

Stoneleigh & Ashow Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 11th February 2021
via Zoom (online meeting)

PRESENT:

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

There were 4 members of the public present.

121. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Rolli.

122. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

123. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 14th January 2021 were approved.

124. Public Session

Standing Orders suspended at 19:03

The issue of parking near the crossroads out of the village was raised. Cllr W Redford has arranged for Warwickshire County Council (WCC) to install safety bollards, although has been delayed due to many suppliers being closed on furlough, so bollards and road signs are in short supply. They are on order and will be installed as soon as they are received.

It was requested that the Parish Council (PC) consider the offer of a funded piece of artwork. It was confirmed that the PC has expressed an interest in this for both Stoneleigh and Ashow.

An enquiry was made into the plan to plant a tree in Meadows to replace the lime tree that was removed from the Triangle. Cllr Hancox confirmed that he will speak to The Meadows Society again to see if a broad-leaved tree can be planted.

The closure of the footpath between Stareton Bridge and Stoneleigh Park was raised, asking if any further information had been received about this. Cllr Astle stated that he had been expecting a call from LM regarding this, but no one has contacted him. The HS2 Community Engagement Team have stated that they will look into the issue of an alternative footpath, however, this issue will continue to be chased by both the PC and concerned residents as it is not acceptable to simply state that the matter will be looked into. Cllr Bianco stated that there was reference to this in the environmental

statement and in meetings that took place a period of years ago and agreed to check his files for any evidence of commitment by HS2 to address this issue in a suitable way.

Cllr W Redford stated that he had requested WCC raise the issue of the footpath with HS2. The response from HS2 was that they have no intention of providing an alternative footpath and consider that walking on the road verge towards the entrance to Stare Bridge is sufficient. Cllr Redford raised that this was unacceptable to the PC and residents.

It was requested that members of the PC and residents who are involved with this issue keep each other up to date on any latest developments.

Standing orders reinstated at 19:28

125. Finance

Finance Report 1st February 2021

Income / Expenditure

Balance brought forward from 31st December 2020 £48,014.34

Payments to 31st January 2021

H Watts salary & expenses (December)	£608.59
DM Payroll Services	£472.00
Komplan playground repairs	£814.08

Balance **£46,119.67**

At Co-operative Bank plc, Birmingham

38A/C 6101168500 (Current)	£12,688.87
A/C 6101168550 (Instant Access)	£5,085.77
A/C 6101168556 (14 Day Deposit)	£20,512.49

Funds at Unity Bank

Current Account 1	£7,832.54
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£46,119.67

Online payments to be authorised

H Watts salary & expenses (January)	£608.39
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- a) The finance report was accepted and agreed
- b) Payments were agreed and authorised
- c) It was proposed that Cllr John Astle be the Parish Council representative to the Leigh Education Foundation, and this was unanimously agreed.
- d) The Joint Risk Assessment was reviewed and agreed.
- e) The updated Business Continuity Plan was reviewed and agreed.
- f) It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council engage an internal auditor at a cost of £200.

- g) It was agreed that the Parish Council will move to a new website due to the closure of the BT Community Website hosting platform.

The issue of returning to physical meetings was raised as a concern for Councillors and members of the public who may not feel safe to attend a physical meeting. It was stated that the village hall in Stoneleigh and the Ashow Village Club would not be big enough to allow for sufficient social distancing. The legislation enabling online meetings expires 7th May 2021. Cllr P Redford will raise this with the Democratic Services Officer at Warwick District Council (WDC), and the Clerk will monitor advice from WALC.

126. Planning

February 2021

New Planning Applications

Application No: W/21/0072 LB

Description: Renovation of old Store

Address: Church Meadow Cottages, Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DH

Applicant: Mr. Harrower

Closing date: 17th February 2021

Planning Officer: Zoe Herbert

The Parish Council take a neutral position to this application

Application No: W/20/1883

Description: New roof cover over existing garage and convert to annex.

