation slides will be sent to the clerk and added to the website.

100. Finance and Administration

Finance Report 1st November 2022

Income / Expenditure

Balance brought forward from 1st October 2022	<u>£59,189.34</u>
Payments to 31st October 2022	
Clerk salary & expenses B Maoudis (September)	£1,443.85
NEST (July & August)	£98.66
NEST (September)	£49.33
WALC CILCA part Unit 3 & Unit 4	£54.00
ROSPA Annual inspection	£100.80
Income:	
Balance	<u>£57,442.70</u>
Funds at Unity Bank	
Current Account T1	£37,383.06
Instant Access account	£20,059.64
	<u>£57,442.70</u>
Online payments to be authorised	
Clerk salary & expenses B Maoudis (October)	£716.45
NEST (October)	£49.33
Ashow Village Club Hire (July)	£30.00
Ashow Village Club Hire (October)	£25.00

- a) Invoices and payments received were noted.
- b) It was agreed that all payments were authorised.
- c) The finance report was noted.
- d) It was noted that Local Government Association (LGA) has come to an agreement on the 2022/23 pay offer with the unions. The outcomes of this are:
 - i. With effect from 1st April 2022, an increase of £1,925 on all NJC pay points 1 and above.
 - ii. With effect from 1st April 2023, an increase of one day to all employees' annual leave entitlement.

101. Planning

Application No: W/22/1723 HS2

Description: A railway cutting with a length of 750m and maximum depth of 11m and associated landscape earthworks, a pond, maintenance access strips, land and track drainage, noise barrier and security fencing.

Address: Land to the North of the A429 Kenilworth Road, bound by Cryfield Grange Road and Crackley Lane.

Applicant: HS2

Closing date: 25th November 2022

Planning Officer: Erin Weatherstone

The Parish Council wish to take a neutral stance on this application. It was noted that the application included a very detailed noise document. Clerk to enquire as to whether there is a similar document for Stoneleigh village from HS2.

Application No: W/22/1670

Description: Demolition of existing building and erection of a single storey dwelling with associated parking (re-submission of application W/22/0569).

Address: Meadows Hut, Church Lane, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DN

Applicant: Mr D Smith

Closing date: 21st November 2022

Planning Officer: Michael Rowson

Standing orders were suspended at 8.17pm.

There were three speakers on application W/22/1670, one in support and two against.

The first speaker was a representative of The Meadows Society. He explained that the Meadows Society, due to an overage in the original contract of sale, will profit from the proposed development on the land. He said that the development would be the same size in structure, be less of an eye-sore and provide much need funds to the society.

The second speaker was a resident local to the development. He felt the application is not considered 'village infill' and considers the application a loss of community facility. He also stated that the development is a larger structure and taller than the existing building.

The third speaker was a representative from the Stoneleigh Community Orchard. He questioned whether the site was appropriate for development due to past flooding.

Standing orders were reinstated at 8.47pm.

The Parish Council took a neutral stance on this application.

Application No: W/22/1668/LB

Description: Proposed erection of porch to the existing house following approval of Lawful Development Certificate (ref: W/22/1357).

Address: 4 Church Lane, Stoneleigh, CV8 3DN

Applicant: Ms A Smith

Closing date: 15th November 2022

Planning Officer: Jane Catterall

The Parish Council took neutral stance on this application.

Progress of planning applications

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: George Whitehouse

The planning application has been refused

Application No: W/22/1192

Description: Replacement boundary treatment

Address: Oaks Hollow, Grove Farm Road, Ashow, CV8 3LE

Applicant: Mr R Al-Dabbagh

Closing date: 27th September 2022

Planning Officer: Thomas Senior

The planning application has been withdrawn

Application No: W/22/1584/TP

Description: T1 x Norway Maple – Tip reduce by 1.5m to 3m and reduce to balance crown resulting in height of 17m

Address: 1 Wentworth House, Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh, CV8 3DH

Applicant: Mrs J Vaughan

Closing date: unknown

Planning Officer: Planning Enforcement

TPO not made

Application No: W/22/1506/TP

Description: 1 x Poplar – Fell to ground

Address: Land rear of 12-15 Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh, CV8 3DD

Applicant: Sheldon Bosley Knight

Closing date: unknown

Planning Officer: Planning Enforcement

Consent is granted

Progress of planning applications (No outcome yet)

Application No: W/22/0720

Description: Change of use. New materials to building. Use to include, food workshop & displays, cafe takeaway, cafe, bakery area and craft workshop. Existing use, Cattle Society and associated workshops.

Address: Unit 68, 4th Street, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, CV8 2LG

Applicant: Farmers Fayre

Closing date: 9th September 2022

Planning Officer: George Whitehouse

Application No: W/22/0926

Description: Erection of first floor rear extension and replacement rear dormer.

Address: 14 Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DD

Applicant: Mr Hill

Closing date: 9th September 2022

Planning Officer: Lucy Shorthouse

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: Rob Young

102. Stoneleigh Park Events

An email was received from Mike Seaman (Stoneleigh Park Events) detailing a list of events until January 2023. He stated that Your Horse Live is the only high attendee event with approximately 6000 visitors each day for three days and makes use of car parks 3 and 5. He also acknowledged our invitation to a parish Council meeting but declared that no one was available to attend.

It was resolved that the clerk would send a schedule of future Parish Council dates to Stoneleigh Park Events with an invitation to attend.

103. HS2 Grant Funding

Community Funding from HS2 has been researched. The main points to note are that the applicant needs to own the land or have a substantial lease on it. The application needs to show community engagement and HS2 disruption. Any application must be accompanied by three quotes. Applications over £75,000 will be subject to 20% match funding.

