

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at on Thursday 14th June 2018 at Ashow Village Club at
7 pm**

PRESENT:

Chairman Cllr R Hancox
Deputy Chairman Cllr J Astle
Cllr D Jack
Cllr M Foster
Cllr A Bianco
Cllr S Williams
District Councillor T Wright

There were 2 members of the public present.

Mrs Hannah Watts, the new Clerk was present, and was introduced by Cllr Hancox.

25. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr W Redford and Cllr P Redford.

26. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were received.

Cllr Hancox read the notification informing all present that the meeting would be recorded.

(Cllr Foster left the meeting at 7:10 pm)

27. Representatives from HS2 Ltd Early Works updated the Council on the latest schedule of works.

Standing orders were suspended for the presentation at 7:10 pm.

Mr Alan Payne from HS2 Ltd introduced himself and Mr Ashley Jackson and Mr Mark Smith from Laing O Rourke Murphy.

Mr Jackson addressed the meeting, offered his congratulations to the new Clerk and expressed a wish to create a good working relationship with the Clerk and everyone present.

Mr Jackson wanted to address all concerns and answer all questions. This presentation is about who Laing O Rourke Murphy (LM) are and what early works are planned.

The enabling works for HS2 Ltd are all being done by LM. There are three parts to the works. LM will work on these for the first two years and then hand over to Balfour Beatty Vinci (BBV) who are the main contractors. The railway will be laid on top of the completed main works and the first trains will start to run in 2026.

The Early Works are basically clearing the way for the Main Works Contractors. At the moment surveys are being undertaken and there are more planned. Soil samples are being taken to check the condition of the ground. This information forms part of the design which then leads to the construction.

(Cllr Foster re-entered the room at 7:12 pm)

Mr Jackson stated that archaeological digs are also being undertaken, as well as vegetation clearance. There has been some concern about these works being undertaken during bird nesting season. Mr

Jackson confirmed that it is not illegal to conduct these types of surveys during bird nesting season but stated that LM do follow strict procedures which are supervised by an Ecology officer. If it becomes clear that birds are being disturbed, the works are suspended until the area is clear. Mr Jackson handed out some information on the procedures surrounding bird nesting. Mr Jackson also stated that great crested newts are being looked after, and that everything that is taken away will be put back. For example, seven million trees will be taken down and these will be replaced. Displaced newts will go into new ponds, and bats into newly built bat houses. There is lots of mitigation around these works and there will be a net gain in terms of what is being put back. There will actually be a large environmental improvement due to the mitigation works.

Mr Mark Smith began to talk through the presentation.

Slide 5 shows a map of Kenilworth and Ashow. The line on the right shows the HS2 alignment. Between Ashow Road and the A46 there is an indication of where the workers' compound will be. LM will also set up a small compound in that location. The land is already owned by HS2 Ltd. There is a proposed design for a temporary slip road onto the Southbound A46. This initially allows for traffic to avoid the A46 via the junction of Ashow and Stoneleigh Roads. So, the workers can drive in and straight back out. LM will need to widen the A46 to allow for the construction of an underpass under the bridge. LM need to alter the functionality of the A46 and the Stoneleigh Road junction to deal with construction vehicles. There is also a need to consider a junction on the A452 / B4115 to make sure the junction can accommodate construction traffic.

Mr Smith also explained that ecological and archaeological mitigation is taking place in this area, as well as the re-location of utilities.

Slide 6 shows the Main Works compound which will be used by LM as well as sites in Burton Green and Long Itchington among others. Mr Smith confirmed that 'N1 rural' is name of this area. The brown area is a temporary stock pile area for the Main Works Contractors, and the pink area is a temporary works accommodation for the Main Works Contractors.

Slide 7 is of the compound, showing access from Ashow road. The longer line of two merging lines is a temporary Southbound carriage way. Southbound traffic can be transferred on to that section, then the underpass can be built. The slip road is a snapshot of a working design which will be submitted for acceptance by HS2 and Highways England. The new carriageway will be built on a widening of earthworks. LM are aware of a need to protect the utilities – there is a gas main under there which will be diverted.

Slide 8 show the A46/ Stoneleigh Road junction. LM will need to deliver temporary signalised alterations to the junction to help traffic flow on and off.

Regarding the programme of works, Mr Smith confirmed that the scheme design will be ready for submission to HS2 in July 2018. A detailed design will follow in October 2018.

The construction programme starts with ecological mitigation in September and October 2018.