Address: Tantara Lodge, Coventry Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DR

Applicant: Mr. J. Reay

Closing date: 24th February 2021

Planning Officer: Emma Booker

The Parish Council take a neutral position to this application

Progress of planning applications

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

The application has been withdrawn

Application No: W/20/1956 LB

Description: The removal of a part of a separating wall between the kitchen and the lobby. The part of the wall adjoining the external wall will be retained and the section of wall above a beam at height 6'6"

high will be retained too. Part of the floor in front of the area would be extended at the higher kitchen floor level.

Address: 10 Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DH

Applicant: Mr and Ms Storer and Lowe

Closing date: 29th December 2020
Planning Officer: Zoe Herbert
The application has been withdrawn

Application No: W/20/1651
Description: Erection of an oak framed garage/office home replacing previously removed structures.
Address: Rocky Lane Lodge, Rocky Lane, Ashow, Kenilworth, CV8 2LE
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Himsworth
Closing date: 15th January 2021
Planning Officer: Emma Booker
The application has been withdrawn

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)
The application has been granted

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
The application has been granted

Progress of planning applications (Not outcome yet)

Application No: W/20/2020
Description: Hybrid planning application comprising: Full planning application for 98 dwellings (Class C3) served via two new vehicular / pedestrian / cycle access connections from Leamington Road, pedestrian and cycle access to Thickthorn Close; strategic landscaping and earthworks, surface water drainage and all other ancillary infrastructure and enabling works Outline planning application for demolition of existing buildings and structures; residential development of up to 452 dwellings (Class C3); primary school (Class F.1); employment (Class B2); Class E development; hot food takeaway (sui generis), community centre (Class F.2); strategic landscaping and earthworks, surface water drainage and all other ancillary infrastructure and enabling works with means of site access (excluding internal roads) from the new junction into the detailed parcel of development and access junction off Glasshouse Lane; all other matters (internal access, layout, appearance, scale and landscaping) reserved for subsequent approval.
Address: Land at Thickthorn, Kenilworth
Applicant: Barwood Development Securities Ltd
Closing date: 15th January 2021
Planning Officer: Dan Charles

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

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/20/1214

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/20/0020

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/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/18/0522

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

127. Matters arising:

- a. Casual vacancy – There has been no response as yet, so the PC will continue to advertise the vacancy.

128. Closure of footpath between Stareton Bridge and Stoneleigh Park

Discussed during the public session above.

Cllr W Redford suggested that the Parish Council may want to consider putting in an application for an HS2 Community Grant for:

- A footbridge from Stare Bridge over line and onto path other side.
- Provision of a crossing where the Chesford to Ashow footpath ends, to enable people to walk from Ashow to Kenilworth.

He stated that WCC would support an application made by the PC.

Cllr Hancox suggested that the HS2 community fund could be used to fund the provision of changing rooms at the village hall for the use of sports groups. It was also suggested that as the village hall committee are considering planting beech hedging along some of the borders, funding for this could be secured from the HS2 fund. Cllr Jack asked if it would be possible to plant the replacement tree from the Triangle on land near the village hall. Cllr Hancox stated that he would discuss this with the village hall committee. Cllr Wright reminded the PC of the commitment from WDC to plant a tree per resident in the District, and whether this could be considered for the village hall.

- Potential applications to HS2 Community Fund to be on agenda for March meeting

129. HS2 update

A46 compound and covenant project: On going with suggested timescales 4-6 months

B4115 Thickethorn / Chesford / Stoneleigh Crossroads

- Cllr W Redford is asked to confirm that there will be no physical work (traffic lights etc) until further notice.

- Cllr W Redford is asked to ensure WCC monitor HGV traffic levels with the compound due to go live soon.
- WCC has no further design options for the Chesford Grange junction at the current time. Any new design that is released will be shared with the Parish Council for comment.
- B4115 does not directly affect the vaccination centre, but movement of traffic around this area will increase.

B4113

- Entrance and routes to Stoneleigh Park vaccination centre overrules all HS2 works, as works cannot directly impact on traffic accessing the vaccination centre.
- Cllr W Redford confirmed that no physical work is to take place unless cleared by WCC.
- Plans for Gate 1 are still in progress.
- Some minor works are outstanding which will be covered out of hours if agreed with WCC
- Vaccination centre and Stoneleigh Abbey have the same postcode, so signs have been put in place to help avoid confusion.

