

Stoneleigh & Ashow Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 14th May 2026
At Stoneleigh Village Hall at 7pm

PRESENT:

Cllr R Hancox (Chair)
Cllr J Astle
Cllr L Rolli
Cllr D Jack
Cllr R Bennett
Cllr B Edwards
Helen Denton-Stacey (Clerk)
2 residents

1. Election of Chair

Cllr D Jack proposed Cllr R Hancox to be appointed as Chair, seconded by Cllr L Rolli

2. Election of Vice Chair

Cllr D Jack proposed Cllr J Astle to be appointed as Vice Chair, seconded by Cllr R Bennett

3. Attendance and Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from:

Cllr J Payne
Cllr P Redford

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest. Reviewed Annually.

5. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the AMPC meeting held on 9th April 2026 were reviewed , approved and signed by Chair.

6. Public Session

Warwickshire Chief Inspector in attendance to discuss crime figures for the area and preparations for Farm Fest.

He advised that there is an increase on investigated incidents from 2025 figure of 73, 2026 incidents are 109 of which 39 were the same offender for theft charges.

He advised thefts from HS2, the garage break in and dangerous driving on the A46 are included within this figure for 2026.

Public order and safeguarding are low within the area. He advised crime is driven within retail in the area, he advised the police have a service available to residents for marking of property, ie: tools , tack and electrical equipment.

Farm Fest

Cllr R Hancox advised he and Cllr L Rolli had attended a meeting with the event organisers previously and were advised an updated map and procedure was completed recently, he has asked for this update but has not received a response, he will chase as he and Cllr L Rolli will be attending a further meeting on 18th May, alongside a meeting at Jeremy Wrights forum on Friday 15th.

The police have a site meeting scheduled for 20th, they have been advised tickets have now been split for day and evening events. There is a full command structure prepared within the site alongside a rural stall at the event. There will be external officers around the village for support to the local community.

A resident was in attendance to discuss planning application **W/26/0554** | Engineering operations, erection of glass and metal balustrade and boundary fencing (Retrospective Application) | Quince Cottage, 4 The Bank, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DA. She explained that the original application W/26/0156 has been refused and this is a reapplication for retrospective planning. She asked the PC for their support in a refusal to the application as the original objective points have not changed, these include flooding, height, privacy, drainage and building regulations. Another resident in attendance is the applicant, he advised the original planning application was refused only on the height of the gazebo and this is being addressed following advice from the Planning Officer. A conversation ensued between the two parties and Parish Councillors felt very uncomfortable to be included in what appears to be a civil matter. Advice was given to Councillors to record no comment to this application, the planning officers are aware of the issues raised by the applicant, neighbours and consultees to the application.

7. Committees of the Council

8. External Committees

To appoint members to serve on the undermentioned committees

- a) Stoneleigh Village Hall & Playing Fields Trust- Cllr R Hancox agreed
- b) Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouses, Stoneleigh – Cllrs R Hancox & L Rolli
- c) The Leigh Educational Foundation – Cllr J Astle
- d) Trustees of the Stoneleigh United Charities – Cllr R Hancox

9. Reports

To receive reports on:

- a) Stoneleigh Village Hall & Playing Fields Trust
- b) Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouses, Stoneleigh
- c) The Leigh Educational Foundation
- d) Trustees of the Stoneleigh United Charities
- e) No reports received

10. Calendar of Meetings

Agreed for second Thursday of each month except August.

11. Finance and Administration

Finance Report 14th May 2026.

Income / Expenditure

Balance brought forward from 30th April 2026	<u>£ 60,556.07</u>
Clerk Expenses (April)	£ 110.78
NEST	£ 72.27
Clerk salary (April)	as per contract
HMRC (employee tax & NI)	as per contract
HMRC Employers NI	£99.92
Unity Service charge	£7.00
WALC annual subscription	£351.00

N Power	£132.43
N Plan envelopes and ink	£108.01

Income:	
WDC	£13,137.30

Balance **£ 71,769.38**

Funds at Unity Bank

Current Account T1	£ 50,453.67
Instant Access account	£ 21,315.71

£ 71,769.38

Online payments to be authorised:

Clerk Expenses (May)	£ 110.78
NEST	£ 72.27
Clerk salary (May)	as per contract
HMRC (employee tax & NI)	as per contract
Royal Mail PO Box Renewal	£99.96
Anifeed Ltd Internal Audit	£275.00
Stoneleigh Village Hall Room hire for 2026	£175.00
Zurich Insurance Renewal	£480.93

- a) Invoices and payments received were noted.
- b) It was agreed that all payments were authorised.
- c) Chairs Allowance of £100 agreed
- d) To review Policies
All Policies reviewed and agreed to be adopted
- e) Insurance Renewal
Zurich Insurance renewal agreed at £480.93
- f) To review the summary of income and expenditure – year ending 31st March 2026
Agreed and noted
- g) Review internal audit
Internal audit report noted, agreed to set budgets for 3 years in advance. To include wording of request to WDC in precept minutes going forward.
- h) Declaration of Exemption from a Limited Assurance Review
Resolved to agree as under £25,000, Certificate of Exemption, signed by RFO & Chair
- i) Review of Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statement
Resolved to agree Annual Governance Statement, proposed by L Rolli, seconded by J Astle, completed and signed by RFO & Chair
Resolved to agree Accounting Statement, proposed by J Astle, seconded by L Rolli, completed and signed by RFO & Chair

12. Planning

May 2026.

