

Stoneleigh and Ashow Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2023 at Stoneleigh Village Hall

1. Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies

Apologies received and accepted from Celia Baly, Cllr Jack, Cllr Matthews, and Tony Hanselman.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2023 were reviewed and approved.

4. Open Event Review

Open event held on 4th March was a useful exercise. The turnout was 7 people in Stoneleigh and 32 people in Ashow. The report from the event is on the website.

5. Questionnaire

Draft questionnaire has been sent to Gary. We will use Survey Monkey to run the questionnaire but will make paper copies available if requested. Paper answers are more time consuming and difficult to convert into data.

Decisions won't be made solely on the responses to the questionnaire.

Aim to advertise the questionnaire in the July edition of S&A News, to run for approximately three weeks (allowing 2 extra weeks for paper copies).

6. Designation Update

Gary Kirk has been in communication with WDC on behalf of the Parish Council. Gary would like the Parish Council to consider making a formal complaint.

7. Funding

We have been approved for planning technical support in design and a team from AECOM will be working on this with us. They would like to organise a remote meeting and two times have been suggested:

- Tuesday 2nd May 12-3pm
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- Wednesday 3rd May 10-3pm
- Thursday 4th May 10-3pm

Attendees agreed to meet with Aecom on 2nd May 2023 at 2pm.

We have also been approved for a Housing Needs Assessment. Again, the work will be carried out by AECOM. They have also indicated that they would like to meet remotely and have suggested the following times:

- Wednesday 3rd May at 2pm
- Friday 5th May at 11am, 1pm or 2pm
- Tuesday 9th May at 2pm

Attendees agreed to meet on 5th May 2023 at 11am, Gary Kirk, Richard Hancox, Anthony Bianco, and John Astle to attend.

No funding has been allocated yet. Gary will continue his work for us and invoice when the funding has been applied for and granted.

8. The Way Forward – establishing small groups.

Gary suggested that the next stage of the Neighbourhood plan process is to drill down into the finer details by establishing two key subgroups: housing and environment.

The housing section of the Neighbourhood Plan will identify the most important spaces to be designated as local green space, which will effectively prohibit development. We can identify views inside and outside of the village. We can also look at historic buildings and structure. There will also be the opportunity to identify other buildings that have not formally been identified or listed.

The housing section will also consider issues such as residential allocation and policies regarding housing mix and design. A decision will need to be made on whether a residential allocation will be made.

John Martin will lead the environmental aspect of the NP. This will be an opportunity to identify the most important environmental aspects of the Parish and afford them a strong level of protection. John can lead a meeting with the group on 8th, 14th, or 21st June 2023. The group opted for 21st June 2023 at Stoneleigh Village Hall.

Flood survey already exist and there will be policies included in the NP that will deal with flooding including surface water flooding.

Wildlife is an important element. We will create an environmental inventory, using a scoring system, that will identify wildlife. There is a nationally set list of criteria such as tranquillity and beauty.

9. Date of Next Meeting(s)

Thursday 6th July at 7pm, to be held at Ashow Village Club
