

Stoneleigh & Ashow Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 11th June 2020
Via Zoom (online meeting)

PRESENT:

Chairman Cllr R Hancox
 Cllr J Astle
 Cllr A Bianco
 Cllr D Jack
 Cllr L Rolli
 Cllr S Williams
 Cllr T Wright
 Cllr P Redford
 Cllr W Redford

There were 5 members of the public present.

14. Apologies

There were no apologies.

15. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hancox stated an interest in the planning application for 9 Stoneleigh Close. Cllr Bianco stated that he will be representing the Parish Council at the Warwick District Council Planning Committee on June 17th despite living close to the development being discussed. He will be presenting the views of the Parish Council as a whole.

16. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 14th May 2020 were accepted and approved.

Standing orders were suspended at 19.10

17. Public session

- A question was raised about the progress of the hearing loop installation in the village hall. Access is an issue as the caretaker is currently shielding. It is hoped that the building will be opened during July but there are lots of issues to be considered first including deep cleaning and Legionnaires' disease.
- There is a TTRO in relation to agricultural vehicles coming through the village however there have been tractors regularly driving through. The police have been made aware of the issue and will be speaking to the people involved.
- A question was raised as to whether the rainwater drains have been cleaned out and if any more work is planned, as the drains have reached capacity and this results in problems locally. Cllr W Redford and Cllr Hancox recently met with David Elliston, who had no budget at the time to do any further work but offered to arrange clearance of all the drains and gullies in the village.

➤ Cllr Wallace to speak to David Elliston and ensure that this has been done.

- A question was raised about the recent work carried out to install broadband for the HS2 compound and whether this will mean an improvement in connection speeds for residents. Cllr Hancox stated that there will be not be any additional services for residents, but that theoretically some properties may be able to gain additional speeds as a result if they are in the area that has been upgraded.

Standing orders reinstated at 19.19

18. Finance

Finance Report 1st June 2020

Income / Expenditure

Balance brought forward from 30th April 2020	£49,224.31
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Payments to 31st May 2020

301464	BHIB Insurance renewal	£388.75
301466	H Watts salary & expenses April (1/2)	£450.00
301467	H Watts salary & expenses April (2/2)	£145.82

Balance	<u>£48,239.74</u>
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At Co-operative Bank plc, Birmingham

38A/C 6101168500 (Current)	£22,641.48
A/C 6101168550 (Instant Access)	£5,085.77
A/C 6101168556 (14 Day Deposit)	£20,512.49

£48,239.74

Less unrepresented cheques:

WALC subscription	£326.00
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£47,913.74

Cheques to be authorised

301469	E Choudry – internal audit	£200.00
301470	H Watts – salary & expenses (May) 1 of 2	£450.00
301471	H Watts – salary & expenses (May) 2 of 2	£164.25
301472	H Watts – reimbursement McAfee Security	£89.99

- The finance report was agreed.
- All cheques were authorised.
- The internal audit report was reviewed and unanimously agreed that there are no actions arising and that the report will be accepted.

- 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 2019/20 (section 1) was reviewed and agreed unanimously. The Accounting Statements (section 2) were reviewed and agreed.

19. Planning

New Planning Applications

Cllr Hancox left the meeting at this point.

Application No: W/20/0746

Description: Erection of roof extension, 2no. front dormer window and roof light and 2no. rear dormer windows (re-submission of the previous application (W/20/0251)

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

Applicant: Mr Brooks

Closing date: 24th June 2020

Planning Officer: Thomas Fojut

The Parish Council support this application

Cllr Hancox rejoined the meeting.