New Planning Applications

Appl. No: W/26/0554 Received: 22/04/2026 08:11:00App. Type: Planning Permission

Quince Cottage, 4 The Bank, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DA

Engineering operations, erection of glass and metal balustrade and boundary fencing (Retrospective Application)

Mr P Gurney

Case Officer: Officer Email:

Grid Ref: 433,077.97 / 272,779.42

Applicant:

Applicant Tel:

Ward: Cubbington and Leek Wootton

Dylan Ramessa dylan.ramessa@warwickdc.gov.uk

PC records no comment to this application.

Application No: W/26/0197 LB

Description: External Repairs and Associated Works to the Grade I listed building, including:

- Localised replacement and repair of decayed sandstone ashlar using Corsehill stone and colour-matched lime mortars;
- Removal of inappropriate historic tile repairs and cementitious materials;
- Repair and reinstatement of C17 lead rainwater downpipes;
- Replacement of failing asphalt roof coverings on a like-for-like basis, including discreet rooflights and ventilation outlets;
- Replacement or upgrading of tile vents;
- Installation of new flue liners and chimney cowls where required for safe operation of fireplaces and boilers; and
- Limited excavation for new foul drainage connections at ground floor level.

Address: East Wing 3, Stoneleigh Abbey, Stoneleigh Abbey, Kenilworth,

CV8 2LF

Applicant: Professor M Taylor

PC records no comment to this application.

W/26/0128

Replacement of single storey side structure with flat roof. Increase in ridge height of existing side structure, with front and rear dormers, for addition of full first floor. Rear facing rooflights. Erection of single storey rear extension to replace existing single storey rear structure.

Chesford House, Ashow Road, Ashow, Kenilworth, CV8 2LE

PC records no comment to this application.

Application No: W/25/0695

Description: Proposed erection of two storey rear extension and change of use from residential (Class C3) to children's day nursery (Class E) in Coventry City Council area ref. PL/2025/0000917/FUL with associated car parking in Warwick District Council area.

Address: 249 Green Lane, Finham, Coventry, CV3 6EF
Applicant: Simple Planning Solutions Ltd

Appl. No: W/25/1132 Received: 18/08/2025 10:31:16App. Type: Outline Planning Permission

The Orchard, Coventry Road, Stoneleigh
Outline planning application (all matters reserved except for means of site access) for the erection of 2no. dwellings.
Mr & Mrs Innocent

Case Officer: Officer Email:

Grid Ref: 433,168.83 / 272,854.17

Applicant:
Applicant Tel:

Ward: Cubbington and Leek Wootton

Millie Flynn millie.flynn@warwickdc.gov.uk

[Progress of planning applications](#)

WITHDRAWN

Appl. No: W/25/1118 Received: 13/08/2025 00:00:00App. Type: Planning Permission

School Bell Mews, Church Lane, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3ZZ
Erection of 1no. bungalow.
Mr Graham Ratcliff

Case Officer: Officer Email:

Grid Ref: 433,004.23 / 272,666.21

Applicant:
Applicant Tel:

Ward: Cubbington and Leek Wootton

Millie Flynn millie.flynn@warwickdc.gov.uk

REFUSED

W/26/0156

Engineering operations, erection of glass and metal balustrade, boundary fencing and erection of timber gazebo structure (Retrospective)

Quince Cottage, 4 The Bank, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DA

APPROVED

W/26/0432/TCA

Hedge 1 Thuja Plicata : Reduce current height from 7.2 metres down to 5.2 metres. This is a 2-metre reduction (approximately 28%). Hedge 2 Thuja Plicata : Maintain current height of 5.2 metres (lateral trim only; no height reduction). | 5 Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DD

WITHDRAWN

W/25/1722

Application for Prior Approval for proposed change of use of existing agricultural building to 1no. dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) and associated operational development under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).

Sewa Hall, Hill Farm, Kings Hill Lane, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV3 6PS

APPROVED

W/25/1207

Change of use of an existing building cafe & Class B8 storage & retailing of hydroponics to a automotive garage | Brook Farm, Stoneleigh Road, Coventry, CV4 7AB

APPROVED

W/25/1743

Installation of a secondary dosing kiosk (retrospective)

Chesford Valve House, B4115, Kenilworth, CV8 2LD

13. Stoneleigh Park Events

Covered in public session.

14. HS2 Update

Temporary traffic lights are in place until 21st July. Cllr R Hancox will be attending Jeremy Wrights forum tomorrow for updates.

Cllr B Edwards advised that Crewe Lane is now dangerous, WDC have now signed the bond for the developer to build new route around the development.

15. Neighbourhood Plan

Awaiting next steps from Your Locale.

16. Water Testing

Ongoing

17. A46 Stoneleigh Road Junction Improvement Scheme

The latest updates have been circulated.

18. Birmingham Road Closure Update

Cllr B Edwards advised that Highways are looking at reducing speed to 30mph on B4113 and placing build outs, there are 2 possible options for Birmingham Road. Cllr B Edwards is looking at funding with HS2.

19. Updates from Warwickshire police, WCC Cllr B Edwards and WDC Councillors P Redford and J Payne

Warwickshire Police

Cllr R Hancox to attend police meeting on 22nd June.

Cllr B Edwards

Covered in meeting. He advised no road improvements for Kings Hill planned.

20. Correspondence

Circulated

21. Questions to Chairman

None.

22. Date of Next Meeting

- 11th June at Ashow Village Club

23. Closure

The meeting was called to a close at 8.30pm.