

Stoneleigh & Ashow Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 9th February 2023
At Ashow Village Club

PRESENT:

Cllr R Hancox (Chair)
 Cllr J Astle
 Cllr Bianco
 Cllr T Wright (WDC)
 Becky Maoudis (Clerk)

There were three members of the public present.

156. Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies

There were apologies from Cllr Rolli, Cllr Matthews, Cllr Jack, Cllr W Redford (WCC) and Cllr P Redford (WDC) which were accepted.

157. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

158. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of 12th January 2023 were reviewed and approved.

159. Public Session

Standing orders were suspended at 7.09pm.

One member of the public asked what the next steps are with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Hancox explained that the next meeting to be held on 27th February 2023 via Zoom.
 Open event to be held on Saturday 4th March 2023, 10-11.30am Stoneleigh Village Hall and
 12-1.30pm Ashow Village Club.

The open event will provide the Advisory Committee with data, and we will then look to devise some smaller community groups to focus on specific topics. There will also be a questionnaire sent to residents in due course.

Some modern pictures of Stoneleigh and Ashow are still required alongside any photographs of views that residents would like to see protected.

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council knew who the applicant was for planning application W/22/1670. Cllr Hancox explained that the applicant was listed as a Mr Smith.

The member of the public thought the land and building should be part of the community. Cllr Hancox stated that the land was last sold at a premium and did not think any of the community groups would be able to purchase it, should it become available. He also stated that the Meadows Society gain financially with each sale of the site.

A member of the public asked for an update on the closure of the Birmingham Road. Cllr Hancox explained that Warwickshire County Council (WCC) were tasked with contacting HS2 to amend the four-way lights at the crossroads. HS2 have stated that it will cost £8000 to redesign the signals and £35,000 to implement the works. WCC will not be able to find the excess costs, so they are looking at an alternative plan.

We may have to wait until the traffic signals have been moved which is 18 months after they were implemented. The Parish Council also thought that if the T-junction off Stoneleigh Road goes ahead, then HS2 may be better off without the four-way lights at the crossroads and Birmingham Road closed.

The member of the public also raised that HS2 traffic was still passing through the village day and night. It was noted that whilst there has been a reduction in HGV traffic, staff in unmarked vehicles were still using the village as a through route.

The member of the public asked if the budget for the closure of Birmingham Road was likely to be affected with the delay. Cllr Hancox stated that Cllr W Redford (WCC) was not presently concerned about the costs now but that could change if the delay is excessive.

Standing orders were reinstated at 7.44pm.

160. Finance and Administration

Income / Expenditure

Balance brought forward from 1st January 2023	<u>£55,803.94</u>
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Payments to 31st December 2022

Clerk salary & expenses B Maoudis (January)	£1325.80
NEST (November)	£49.33
HMRC	£102.35
NEST (December)	£90.28

Income:

Groundwork	£4,500.00
WCC County Fund	£500.00

Balance	<u>£59,236.18</u>
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Funds at Unity Bank

Current Account T1	£39,111.52
Instant Access account	£20,124.66

£59,236.18

Online payments to be authorised

Clerk salary & expenses B Maoudis (January)	£811.57
NEST (January)	£53.89

- a) Invoices and payments received were noted.
- b) It was agreed that all payments were authorised.

- c) The finance report was noted.
- d) The schedule of dates for 2023/24 were adopted.
- e) The following policies were reviewed and adopted, Complaints Procedure, Financial Regulations, Reserves, Training, Lone Working, Internal Controls and Safeguarding.

161. Planning

New Planning Applications

Application No: W/23/0035

Description: Single-storey rear extension and first-floor side extension.

Address: 13 Hall Close, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DG

Applicant: Mr Bal

Closing date: 6th February 2023

Planning Officer: Matthew Godfrey

The parish Council objected to this planning application on the grounds of over-development.

Application No: W/23/0078/TCA

Description: T1 x Cherry – Up to 3m crown reduction & shape, T2 x Holly - Reduce height by approx. 12ft so it sits about 6ft below the powerline. Trim back faces by up to 1ft to shape all round.

Address: Lewberry Close, Ashow Road, Ashow, CV8 2LE

Applicant: Mr J Lanni

Closing date: Unknown

Planning Officer: Planning enforcement

The Parish Council took a neutral stance on this planning application.

Progress of planning applications

Application No: W/22/1882

Description: Erection of a single storey rear extension, alterations to fenestration and front porch.

Address: Ivy House, 6 The Cunnery, Stoneleigh Park, CV8 2PZ.

Applicant: Mrs N Molyneux

Closing date: 23rd December 2022

Planning Officer: Lucy Shorthouse

Planning permission has been granted

Application No: W/22/1875 TC

Description: Prior approval application under Schedule 2, Part 16, Class A of the GPDO for the replacement of existing street works equipment at Glasshouse Lane, Kenilworth, CV8 2AJ with a 30.0m AGL Fli Slimline Lattice Tower telecommunications installation and associated ancillary works.

Address: Field Off B4115, Stoneleigh Abbey, Kenilworth

Applicant: MBNL (EE UK Ltd & Hutchinson UK Ltd)

Closing date: 13th January 2023

Planning Officer: Michael Rowson

Planning permission has been refused

Progress of planning applications (No outcome yet)

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

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

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: Erin Weatherstone

162. Stoneleigh Park Events

Clerk contacted Stoneleigh Park Events Team and extended an invite to the meeting. Nobody from the team was able to attend. Clerk's email address has been added to a distribution list to receive a monthly update. An events list was attached to the response.

