

Stoneleigh & Ashow Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 12th November 2020
via Zoom (online meeting)

PRESENT:

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

There were 9 members of the public present.

74. Apologies

There were no apologies.

75. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

76. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 8th October 2020 were accepted and approved.

77. Resignation of Councillor

Cllr Sarah Williams has submitted her resignation as a Parish Councillor. The Councillors accepted her resignation with regret and thanked Sarah for her hard work with the Parish Council and for her work for the village of Ashow.

78. Presentation by LM Project Manager Peter Tomlinson and Engagement Manager, Mel Ryan

Cllr Bianco thanked Ms Ryan and Mr Tomlinson for attending the Parish Council meeting to discuss the proposed works at Chesford Grange Junction and along the B4115.

Ms Ryan and Mr Tomlinson gave an overview of the proposed works.

- There will be on-going traffic management, with some road closures, traffic lights etc. Information about works will be issued as soon as it is known.
- The works are required to improve the approved route to HS2 compound including identified pinch-points which require discrete widening where bends are tightest, so there is safe passage for vehicles and other road users. Also the island at Chesford Grange Junction will be cut back by a few hundred millimetres.

- LM are working closely with Warwickshire County Council (WCC) on the details of the proposed works. They have carried out a number of road safety audits involving WCC, generating discussion from a highway design perspective.
- Traffic management will be in place after Christmas to enable works. The B4115 will be closed in sections, from Chesford Grange to Rocky Lane, Rocky to Crewe Lane, Crewe Lane to compound entrance. Approximately 3-4 weeks per closure, with timeframes to be confirmed. LM will maintain all residents' access.
- Discussions have taken place with WCC officers about design and delivery methods, including traffic management measures.
- Design is still being finalised, as well as delivery method and traffic management. LM are considering two-way lights on a rolling basis on Ashow Road, but working room could be an issue.
- BBV reps are meeting with Councillors in December, so could give more information at that meeting.

A number of questions were raised by Councillors. It was confirmed that:

- Safety audits were carried out on the basis of a one-way system. There is only a set area of land available and LM are conscious of cyclist and pedestrian users of the road, so are not able to widen the road extensively. The current design proposal is for a one-way road, however, that doesn't mean that the solution is the final one.
- There are no plans to change the apex of the island at Chesford Grange Junction. Cllr Astle disputed that the planned changes will reduce the radius of the corner.
- There are no plans to widen the A452 between Thickthorn Roundabout and Chesford Grange Junction.
- Following the enabling works, the plan is for the speed limit on the B4115 to be reduced to 30mph.
- Residents of Dial House Lane and Ashow will be able to access their homes, this could be through a permit provision or recording of number plates.
- The red and white bollards on the A452 will not be removed.
- The proposed diversion route will be discussed in a separate meeting.
- LM will look at the possibility of moving the bus stop, or making it safer for people so they are not standing so close to huge commercial vehicles using the junction.

Councillors raised a number of concerns and issues about the proposed works:

- The plans to change the Chesford Grange Junction don't appear to be much of an improvement on the existing junction
- The tone of comments at the meeting are more decisive than expected and it sounds as if the one-way road plan is the main option rather than one of many.
- The proposed option is extremely expensive, and why have cheaper alternative solutions not been considered.
- Councillors expressed concern and horror overall at the proposed works.

Ms Ryan thanked the Parish Council (PC) for their comments and knowledge, which will be fed back to BBV. She emphasised that plans have not been finalised and other options are still under discussion and looked forward to giving the PC more information in December and January. Cllr Hancox thanked Ms Ryan and Mr Tomlinson for attending.

79. Public Session

Standing Orders suspended at 19:53

A guest from Finham Parish Council raised concern about the roundabouts proposed between Stoneleigh village and Warwick University on Stoneleigh Road. WCC state that the purpose of these are to improve traffic flow, but the roundabouts seem unlikely to achieve this. Cllr Hancox stated that he had asked WCC the same question and been given the same answer, but also that of safety, with conflicting flows of traffic on both sides of the road to access the A46. The traffic on Stoneleigh Road is already very heavy, often causing stationery traffic to back up into Stoneleigh, and the Kings Hill development will add to this. Cllr Hancox confirmed that this point has been made several times to WCC.