It was agreed to invite LM/BBV along to an upcoming PC meeting. Cllr Bianco suggested that the PC request a single point of contact be provided by LM/BBV to help with clarity over local issues.

Cllr Astle raised the point that other areas were getting better information from HS2 contractors than in our area. Cllr P Redford stated that different areas have different contractors, which may account for the varying levels of engagement. Cllr Hancox stated that some areas are much further ahead in HS2 works so there is more confirmed information available.

It was confirmed that all HS2 works must be agreed with WCC, and the WCC are notified of all road construction. Cllr Hancox stated that Highways are only able to make objections to plans on the grounds of safety.

130. Broadband upgrade – Ashow and Crewe Lane area

Following the withdrawal of Virgin Media to upgrade the broadband in Ashow and Crewe Lane areas, WCC have now moved forward with BT Openreach to progress this.

Cllr W Redford offered to get an update on this.

131. Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors will endeavour to set up a meeting before the next Parish Council meeting.

132. Updates:

Update from Police:

The policing priorities adopted by Warwick Rural East Safer Neighbourhood Team for February to June 2021 were:

- Inconsiderate/dangerous parking patrols – Bubbenhall
- ASB/drug prevention patrols – Baginton
- ASB/drug prevention patrols – Radford Semele

- Speed checks/monitoring – Rugby Road, Cubbington, between Windmill Hill & Rugby Road shops

Report from Cllr W Redford:

- There have been 2 further COVID19 deaths in the County. The infection rate falling in the district, including for over 60s. Across the County, the over 60s rate is climbing. Locally, we have five wards in the top 10 of the County with highest infection rate, and one ward in the top five.
- The lateral flow test centre in Pound Lane, Lillington is operational and people can drop in for a test even if they have had the vaccination.
- The Mega Lab being installed in Leamington is now advertising vacancies.
- The laptops for school children programme has issued over 2,500 laptops and is still on-going.
- Jetting of drains was previously carried out by a contractor, however, WCC have purchased one jetter and plan to purchase two more so they will have their own fleet of drain jettors to enable them to sort issues more quickly.
- Cllr Hancox asked if the work on drains in Stoneleigh was completed – Cllr Redford agreed to check this.
- Cllr Bianco asked about progress on the decision regarding the closure of the Birmingham Road. Adrian Hart, WCC, is still working on bus routes and utilities etc and he will come back to the PC when he has the final information required. Cllr Redford will speak to Mr Hart and see what the current situation is.

Report from Cllr P Redford:

- The vaccine procedures in the District are progressing really well.

Report from Cllr T Wright

- Cllr Wright has used Leek Wootton vaccination centre and taken a number of people there. He would recommend using the drive through facility as this very quick. If elderly people are unable to get there, Cllr Wright is happy to provide support.

Cllr Hancox mentioned that a number of local businesses have benefited from grants that have supported them, and asked whether it was likely that WDC will ask for any of these grants this back or carry out any follow up checks. It was confirmed that WDC will not ask for money back, but there is an audit process going through for some businesses at the moment where suspicious activity is detected. Work is underway to provide support for businesses who were unable to access grants.

133. Correspondence

Dunsmore Living Landscape have contacted the PC to extend a potential offer of a funded piece of artwork. The PC has replied to express interest for Stoneleigh & Ashow and are awaiting a response.

134. Questions to Chairman

Cllr Astle asked if the PC would be submitting a response to the WCC A46 Link Road consultation which ends February 15th. It was agreed that the PC would submit a response formally accepting and supporting the response provided by Cllrs Redford, Wright & Redford. Cllr Bianco also suggested adding that the PC confirm that the proposal for the link road does not negate the need for the Stoneleigh Bypass, and to draw attention to a possible review of the roundabout at the end of the link road.

- Any comments from Councillors to be sent to the Clerk by end of day February 12th, for Clerk to submit comments to WCC before the end of the consultation period.

135. Date of next meeting: March 11th 2021, 7pm, via Zoom

136. Closure

The meeting was closed at 21:16