There will also be archaeological mitigation as some evidence has been uncovered of an ancient settlement which will need to be recorded and protected. The construction period will therefore start in October 2018 onwards and hopefully be completed by June 2019.

At this point there will be a handover of the A46 works, the junction works and the workers' compound to BBV. Having completed the presentation, Mr Payne opened the meeting for questions.

Cllr Bianco asked about the submission plans. He has been in contact with the District and County Councils and no application has been received yet. Cllr Bianco also expressed concern that this was the first time the Parish Council had formally met Mr Smith and Mr Jackson as representatives from LM and stated that this was an omission on part of HS2 Ltd

Cllr Bianco also mentioned the proposed diversion as presented to the House of Commons. This is a very expensive option and HS2 Ltd figures from 2010 are being challenged. Why has tunnelling not been considered as an option. Mr Payne answered that there is not enough clearance for tunnelling so the proposed costs are irrelevant.

Cllr Bianco stated that the compound should be exited onto Stoneleigh Road. The Secretary of State stated six months ago that this should be the case to relieve the amount of transport on the B4115.

Mr Payne answered that as the Act stands this is not the case. LM have been asked to design the compound whilst being compliant with the Act. Mr Payne also stated that Warwickshire County Council are planning to build a roundabout at the Birmingham Road Junction which would help the traffic issues.

Cllr Bianco replied that the roundabout is a good suggestion and has the support of the Parish Council but this concept has been discussed for four years and suggested that HS2 are dealing with plans that have not formally been discussed with the community, but just presented by HS2 Ltd. The alternative exit onto Stoneleigh Road has been discussed before and Cllr Bianco is disappointed that this option has not been considered or chosen by HS2 Ltd.

Mr Smith pointed out that LM are under an obligation to do what HS2 Ltd request. Cllr Bianco asked why and Mr Payne confirmed that HS2 Ltd and all contractors have to comply with the Act. Mr Payne confirmed that the proposed design complies with the Act. Mr Payne also stated that he is working closely with Adrian Hart and Nicola Van Der Hoven from Warwickshire County Council and clearly there is an alternative option which will hopefully be available. However, if Warwickshire County Council do not receive planning and approval through the Department of Transport, the exit will come out opposite the Farmer's Market.

Cllr Bianco stated that he is aware that LM are doing their job but expressed regret that the plans have not been heard before, and that the plans are different to what the Secretary of State stated in January.

Mr Payne answered that the Secretary of State did not mention this, and that HS2 are looking at opportunities to enable access to the compound. In the meantime, if Warwickshire County Council don't get planning for the roundabout, the current plan will be implemented.

Cllr Hancox reminded all present that the proposed roundabout application has already been delayed.

Cllr Bianco agreed and stated that the A46 junction will not be completed until at least December 2020. Mr Payne stated that HS2 Ltd have been told it would be October 2020. This affects the co-ordination with LM and produces confusion and problems.

Cllr Bianco also asked about the compound and asked why only a few people had received a copy of the works notifications. Mr Jackson confirmed that this needed to be looked at and hopes to use ways of communicating with the local community such as the Parish magazine.

Cllr Williams asked whether HS2 Ltd and LM could email a regular update to the Parish Clerk, which she can then circulate to all Councillors. Cllr Jackson confirmed that this would be done. Cllr Wright also suggested that the District Councillors could help to distribute this.

Mr Jackson also confirmed that HS2 and LM would produce a quarterly newsletter.

Mr Payne confirmed that if anything changes with the plans, for example, if the roundabout proposed by Warwickshire County Council is approved in time, HS2 Ltd will move to 'Plan B' and integrate this into the design. They will then come back to the Parish Council and present the plans.

Mr Payne confirmed that HS2 Ltd are working closely with Warwickshire County Council, and also have monthly meetings with Highways England.

Cllr Bianco asked about the use of the workers' compound by LM – how long will it be used for? Mr Smith confirmed that LM will build the compound and will use it from late 2018 to summer 2019. The Main Works Contractors will use it from summer 2019.

Cllr Williams asked Mr Smith to confirm which road is which on the plan. Mr Smith explained the layout of the roads and handed out maps to the Councillors. Mr Payne confirmed that the Main Works Contractors will build bridges over the rail line and these will reduce traffic early on.

Cllr Bianco asked how many people will be on site at the workers' compound. Mr Smith stated probably up to 50 plus possibly some other staff.