Application No: W/20/0786 LB

Description: Repair and stabilise timber frame. Remove And salvage brick panels as required to access frame repairs. Cut rotten timber from main wall post and scarf joint in place a new section of oak post. Reinstall missing door header beam and new door frame post joint existing timbers to fit into new door post. Timber to be jointed using traditional joinery methods and wooden pegs except scarf joint which is to be fixed using 6x m12 stainless steel bolts as recommended by structural engineer. Replace brick panels using existing red bricks Salvaged from current infill panels. Remove current rotten door frame and replace using oak traditionally jointed frame then repair and rehang existing door. Repair as required pad stones and door threshold

Address: Pump Yard Cottage, 21 Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DD

Applicant: Mr Adam Lynch

Closing date: 25th June 2020

Planning Officer: Zoe Herbert

The Parish Council support this application

Progress of planning applications

None

Progress of planning applications (Not outcome yet)

Application No: W/20/0480

Description: Erection of a single storey timber orangery to replace existing flat roof extension

Address: Furzen Hill Farm, Coventry Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV32 7UJ

Applicant: Mr Whitfield

Closing date: 27th May 2020

Planning Officer: Emma Booker

Application No: W/20/0458

Description: Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission W/19/0936 (Demolition of Existing Building (except the electricity sub-station) & Construction of New Building, External Training Areas and Associated Works to serve as the Severn Trent Academy (D1 Use)) to reduce the overall scale of the building together with amendments to the appearance of the building including colour change of external cladding, alterations to fenestration, revision of roof pitch and alterations to fencing plan.

Address: Avon House, Sewage Works, St Martins Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV3 6PR

Applicant: Severn Trent Water Ltd

Closing date: 27th April 2020

Planning Officer: Dan Charles

Cllr Hancox confirmed that the roadworks outside Severn Trent are linked to the training centre development.

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 being discussed at the WDC Planning Committee meeting on June 17th. Cllr Bianco will present on behalf of the Parish Council.

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/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 Middlesmarch Industrial Estate, Coventry

Case Officer: Rob Young

20. HS2 update

Cllr Bianco expressed thanks to Cllr W Redford for looking into Chesford Grange junction development. There is still no plan in place. This will be brought up at next meeting with HS2, along with the questions that were raised at the last meeting.

The gas main that will cut across Crewe Lane will be installed between now and October and will require 4 closures of Crewe Lane. A large strip of land has been ploughed in preparation. The contractors, Cadence, have been helpful in their communications, although there have been no notifications of road closures as yet.

Noise issues

Concerns have been raised about a range of noise issues for the whole length of the HS2 route. This has been raised as an issue locally with Jeremy Wright MP and escalated to central government with a request that sound levels are researched and investigated and appropriate shielding and sound barriers put in place. The Parish Council (PC) recognise that noise is a significant environmental issue and will remain focussed on this issue.

As requested by Cllr Bianco, Cllr P Redford raised the issue of concrete tracks with Debbie Prince. It was agreed that the tracks are likely to be concrete, but will check this out with Matt Dawson and confirm.

Cllr Wright stated that predicted noise levels should be a standard planning criterion so it is likely that it will have to be declared, with measurement over a length of distance and what screening measures will be put in place.

21. Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh

Since the last meeting, the PC has received a lot of correspondence from residents and has spoken to Adrian Hart (Warwickshire County Council, WCC) regarding a consultation, as well as Cllrs P Redford, T Wright, and W Redford.

Councillors have created a two-page consultation document, which includes a map about the area under discussion and information about the options. Each resident is asked to tick either yes or no as to whether they agree with the road being closed. The document explains that whatever measures WCC take as a result, they will be temporary for 18 months, during which time it will be reviewed and then either made permanent, continued for another 18 months or removed.

The consultation will only ask residents if they want the road to be closed. It will be the decision of WCC engineers as to the best place for the closure as there are lots of elements for consideration.

The Parish Council is keen that as many residents as possible participate in the survey. A letter will be sent to everyone on the electoral roll and will include a pre-paid envelope to return their vote.

