

Stoneleigh & Ashow Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 8th June 2023
At Ashow Village Club

PRESENT:

Cllr R Hancox (Chair)
 Cllr J Astle
 Cllr Bianco
 Cllr S Matthews
 Cllr L Rolli
 Cllr D Jack
 Cllr W Redford (WCC)
 Cllr P Redford (WDC)
 Cllr J Payne (WCC)
 Sara Lee (BBV)
 Sam (BBV)
 Becky Maoudis (Clerk)

There were three members of the public present.

36. Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies

There were no apologies.

36. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

37. Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of 16th May 2023 were reviewed and approved.

38. Public Session

Standing orders were suspended at 8.34pm.

A member of the public expressed their disappointment at the delay regarding the closure of the Birmingham Road.

Cllr Hancox explained that HS2 initially agreed to the scheme as long as the traffic flow did not have an adverse effect on them.

WCC called a meeting at which point HS2 stated that if the scheme was to proceed then there may be a cost associated with reducing the temporary traffic lights from 4-way to 3-way.

A WCC engineer asked HS2 for a decision on reducing the traffic signals, at which point HS2 informed WCC that there would be a £43,000 cost associated with the works.

WCC does not have the budget to cover the extra costs so they have said they will have to put the scheme on hold until the lights have been removed from the crossroads.

HS2 have stated that once the T-junction is finished the lights will be removed which could be as early the beginning of 2024.

The member of the public stated that they would be looking at sending a Freedom of Information request to HS2 seeking a breakdown of costs relating to the £43,000.

Standing orders were reinstated at 8.47pm

39. Finance and Administration

Income / Expenditure

Balance brought forward from 30th April 2023	<u>£ 60,216.90</u>
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Payments to 30th May 2023

Clerk Salary - B Maoudis (April)	£ 738.81
Clerk expenses (April)	£ 53.84
Clerk salary - B Maoudis (May)	£ 738.81
NEST (March)	£ 53.88
Npower	£ 66.38
Royal Mail	£ 396.00
Anifeed Ltd (internal audit)	£ 288.00
Zurich Town & Parish Clerk	£ 360.26
Warwick District Council	£ 33.46

Income:

Balance	<u>£ 57,487.46</u>
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Funds at Unity Bank

Current Account T1	£ 37,268.35
Instant Access account	£ 20,219.11

£ 57,487.46

Online payments to be authorised:

Clerk expenses- B Maoudis (May)	£ 1,245.49
Clerk salary - B Maoudis (June)	£ 738.81
NEST	£ 53.88
HMRC	£ 4.80
Npower	£ 28.54

- a) Invoices and payments received were noted.
- b) All payments were authorised.
- c) The finance report was noted.

40. Planning

New Planning Applications

Application No: W/23/0530

Description: Erection of first floor side extension, part two storey part single storey rear and side extension, timber cladding.

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

Applicant: Mr P Bal

Closing date: 26th May 2023

Planning Officer: Lucy Shorthouse

The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment.

Application No: W/23/0587

Description: Repairs to roof

Address: 12 Coventry Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3BZ.

Applicant: Miss J Mayhew

Closing date: 23rd June 2023

Planning Officer: Lucy Shorthouse

The Parish Council took a neutral stance on this application.

Application No: W/23/0588 LB

Description: Repairs to roof including internal works

Address: 12 Coventry Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3BZ.

Applicant: Miss J Mayhew

Closing date: 23rd June 2023

Planning Officer: Lucy Shorthouse

The Parish Council took a neutral stance on this application.

Application No: W/23/0736

Description: Removal of condition 3 (part demolition of existing extension) of planning permission ref: W/22/0926 (Erection of first floor rear extension and replacement rear dormer)

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

Applicant: Mr Peter Hill

Closing date: 28th June 2023

Planning Officer: Lucy Shorthouse

The Parish Council took a neutral stance on this application.