Standing orders reinstated at 20:04

80. Finance

Income / Expenditure

Balance brought forward from 30th September 2020	£52,181.93
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Less unrepresented cheque:

301480	WALC – consultation analysis	£48.00
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£52,133.93

Payments to 31st October 2020

301481	H Watts salary & expenses (September)	£969.62
301482	Stoneleigh Defibrillator contribution	£250.00
301483	Stoneleigh & Ashow News contribution	£500.00
301484	Ashow Village Club – room hire & Christmas drinks	£180.60
301485	DM Payroll services – admin and HMRC	£497.47
301486	Paul Monaghan – painting phone box	£200.00
301487	ROSPA playground inspection	£99.00
301488	ICO Data Protection Fee renewal	£40.00

Balance	<u>£49,397.24</u>
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At Co-operative Bank plc, Birmingham

38A/C 6101168500 (Current)	£23,588.98
A/C 6101168550 (Instant Access)	£5,085.77
A/C 6101168556 (14 Day Deposit)	£20,512.49

£49,187.24

Less unrepresented cheques:

301482	Stoneleigh VH Defibrillator contribution	£250.00
301488	ICO Data Protection Fee renewal	£40.00

£48,897.24

Funds at Unity Bank

Current Account 1	£500.00
	<u>£49,397.24</u>

Cheques to be authorised

301490	H Watts salary & expenses (October)	£610.11
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- a) The finance report was reviewed and agreed
- b) Authorisation of cheques was agreed
- c) It was confirmed that the new bank account is now set up. The Clerk will arrange for further transfer of funds from the previous account and arrange for that account to be closed.

81. Planning

November 2020

New Planning Applications

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

The Parish Council objects to this proposal – Cllr Bianco to draft response

Progress of planning applications

Application No: No: W/20/1187

Description: To replace and slightly extend the current UPVC doors with oak french doors with glass side panels, maintaining the arch over the current doors and all original features.

Address: 2 The Chantries, Chantry Heath Lane, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DS

Applicant: Mr. C. Campton

Closing date: 25th September 2020

Planning Officer: Emma Booker

Planning permission has been refused

Application No: W/20/1313

Description: Proposed erection of two storey rear extension.

Address: 11 Hall Close, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DG

Applicant: Mr S McGranagan

Closing date: 28th September 2020

Planning Officer: Jonathan Gentry

Planning permission has been granted.

Progress of planning applications (Not outcome yet)

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/20/1212

Description: Erection of proposed two storey side extension and refurbishment of existing conservatory.

Address: Heathfield, Leicester Lane, Stoneleigh, Leamington Spa, CV32 6QZ

Applicant: Mr White

Closing date: 11th September 2020

Planning Officer: Thomas Fojut

Application No: WDC/20CM011

Description: Proposed Thermal Hydrolysis Plant (THP) and associated infrastructure.

Address: Finham Sewage Treatment Works, St Martins Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV3 6SD

Applicant: Severn Trent Water

Closing date: 22nd September 2020

Planning Officer: Sally Panayi (WCC)

Application No: W/20/1214

Description: Application to separate existing dwelling into two units. Change of use of the existing garages and store to residential accommodation.

Address: The Granary, Dial House Farm, Ashow Road, Ashow, Kenilworth, CV8 2LD

Applicant: Ms. L. Rolli

Closing date: 28th September 2020

Planning Officer: Andrew Tew

Application No: W/20/0958 and 0959LB

Description: Application for conversion of barns to ancillary accommodation, erection of timber frame garage.

Address: Grove Farm House, Grove Farm Road, Ashow, Kenilworth, CV8 2LE

Applicant: Mr. J. Mills

Closing date: 29th September

Planning Officer: Andrew Tew

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

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

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/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 Middlemarch Industrial Estate, Coventry

Case Officer: Rob Young

82. Matters arising:

a) Boundary man and impact on precept

Cllr P Redford sent through a document about the Warwickshire Lengthsman Trial which sets out what a person could be employed to carry out in the parish. The rules are very restrictive and Cllr Redford suggested that Councillors read the document very carefully to see how it would work, as well as implications of insurance, health and safety training etc. The Clerk confirmed that any significant increase in precept to cover the cost of a Lengthsman should be made with some engagement of residents.