Cllr Bianco answered that this is a real concern for Stoneleigh as there will now be 100 more people on top of an existing population of 500. This is a 20% increase and is a real concern as we understand that the Main Works Contractors will add another 300 -500 people. HS2 Ltd need to be aware that this doubles the size of Stoneleigh, and Cllr Bianco feels that there is a need to have discussions about how this will work.

Mr Payne confirmed that the whole team is looking at the compound, discussing issues such as drainage, electricity and communication. When HS2 Ltd know more they will return to the Parish Council to provide an update.

Cllr Bianco asked whether a planned completion date for early works of June 2019 is a little optimistic? Mr Smith stated that the representatives from LM are all from large engineering companies who have collectively worked on a lot of projects and have lots of experience. Mr Payne added that the planned works are not being done in isolation as everyone is working together.

Cllr Bianco asked how big the gas line is which needs to be moved and whether it would be run parallel to the A46, come up underneath the railway, come out at the A46 junction and then and curl back. Mr Payne answered that the gas line would be placed into trenches under the A46 using a micro-tunnel. Cllr Hancox asked whether the tunnel is very deep and Mr Payne confirmed that it is 16 metres deep. There is a whole team who manage the utilities, although sometimes the utility companies can do the works themselves. Cadent (historically British Gas) are actually doing the work on this line.

Cllr Jack asked about the line which carries aviation fuel and Mr Smith confirmed that this is in Burton Green and Berkswell. Cllr Jack stated that there is a line running past the Deer Park golf course and through Baginton. Mr Payne answered that he wasn't sure about this and it may be a diverted utility.

Cllr Astle asked whether there had been any updates on the cycle path, and Cllr Bianco confirmed that the community are very concerned that the B4115 is already unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists. Cllr Hancox agreed and confirmed that there have been seven serious accidents at the Stoneleigh crossroads in the last 5 years.

Cllr Bianco state that the Parish Council asked four years ago for the area between Chesford Grange down to the Ashow cycle path to be cleared. Cllr Bianco would also like the path to be extended from Ashow to Crewe Lane, and eventually from Crewe Lane to the roundabout. In AP4 there is a proposed new road here but there is no provision for pedestrian / cycle path.

Mr Payne answered that he would ask Susan Bridges about this and mentioned the road safety fund and the HS2 Community fund. Mr Payne also confirmed that HS2 Ltd are trying to get off the Ashow road as much as possible which is why they want Warwickshire County Council to get the roundabout approved.

Cllr Hancox stated that Highways England have encouraged cyclists to use the B4115, but there are lots of HGVs planned to use this road. Mr Payne confirmed that this is another reason that HS2 Ltd hope to use the proposed new roundabout.

Cllr Jack asked about the plans to improve the junction onto the B4115 and asked what happens to HGVs on that road. Mr Payne confirmed that the contractors are very aware of this. HS2 Ltd have to submit plans and transport routes which will need to be approved and go through Health and Safety audits. The A46 will always be a dual carriageway. The HS2 Act sets out that construction traffic coming in will go in at the A452, left at the Chesford Grange, then out onto the slip road onto the A46. If possible, traffic will use the new roundabout and then won't need to come off at the Thickthorn / Ashow road. The junction will be designed to take HGVs. Mr Payne asked the Parish Council to stay in touch with Warwickshire County Council to encourage them to make a decision on the roundabout as quickly as possible. Mr Payne confirmed that HS2 Ltd cannot rely on this being built and so plans at the moment do not include it.

Cllr Bianco asked when HS2 Ltd and LM would be returning for an update. Mr Payne confirmed that this would be in September or October once final decisions on traffic and road plans have been made.

Cllr Wright asked whether the July plans will include a proposal on how to model the junction. Mr Payne confirmed that this would be the case. Mr Wright also asked about traffic coming from Leamington along the A452 and Mr Payne confirmed that there will be a team who produce traffic models. Mr Wright requested that the Parish Council see the traffic plans as soon as possible.

Cllr Hancox asked about a previous plan of an additional slip road on the A46 and the closure of the existing slip road – has this plan changed? Mr Payne confirmed that this is the case.

Cllr Hancox also asked about the visual impact of the compound. Is there a height limit for the compound and also the heap of spoil that is planned? Mr Payne confirmed that the building will be single storey, and that when the design is done HS2 Ltd and LM will return to confirm the details.

Cllr Hancox asked when LM will be handing the A46 and the new alignment to the Main Works Contractors. Mr Smith confirmed that this will happen in June 2019.