Progress of planning applications

Application No: W/23/0126

Description: Outline planning (with all matters reserved apart from access and layout) for two dwellings with associated double garages.

Address: The Orchard, Coventry Road, Stoneleigh

Applicant: Mr Innocent

Closing date: 10th March 2023

Planning Officer: Michael Rowson

Planning permission has been refused

Progress of planning applications (No outcome yet)

Application No: W/23/0454/LB

Description: We would like to move the existing kitchen which is currently situated in a 30 year old extension into the current back lounge, which, we believe was where the original kitchen must have been located before the new rear extension was built. This would then give us the opportunity to use the extension as a sun lounge replacing the single paned window and door for a double glazed bifold door. We also wish to install internal secondary glazing to the front room window where currently there is just single paned glass and repeat this in the front bedroom which again is just single paned glass. The front room would then become the main living area where we would like to construct a small internal cloak room as you enter the front door from the pavement, consisting of one partition wall and door. We would like to be able to carry out these changes as our priority is to cut down on carbon emissions as our only source of heating is via our log burners situated in the front and back room. The changes would insulate our home, thus making it more energy efficient for the future.

Address: 5 Coventry Road, Stoneleigh, CV8 3BZ

Applicant: Mrs Richards

Closing date: 26th April 2023

Planning Officer: Jane Catterall

Application No: W/23/0435 HS2

Description: Plans and Specifications submission under Schedule 17 to the High Speed Rail (London- West Midlands) Act 2017 for the works comprising: A railway overbridge which will carry the existing Coventry to Leamington Railway over the HS2 track and ancillary works.

Address: Land at the existing Coventry to Leamington Spa railway approximately 300m south east of the A429 Kenilworth Road.

Applicant: HS2 Ltd

Closing date: 14th April 2023

Planning Officer: Erin Weatherstone

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

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

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/22/0720

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

41. Stoneleigh Park Events

No update to report.

42. HS2 Update

Sara Lee and Sam Williams from BBV attended the meeting and gave a short presentation on recent updates and the noise monitors that were installed in a few private residences.

Sara Lee agreed to send the slides to the clerk (to be added to the website) and locate the noise receptor points from the Environmental Statement (ES).

The noise team wanted to thank all the residents that have agreed to have noise monitoring equipment installed at their homes and that assuming they are all happy to continue BBV will keep the equipment running. The plan is for the team to continue monitoring the levels and provide updates once the data has been analysed.

Cllrs Matthews and Astle commented that the noise from A46 seemed more significant since the vegetation was removed. Sam Williams informed members that a narrow band of trees has little effect on noise. Cllr P Redford confirmed that the trees that were removed along the A46 will be replaced by BBV.

Cllr Bianco noted that the noise team have been very professional throughout the exercise.

Sam Williams stated that the barriers that are being designed to run along the route are solid concrete with a 100–150-year life span. Planting will soften the visual aspect, the details of which will be included in the Schedule 17 packs which will go to WDC for review and comment in due course.

There was also some discussion regarding the B4113 footpath. Sara Lee confirmed that the Public Right of Way will be reinstated at the end of 2024. She confirmed that it is a suspended route and there is no temporary alternative.

The councillors questioned whether the fencing that it there can be extended to effectively close the bridge too. Sara Lee responded that she would need to apply to amend the Public

Right of Way. Cllr Bianco stated that Stoneleigh Park, who own the land, have agreed in principle.

43. South Warwickshire Local Plan

No update to report. There have been no decisions made as a result of the call for sites exercise.

44. Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council are still waiting for Warwick District council to designate the area for a Neighbourhood Plan. Gary Kirk, the consultant representing Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish Council has been in communication with the policy planner at WDC. They have informed him that the designation report has been shared with the leader of the council with a recommendation to designate the area for the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was agreed that if the Parish Council or Gary Kirk had not received a satisfactory response by Tuesday 13th June 2023, then a formal complaint would be submitted.