163. HS2 Update

We had a remote briefing from BBV on 23rd January. Planned meetings going forward include a face-to-face meeting at the Parish Council meeting on 9th March 2023, remote meetings on 25th April and 4th July. There is also a site visit planned for 15th May 2023.

HS2 have donated approximately forty trees to the village hall.

Ashow Road – There will be a 6-week programme of traffic lights and a closure of Crewe Lane during the spring to install the permanent highway drainage.

A46 Kenilworth bypass – There will be northbound lane and slip road night closures from 14th February – 25th February. There will no restrictions in place over the weekend.

Stoneleigh Road - TTRO (temporary traffic regulation order) to reduce the speed from 50 to 40mph from 3rd April, from the old Stare bridge to Mary Lodge Drive.

The Stoneleigh Road T-junction planning application that replaces the Farmer's Market roundabout is likely to be submitted at Easter time. If the WCC say the only solution is a roundabout, due to the size of vehicles, then they may have to progress with a roundabout with a 'dead arm'.

The Police and Crime Commissioner is attending on 9th March, so the clerk is to contact BBV and rearrange the face-to-face meeting for another date.

164. South Warwickshire Local Plan

The Issues and Options consultation is underway. The next online presentation and Q&A session will be on Thursday 16th February 2023 at 11am-12.30pm. Responses need to be submitted by 6th March 2023.

Cllr Astle has agreed to attend the online session and feedback to the Parish Council. Due to the deadline for responses and the timings of the Parish Council meeting, the Parish Council response will be agreed by email and reported back at the next meeting on 9th March 2023.

165. Neighbourhood Plan

This agenda item was covered in the public participation session.

166. Crewe Lane Report

Some tarmac has been laid but it has been compressed by the heavy vehicles using the lane.

167. Community Speed Watch

No update.

168. Stoneleigh Village Noticeboard

BBV have offered to provide a fit a wooden noticeboard built on site by their team. WCC funding of £500 can only be used towards the purchase of a new noticeboard, so the money would have to be returned if we didn't use it. BBV have offered to try and source sponsorship if we wanted to purchase a metal noticeboard.

Councillors resolved that they would prefer a metal noticeboard.

Resolved that the Clerk will approach BBV and ask them if they are able to find a sponsor for the rest of the cost of the noticeboard.

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

No update.

170. A46 Stoneleigh Road Junction Improvement Scheme

The new bridge is now in. The plan is to open the new roundabout late April/early May.

171. Birmingham Road Closure

This agenda item was covered in the public participation session.

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

Warwickshire Police

A report from Warwickshire Police listing all the reported crimes in the area since the last report had been submitted and circulated (appendices 1).

Cllr Bianco also informed the meeting that Stare bridge has been vandalised again, the fencing and part of the bridge have been thrown into the river.

Clerk to request that the local operational police attend a future meeting.

Warwick District Council – Cllr T Wright

Cllr Wright asked all residents to take note of any unusual or odd timings of food delivery services such as Deliveroo and Just Eats. These delivery platforms have been linked to middle class drug use which is substantial in the area.

Cllr Wright also stated that budget discussions were taking place and the council are hoping that vulnerable people will get a 100% rebate on council tax. WDC are hoping not to increase the precept for 2023/24.

173. Correspondence

No correspondence received.

174. Questions to Chairman

There were no questions.

175. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9th March 2023 at 7pm at Stoneleigh Village Hall.

176. Closure

The meeting was called to a close at 9.10pm.

Appendices 1

Please see the below crimes for Stoneleigh & Cubbington ward ONLY from 11/01/2023 to 08/02/2023.

12/01/2023 - Theft from vehicle – jacket stolen – Price Road, Cubbington

16/01/2023 – Burglary Business - Offenders damaged perimeter fence and caused damaged to several desks – HS2 site, Stoneleigh Park

17/01/2023 – Theft from vehicle – 2 coats – St Marys Mews, Cubbington (2 offenders arrested for multiple offences across Warwickshire)

17/01/2023 – Attempted Theft – Middlemarch Business Park

18/01/2023 – Burglary Business – Golf buggy stolen/Diesel/2 lawnmowers – Coventry Golf Club, Finham

19/01/2023 – Burglary Business – wheels and tyres – Middlemarch Business Park

22/01/2023 – Theft – E Scooter – Middlemarch Business Park

25/01/2023 – Violence – male arrested – Middlemarch Business Park

26/01/2023 – Vehicle Interference – HS2 site, Ashow Road

27/01/2023 - Damage – windows – offender arrested – Ramada Hotel

29/01/2023 - Damage/Theft from vehicle – rucksack taken – Stoneleigh Park

29/01/2023 – Vehicle Interference – offenders chased off – Stoneleigh Park

29/01/2023 – Theft – 2 lambs and 1 butchered lamb (butchered in field) – Stoneleigh.

29/01/2023 – Theft – personal items – Old Leamingtonians RFC, Bericote Road, Stoneleigh

04/02/2023 – Violence – Stoneleigh Park

06/02/2023 – Theft from dwelling – Domestic related – Rugby Road