Mr Payne stated that HS2 Ltd are working with Highways England and Warwickshire County Council on a traffic management plan for the A46.

Cllr Hancox asked about the proposed 600 utility amendments and whether there were any drawings so that the Parish Council can see planned closures of local roads. Mr Smith answered that for each work package a detailed design will be produced which will include this information. Mr Payne added that when agreements and plans are available these will be presented at a Parish Council meeting.

Mr Innocent mentioned that the workers' compound is a sizeable development and asked whether the workers would have broadband available. As it is not currently in the village could this be extended to benefit the residents of the community, as a mitigation measure?

Cllr Hancox agreed and suggested that the provision of gas could be included in this.

Mr Innocent asked for reassurance that no HGVs are going over the Stoneleigh Bridge. Mr Payne confirmed that the restriction on HGVs using the bridge is written in the Act so this will definitely not happen.

Cllr Wright mentioned the community at Dial House Farm who will be affected by terrible traffic.

Mr Payne confirmed that Mr Smith and the LM team will look at any possible improvements to the junction to help these residents.

Cllr Bianco suggested that the Chesford Junction road should be widened, to address safety issues. Cllr Hancox added that Warwickshire County Council have plans to dual this road anyway.

Cllr Bianco suggested that this should happen and that Warwickshire County Council and HS2 Ltd should consider future proofing all of these plans.

Mr Payne confirmed that HS2 Ltd will have more information about everything by September, so a meeting date of 11th October 2018 was agreed. The Clerk will liaise with Mrs Bridges to confirm this.

Cllr Hancox asked what will happen if the roundabout is delayed by a year or so – could the plans be changed later on to fit in with this?

Mr Payne answered that this would probably not be possible as the works would then be based on the fact that there is no roundabout planned. HS2 Ltd will not be able to do a lot of works which will then not be needed.

It was agreed that the presentation would be sent to the Clerk to send on to Councillors.

Standing orders re re-instated at 20:24pm

28. Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Meetings of the Parish Council held on Thursday 10th May were signed by the Chairman.

29. Public session

Standing Orders were suspended at 20:25 pm

Mr Innocent raised several points:

- There are some granite sets outside the bank in Stoneleigh where the road signs are on Birmingham Road. Eight granite sets are missing. Cllr Hancox confirmed that the Parish Council will let Warwickshire County Council know.
- The footpath on Coventry Road on the left-hand side is very overgrown. Cllr Hancox confirmed that the Parish Council will let Warwickshire County Council know.
- Currently Mr Innocent's neighbour has an application for lawful development which has not been verified. However, the garage has been started to be built. Mr Innocent has contacted Warwick District Council to ask someone to have a look at the development, as there are issues such as the vision splay is non-existent and the materials used are not correct. Mr Innocent has heard nothing back. Cllr Wright confirmed that the planning element needs to be looked at if the applicant is deviating from the plan and suggested that Mr Innocent involve enforcement. Mr Innocent confirmed that this is what he has done but he has heard nothing back. Cllr Wright stated that if permitted development rights are in place, development can take place in the village envelope without permission however the District Council can remove the rights. Cllr Wright suggested that Mr Innocent contacts him directly and he will follow this up. Cllr Jack stated that the Parish Council appreciate Mr Innocent for bringing such issues to the attention of the Parish Council.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 20:33 pm.

30. Finance

a) Payments / Invoices

Income / Expenditure

Balance brought forward	£38,923.52
Receipts – VAT payment	£602.99
	<u>£39,344.21</u>

Payments to 31st May

301385	Johnston Publishing (Job advert Weekly News)	£456.00
301386	WDC Rural Footway lighting	£180.89
301387	Royal Mail PO BOX renewal	£177.00
301388	S Windridge Salary inc. holiday pay	£823.98
301389	Ashow Church (S.137 Grant)	£500.00
301390	Stoneleigh Church (S.137 Grant)	£500.00
301391	Stoneleigh and Ashow News (S.137 Grant)	£500.00
301392	Warwickshire Hearts (S.137 Grant)	£500.00
301393	Michael Byng HS2 report	£250.00
301394	S Windridge – printer cartridge and paper	£34.75
301395	BHIB Insurance Brokers	£374.43

		<u>£4297.05</u>

Balance	<u>£35,229.46</u>
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At Co-operative Bank plc, Birmingham

A/C 6101168500 (Current	£10,993.91
A/C 6101168550 (Instant Access)	£5063.38
A/C 6101168556 (14 Day Deposit)	£20,422.17

£36,479.46

Less unrepresented cheques	£500.00
	£500.00
	£250.00

£35,229.46

b) Cheques to be authorised

301396	S Windridge – salary and expenses	£471.15
301397	WALC – 3 x training sessions H Watts	£90.00
301398	Three Sixty Interiors – Noticeboard alteration	£110.00
301399	Hannah Watts – PO BOX Reimbursement	£330.00
301400	S Windridge – Stationery	£44.28

The Clerk confirmed that the Councillors had received a copy of the monthly budget and earmarked funds for review.