There is a meeting on 21st June 2023 at 7pm at Stoneleigh Village Hall which will be the first environmental meeting.

The following meeting was due to be held on 6th July but will have to be rescheduled. Available dates are 3rd, 4th, or 5th July 2023. This meeting will be held at Ashow Village Club.

It was resolved that the meeting will be held on 3rd July 2023 at the Ashow Village Club at 7pm. The clerk will add the details to the website, noticeboard, and Parish magazine.

A representative from Aecom will be visiting mid-June to start on the design guide.

The Neighbourhood Advisory committee are planning to share a link for a questionnaire that they would like completed by as many residents as possible. The clerk will liaise with Gary Kirk to try and advertise the link in the next issue of the Parish magazine.

45. Stoneleigh Village Noticeboard

The new noticeboard has been ordered, awaiting delivery.

It was agreed that the clerk will place a request in next month's edition of the Parish magazine, for any help with the installation of the new noticeboard.

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

Cllr Hancox attended a meeting at the Town Hall on 30th May 2023 and provided the following information.

WDC have appointed a consultant, Tetra Tech, to prepare a report on what is known to be planned or actually happening on the land in question. We believe this will be published later in the summer and is likely to be available to us all as it won't cover anything new.

Whatever happens on this land it can be separate but must be linked to the South Warwickshire Plan being developed.

WDC planners did announce that they are expecting a reserved matters application for Kings Hill very soon, that said without some agreement on the infrastructure details (so the road layout and improvements for one) it isn't likely to get much further. It was also announced that whilst the ONS figures that suggested Coventry needed to cater for a 32% growth have now been proven wrong and way out, the new figure being 19%, WDC might still have allocated Kings Hill for their own needs rather than Coventry's shortfall.

There is apparently a rumour that the developer is looking to sell Kings Hill to another developer – no one seemed to know why...

Andrew Crowfoot commented that the greenbelt is still important to WDC (there were some that suggested with Kings Hill and the Giga Factory this was hard to believe).

Water quality improvements and restoration of the Upper Avon did get a quick mention in the opening presentation – we have agreed they will circulate the slides for us all to see.

Warwick District have no new housing figures or employment figures to share with us, again later this year.

Any stories we might have heard about Warwick University expanding WDC don't think are correct, they do want to build and develop the site, but this is within the existing developed area not further afield. It doesn't look like the new stadium is happening at the moment with the new deal having been done between Coventry City FC and the Coventry Building Society Arena. But the light railway could still happen without the stadium.

The meeting lasted for approximately 90 minutes and was also attended by representatives from Baginton, Bubbenhall, Burton Green, Cubbington, and Finham. The next meeting, if approved by the new administration at WDC, will be around October 2023.

47. A46 Stoneleigh Road Junction Improvement Scheme

Stoneleigh Road was closed between Dalehouse Lane and Kings Hill Lane between 29th May and 7th June. Further closures will take place on Dalehouse Lane, at Stoneleigh Road, between 8th June and 16th June to allow the safe construction of the connection to the existing and new roads.

There is a delay on the bridge, but the rest of the project is progressing well.

48. Birmingham Road Closure

This item was covered under the public participation agenda item.

49. Stare Bridge and B4113 Footpath Update

This item was covered under the HS2 update item on the agenda. Cllr P Redford added that She is due to have a meeting with HS2 and MP Jeremy Wright on 14th July to discuss the situation with the footpath as she feels strongly that an alternative footpath should have been installed a long time ago.

50. Ashow Fly Tipping

There have been further incidents of fly-tipping in the area. Cllr W Redford will investigate the permission required for signage to be installed.

Cllr Payne commented that he had also received several reports of littering in the area and that he is working on a solution.

51. State of Disrepair C32/B4115 Crossroads

It was noted that the road is still in a terrible state all the way to Ashow, with some parts of The road having no top surface. Some of the ruts look to have been filled in but they only appear to be temporary fixes.