- Clerk to circulate Warwickshire document for Councillors to review

b) Chains and posts on Stoneleigh Triangle

Cllr Hancox has received a quote for replacement posts and chains of around £2,500, with the potential to also put protection around base of posts to stop them rotting, which would cost more. Cllr Jack stated that as the triangle is a key area of the village, she was in support of proceeding. This was agreed unanimously. Cllr Hancox will proceed with this.

c) Repairs to playground equipment

It was agreed that the quote for £814 for repairs be accepted. Clerk to arrange for repairs to go ahead. This was unanimously agreed.

83. HS2 update

There is a meeting arranged for Councillors with HS2 on 3rd December at 10am. HS2/BBV to send out invites (meeting via MS Teams). Councillors will send a list of questions prior to the meeting.

84. Roadworks and developments in and around the Parish

Cllr Bianco raised the issue of drainage issues as a result of HS2 works. Cllr Hancox confirmed that David Elliston of WCC has carried out extensive works and surveys of the drainage system and found a number of issues which have been addressed, but there still appear to be further blockages which Mr Elliston is continuing to investigate. These issues are not as a result of HS2 works, which have only been to survey drainage systems.

85. Birmingham Road consultation

Adrian Hart and colleagues from WCC will be attending the PC meeting in December to discuss their proposals for the closure of the Birmingham Road.

86. Neighbourhood Plan

The PC has received a request from a resident to join the group to work on the neighbourhood plan, which has been gratefully accepted. It was agreed that there would be a meeting to discuss the neighbourhood plan on week commencing 23rd November, and that Cllr Hancox would contact Cllr Williams to ask for the work that she has carried out in respect of the plan.

- Cllr Hancox to agree meeting date and contact Cllr Williams

87. Updates:

WMP: Cllr Hancox stated that he had contacted the police about anti-social behaviour near the river which has resulted in complaints from residents who live over the bridge. The Meadows Society have put up signs to encourage social distancing and respect the countryside. The police have suggested putting up CCTV awareness signs, but residents thought that this would have limited impact as people would know that there weren't actually any cameras. Cllr Wright has put in an enquiry to Warwick District Council (WDC) about putting in additional dog bins and is waiting on an answer.

Report from Cllr W Redford:

- Four Leamington wards plus Whitnash have the highest COVID infection rates in Warwickshire.
- Supplies of materials for highways works and repairs are not available as firms have shut down or have limited production due to the pandemic and lockdown, so some repair work is delayed until supplies can be sorted.
- Through the schools' laptop scheme, where councils are asked to donate old laptops to schools, Warwickshire have recirculated over 1500 laptops to local schools to date.
- WCC have taken decision that school meals will be available during Christmas holidays, and likely to continue for Easter holidays if the COVID situation is the same.

Report from Cllr P Redford:

- Information forwarded to Councillors as it is received.
- WDC People's Inquiry into Climate Change had first meeting today.

Report from Cllr T Wright:

- Government COVID grants application process will start on November 16th. There are two schemes, one government backed and one discretionary, and Cllr Wright will forward the relevant information as soon as it is available. Grants will be based on business rates paid and will have three levels. He would encourage people to apply even if they applied previously.
- WDC are working towards the budgets for next year and how to improve income streams so services can be protected. There is likely to be a significant increase in the cost of the waste management service as the previous contract was effectively underpaying and income from recycling has fallen.
- WDC been very prudent and in a better financial position than many councils. They are looking at reserves in order to protect services.
- Cllr Wright advised the PC when considering the 2021/22 precept, to take account of the level of reserves.

Cllr Astle asked about the WDC proposals to change flying hours for model aeroplanes at St Marys Land, Warwick. It was agreed that Cllr Astle will draft a response to the consultation on behalf of the PC.

88. Correspondence

An email has been sent to the PC regarding the trees in the orchard by the bridge. Cllr Hancox will take this up with the Orchard Committee.

89. Questions to Chairman

None

90. Date of next meeting: December 10th 2020, 7pm, via Zoom

91. Closure

The meeting was closed at 21:11