- c) Signing mandate. It was resolved to add the new Clerk to the bank signing mandate. Cllr Hancox also read out and confirmed the bank mandate.

31. Planning

New Planning Applications

Application No: W/18/0677 LB and W/18/0676

Description: Demolition of the existing detached outbuilding and erection of a replacement detached outbuilding.

Address: North Lodge, Coventry Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DT

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Crofts

Closing date: 21st June

Planning Officer: Emma Spandley

It was unanimously agreed to support the application.

Cllr Wright Trevor informed the Council that the application has been granted under delegated powers. It was suggested that the Parish Council confirm that the application received full support anyway.

Application No: W/18/0955 LB (No need for a full planning application).

Description: Removal of partition wall between kitchen and dining room, removal of existing flagstone floor, installation of hot-water underfloor heating system and laying of new vinyl flooring. All plasterwork to be repaired to a finish consistent with the existing plasterwork.

Address: 1 Home Farm, Stoneleigh Abbey, Kenilworth, CV8 2LF

Applicant: Mrs Widhall

Closing date: 21st June

Planning Officer: Robert Dawson

It was unanimously agreed to support the application.

Application No: W/18/0886

Description: Installation of a dropped kerb and hardstanding to create drive.

Address: 5 Dudley Terrace, Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DB

Applicant: Mr D Balogun

Closing date: 26th June

Planning Officer: Rebecca Compton

Cllr Hancox reported that this application needs planning consent as it involves the public highway. There will be space lost on the highway where the dropped kerb is. However, this is very common and other houses in the road have already done this.

It was unanimously agreed to support the application.

Progress of planning applications

Application No: W/18/0641 LB

Description: Consolidation of existing building and use as a garden workshop

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

Applicant: Harrower

Case Officer: Robert Dawson

This application has been granted.

Application No: W/18/0436

Description: Change of use of land for caravan and camping site all year round (retrospective)

Address: The Meadows, Dalehouse Lane, Kenilworth, CV8 2JZ

Applicant: Mr Jones

Closing date: 11th May

Planning Officer: John Wilbraham

This application has been withdrawn

Notification No: W/18/0670

Description: Prior Approval for a Proposed Change of use of agricultural building and land within its curtilage to use as dwelling house (Class C3), and associated building operations.

Address: Barn at The Dial House, Ashow Road, Ashow, Kenilworth, CV8 2LD

Applicant: Mr Anthony Cummins

Closing date: 11th May

Planning Officer: Helena Obremski

Planning Permission is required

Application No: W/18/0349

Description: Re-skinning of brickwork and roof, new windows, and front gable extension (as approved in applications W16/2236 and W/17/0722) with rear single storey and two storey extensions, rear dormer and associated landscaping works.

Address: Penns House, Ashow Road, Ashow, Kenilworth, CV8 2LE

Case Officer: Holika Bungre

This application has been withdrawn

Application No: W/18/0308 LB

Description: Front door and frame to be replaced with oak front door.

Address: 3 The Bank, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DA

Applicant: Mrs S Smith

Closing date: 25th April

Case Officer: Robert Dawson

This application has been granted

32. Matters Arising

a) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hancox reports that the Parish Council has been given some helpful information from Baginton and Bubbenhall Parish Councils which they used to create their Neighbourhood Plan. Baginton and Bubbenhall Parish Councils will help the Parish Council push through a simple and quick Neighbourhood Plan and have suggested that the Parish Council re-engage with Kirkwells. The Council has already spent money with them, but there are more funds available and more expenditure can be justified due to changes in the National Planning Framework and the new Local Plan. It was resolved that Cllr Hancox would forward the Clerk the previous correspondence with Kirkwells and the Clerk will re-instate contact with them. The Clerk also agreed to contact the District Council to ask for some documents such as Ordinance Survey Maps.