The WCC highways team are negotiating with HS2 over repairs. WCC are reluctant to cover the entire cost of repairs if the roads will be in the same state of disrepair in six weeks' time.

Cllr W Redford will speak with the highways department and keep the parish Council updated.

52. 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).

Warwickshire County Council – Cllr W Redford

Cllr Redford asked the members to report potholes and poor-quality repairs as soon as they can, either directly to Cllr W Redford or using the online form on the website.

Warwick District Council

Cllr P Redford informed the meeting about the new home improvement grant that is available from WDC for homeowners.

Cllr Payne shared that he had received noise nuisance complaints from events held at Chesford Bridge Fields. He has asked that any complaints received by the Parish are shared directly with him.

Cllr P Redford added that she had been in contact with licensing and they had informed her that the application for the Goa Festival planned for September has been withdrawn. However, the website are still advertising the event so the licensing team are monitoring the situation.

Cllr P Redford also added that there is music event being held at the Chesford Bridge Fields on 5th and 6th August. The event must finish by 11pm on the Saturday night and 3.3pm on

the Sunday afternoon. There will be two officers present on Saturday 5th August to check noise levels and to ensure that the event closes at 11pm.

53. Correspondence

Gordon Gatward from the Kenilworth Show contacting Cllr Bianco to thank him for the Parish Council support with their most recent event.

CPRE have asked the Parish Council to consider joining their campaign. It was agreed that this would be added to the next agenda for consideration.

54. Questions to Chairman

There were no questions.

55. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13th July 2023 at 7pm at Ashow Village Club.

56. Closure

The meeting was called to a close at 9.39pm.

Appendices 1

Warwick Rural East crime report from 11/05/2023 to 05/06/2023 Cubbington & Stoneleigh ward ONLY

12/05/2023 – Violence – ABH – domestic related – Broadway, Cubbington
 15/05/2023 – Burglary Business – The Oak, Coventry Road, Baginton
 15/05/2023 – Theft from vehicle – construction items – Middlemarch Business Park, Baginton
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 17/05/2023 – Violence – ABH – Windmill Croft, Cubbington
 18/05/2023 – Theft – jet wash – HS2 compound, Rugby Road, Cubbington
 18/05/2023 – Damage – flour and ketchup thrown over parked vehicles – Church Terrace, Cubbington
 18/05/2023 – Production of cannabis – Rocky Lane, Ashow
 18/05/2023 – Dangerous driving/ Possession of an offensive weapon – 4 persons arrested – Thickthorn Island, Kenilworth
 22/05/2023 – Violence – ABH x 2 – Warwick University
 23/05/2023 – Dangerous driving – 1 arrest – Stoneleigh
 25/05/2023 – Attempted unlawful exportation of cannabis – Parcelforce, Middlemarch Business Park, Baginton
 27/05/2023 – Theft of vehicle – Landrover Discovery Sport – Russell's garden centre, Baginton
 28/05/2023 – Theft from vehicle – plastic roof box – Stonehouse Close, Cubbington
 30/05/2023 – Burglary Business – curtains cut of 10 trailers – damage to fencing – Items stolen from trailers – Coventry Airport, Baginton
 31/05/2023 – Theft of vehicle – Siskin Parkway, Baginton
 31/05/2023 – Burglary Business – watch and vehicle – Siskin Parkway, Baginton
 01/06/2023 – Theft – 2 rolls of artificial grass – Russell's, Baginton
 04/06/2023 – Damage – TV – Woodland Grange Conference centre – Old Milverton Lane, Blackdown

04/06/2023 – Common Assault – Domestic related -Woodland Grange Conference Centre, Old Milverton Lane, Blackdown

04/06/2023 – Possession of class A – Woodland Grange Conference, Old Milverton Lane, Blackdown

04/06/2023 – Common Assault – Domestic related – Woodland Grange Conference Centre, Old Milverton Lane, Blackdown