Clerk to investigate funding for the posts and chains on small triangle of Parish Council owned land.

104. HS2 Update

Sara Lee (BBV) is trying to book dates for next year. She is hoping to carry out a rolling programme of briefing, site visit, drop in/in person pre formal Parish meeting, to ideally avoid January and Tuesdays. The Parish Council already have 9th March 2023 booked for a Parish Council meeting. The Clerk will liaise with Sara to arrange dates.

It was reported by Cllr Bianco that a meeting had recently been held to discuss the closure of the footpath linking the old Stare bridge and the new Stare bridge.

It was agreed that the residents should be able to access all parts of the Parish by foot.

Cllr P Redford reported that if a public footpath is closed, there should be a viable alternative offered. Cllr P Redford will contact Richard Barnard for an update and write to Sir Mark Worthington to inform him of the closure and ask if there is anything he can do to help the situation.

105. South Warwickshire Local Plan

No update.

106. Neighbourhood Plan

A list of dates for a 'next steps' meeting was circulated to councillors. Clerk to organise a remote meeting with Gary Kirk from Yourlocale, on Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 7pm.

107. Crewe Lane Report

Four large vehicles have 'fallen off' the side of the lane, resulting in rescue assistance.

Intermittent power cuts are being experienced by some residents.

108. Community Speed Watch

Cllr Hancox and PCSO King are in the process of organising refresher training for the Community Speed Watch volunteers. It was noted that if the closure of the Birmingham Road goes ahead, the Community Speed Watch scheme may become redundant.

109. Masterplanning Framework for Land to the North and East of Kenilworth/South of Coventry

The next meeting is on 4th January 2023 at 10am to be held at the Town Hall. We are only allowed to two representatives at the meeting.

The meetings will be held quarterly.

110. A46 Stoneleigh Road Junction Improvement Scheme

The Parish Council is waiting for information from WCC in relation to the hedge ownership on the crossroads.

The Parish Council received a presentation from Colas on the planned A46 bridge closure.

To proceed with the A46 bridge project, there is currently a planning application seeking to close the existing bridge for five weeks. The bridge closure is designed to mitigate delays that occurred from the fabrication error on two of the eight girders. If the Parish Council choose to remove their objection to the planning application, the overall works will be completed in 19 weeks, as opposed to 35 weeks if the bridge cannot be closed.

The overall objective is that the scheme is completed by Spring, which would be a shorter period of disruption overall. The completed project would also see a safer junction at the roundabout for all residents and hopefully alleviate some of the traffic pressures in the area.

The diversions will be signposted and estimated to add an average 5-7% delay on journey times. Additional signage would also be in effect, on the A46, to warn of queues at the Thickthorn roundabout.

The Parish Council voted to remove their objection to discharge conditions 6 and 19 of planning application WDC/17CC015.

Clerk to request presentation slides from Colas and to add to website when they become available.

111. Updates from Warwickshire Police, WCC Cllr Redford, WDC Cllrs P Redford and T Wright

Warwickshire Police

Crime reports received from PCSO 6178 Sharron Underwood, for October 2022 (appendices 1).

Cllr Bianco also reported acts of vandalism at the Stare bridge. The police suggested that Stoneleigh Park erect CCTV.

Warwickshire County Council Update - Cllr W Redford

Cllr W Redford has agreed to obtain an update on the Birmingham Road closure, he is aware that it has been passed to the design and development team and is likely to commence in Spring 2023.

Cllr W Redford also informed members that rising costs are causing WCC Highways maintenance and new projects problems.

There is a pilot survey into the use of lampposts for electric vehicle (EV) charging.

Coventry City Council have launched their electric bus service and Cllr W Redford confirmed that the number eleven is fully electric and travels between Leamington Spa and Coventry.

Warwick District Council – Cllr P Redford & Cllr T Wright

Cllr P Redford encouraged the Parish Council to consider opening a warm space in a community building. Cllr Hancox will raise the concern at the next Village Hall trustee meeting.

Clerk to contact Stoneleigh Village Club to see if they can participate in the scheme.

112. Correspondence

An email was received from a resident commenting on the effects of the recent Gravity Show. The lack of marshalling resulted in a steady stream of vehicles accessing the road and turning around. This has resulted in considerable damage to a section of fencing. They have also commented on litter left behind after vehicles have parked on the grass verges and the noise that starts early and carries on late.

They thanked the Parish Council for their support and diligence.

113. Questions to Chairman

No questions raised.

114. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 8th December at 7pm at Ashow Village Club – the Police and Crime Commissioner will be attending.

115. Closure

The meeting was called to a close at 9.50pm.

Appendices 1

Report compiled by PCSO 6178 Sharron Underwood

13/10/2022 – Theft from vehicle - £5 change taken – Brookfield Road, Leamington

17/10/2022 – Theft of vehicle – Range Rover stolen without keys – vehicle recovered by police
– Rugby Road, Cubbington

17/10/2022 – Damage – tree burnt by a group of children – Quarry Park, Blackdown

24/10/2022 – Robbery – Post office at Best One, Queen Street, Cubbington.

24/10/2022 – Stolen vehicle found on Bloxham Way, Radford Semele

27/10/2022 – Attempted theft of vehicle/criminal damage – Warwick University

27/10/2022 – Theft of number plates – Parcelforce, Siskin Parkway, Baginton

28/10/2022 – Burglary – entry via rear window – cash stolen – Kenilworth Road, Cubbington

01/11/2022 – Theft from vehicle – number plates stolen – Siskin Parkway. Baginton