If the consultation can be sent out by end of June, the deadline for return will be end of July, with analysis taking place during August and then the result will be submitted in writing to Cllr W Redford. If Cllr Redford accepts the result, he will then ask the WCC engineers to take it further. Adrian Hart will start to look at the issues and put together some draft figures. Due to COVID19, it is difficult to get traffic management equipment because it is in such high demand to create road space. Therefore, the Parish Council may have to consider funding it, although there are only limited funds to do this and may result in an increased precept in 2021/22.

Cllr W Redford stated that the returns from residents will need to be analysed independently and the results then forwarded to him. It was suggested that WALC may be able to carry this out.

➤ Clerk to contact WALC

If WALC can't do this, then Cllr Redford could approach another County Councillor.

Cllr Wright suggested that a document be written up setting out all the steps taken to get to this point and the reasons behind it, which will provide an audit trail.

Cllr Jack proposed that there is only one question on the consultation, Cllr Astle seconded. It was agreed 5-1 to go ahead with the consultation on a single question.

If this process is successful, with an answer by the end of July and subsequently WCC engineers decide there is no difference in which end to close, the PC may have to go out to consult again.

The next stage is to send the draft letter to Adrian Hart to ensure that he is happy with the final version and then the Clerk will go ahead with the send-out.

Standing orders suspended 20.15

Thanks were expressed to the Parish Council for their hard work on this issue.

Standing orders reinstated 20.16

22. Ashow Flooding

Cllr Williams met recently with one of the village residents and walked the course to see the issues of floodwaters in the village. She requested that this issue remains on the agenda, particularly if the Kenilworth East development goes ahead. Cllr P Redford stated that she has spoken to WDC Planning Officers about this and there is currently nothing coming into planning about this development. Both WCC and WDC are aware of the detrimental issues of flooding in Ashow and the impact of any potential developments in the areas.

Cllr W Redford confirmed that WCC has a responsibility for addressing flooding and are aware of the risks in Ashow. Cllr P Redford suggested that a formal letter be sent to the contractor of the local balancing ponds, regarding the maintenance schedule.

- Cllr Hancox will find out the appropriate person in Highways England to approach about this.

23. Updates from Police, County Councillor W Redford, and WDC Councillors P Redford and T Wright – *in addition to updates circulated as received.*

Cllr Williams spoke to Ed King recently due to two incidents in the village – theft of a canoe and youths making a lot of noise and damaging property.

Cllr W Redford has continued to circulate updates from WCC. He received a query about work being done at Ashow Bridge and associated safety issues which he has followed up with the Rights of Way Officer who will find out more about the work.

Cllr W Redford stated that he has a delegated budget which allows funding of small road safety issues. The remit of the funding has been widened so it can be more flexible as to how the money is used meaning consideration can be given to road maintenance items as well as things like bus shelters. The administrative system has been regraded to streamline the process for funding requests.

Cllr Rolli left the meeting at 20.30

Cllr P Redford confirmed that Warwick District Council (WDC) updates are being circulated as they are released. Free parking will continue. There will be some changes to traffic flows in towns, but this is not finalised as yet. Social distancing is to be implemented on pavements.

Cllr Wright stated that in excess of £26m business grants have been allocated in Warwick. A new discretionary grant has been released of up to £1000 per grant. All links are on the website.

All WDC committee meetings are now being recorded and published on WDC YouTube channel.

Cllr Rolli returned at 20.38

24. Correspondence

An email was received regarding parking on B4115, including photos of parked cars. This has been raised as an issue at previous meetings and has followed up with Cllr W Redford and Ed King.

A suggestion was made of using grasscrete which allows the grass to grow but stops the ground from being churned by cars.

- Clerk to contact HS2 to request that they place grasscrete in the affected area. If there is no response, Cllr W Redford will take this up on behalf of the PC

25. Questions to Chairman

Cllr Astle asked if information for the Neighbourhood Plan had been received from Tony Ward, WDC. The Clerk stated that Mr Ward is still trying to get the requested information and apologises for the delay.

26. Date of next meeting: July 9th 2020, 7pm, via Zoom

27. Closure

The meeting was closed at 20:49