b) Kings Hill Housing update

Cllr Bianco stated that this application included thousands of pages of documents which were required to be read for a full understanding of the application. This is not suitable or appropriate for a Parish Council. It was confirmed that the Parish Council have objected to the application. Cllr Wright also confirmed that he and Cllr P Redford have objected due to the traffic and other developments in area, and also due to concerns regarding who is going to fund the new school.

c) Catesby Homes Crewe Lane Housing update

Cllr Bianco informed the Council that another District Councillor and County Councillor are dealing with this application and asked where the Parish Council stands. Cllr Bianco suggested that the Council should write to the District Council to question this development as the local area cannot absorb the traffic created by this development. Cllr Wright confirmed that he is happy to support this and has spoken to Dave Shilton at Warwick District Council. Cllr Wright will raise this again with Mr Shilton and ask if the Parish Council can be consulted. Cllr Bianco also confirmed that Western Power has begun some groundwork in the area and is sure that the Parish Council asked Western Power to re- institute the hedge after completing the development. The Clerk will contact the Planning Officer to ask for an update on this.

d) Traffic on the B4115 -issues affecting pedestrians and cyclists

This issue has already been discussed with HS2 Ltd, and Cllr W Redford is organising the cutting back of the hedges along the B4115. Cllr Foster confirmed the grass has already been cut.

Cllr Bianco pointed out that this is an issue for Warwickshire County Council and should be done every year, although Cllr Hancox suggested that HS2 could be building on top of this hedge anyway.

Cllr Bianco asked that the Parish Council please keep this issue on the agenda and suggested that possible footpaths/ cycle paths from Rocky Lane to Crewe Lane and then from Crewe Lane to the Stoneleigh Junction would be a good solution. The Parish Council need to keep in touch with HS2 Ltd about this.

e) General Data Protection Regulations review

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that in light of the new regulations the Parish Council has created and updated all Data Protection policies. These are on the website and have been sent to Councillors. The Parish Council has also reviewed how data breaches should be handled and completed a 'data cleansing' exercise of paper and electronic data that it no longer requires or has a need to retain. The Parish Council has also created a Privacy Notice which details what information the Parish Council and how it processes the information. All of this information is on the Parish Council website and has been circulated to Councillors. This information was also shared with local residents via the Parish Magazine.

Cllr Williams asked the Clerk to create a consent form for Councillors to distribute to residents, to obtain consent for receiving emails. The Clerk will create this and send to Councillors.

33. To receive reports from:

a) Police Report.

Stoneleigh - Attempt Burglary - Incident 275 of 17-APR-2018

Between 1800hrs and 2200hrs Sunday 25-MAR-2018 unknown offender(s) attempted to force entry into a garage situated in a garage block in Acorn Close, Stoneleigh. Offender(s) drove an unknown vehicle described as a truck into the garage door causing damage. Nothing was stolen. Cllr Wright agreed to send the Clerk some update police and crime statistics.

- b) County Councillor – Cubbington
An email was received from Cllr W Redford to confirm that he will organise the cutting back of the Chesford Path.
- c) District Councillor – Stoneleigh & Cubbington - Cllr Mrs P Redford and Cllr Wright

Cllr Wright reported:

- The WRE (Warwickshire Rural East) meeting was attended by the Police and Crime Commissioner. Cllr Wright will forward the report from the meeting. Cllr Wright supported the increase of the precept for policing but was keen to confirm what the money was spent on. Cllr Wright asked the Police and Crime Commissioner about the fact that only three Police Officers are supporting the local area. This is an enormous area but even though crime levels not high, being visible is very important. Cllr Wright is concerned that there is a lot of policing in urban areas and that rural areas are at risk of being neglected. The Police and Crime Commissioner agreed that there is a need to look forward, due to HS2, and the increase in housing. He agreed to look into these issues. The Police and Crime Commissioner commented on the recent Horse Fair in Kenilworth. Police presence was increased at this event and reports suggest it was more successful than previously. This needs to continue, and Cllr Wright suggests that the police look into more policing when events take place at Stoneleigh Park for example.
- Coventry Wasps rugby team are planning on making ‘Old Leamingtonians’ Rugby Club a training place for Wasps. Building work will take place here to convert it into a Wasps academy. Cllr Wright has asked representatives from Wasps to come and speak to community about this as there is a chance the move will increase traffic in the area. The Parish Council agreed that it would be beneficial for a representative to attend a Parish Council meeting.
- Cllr Wright has updated his website with information regarding the WW1 grant for commemoration. Cllr Bianco confirmed that he has tried to apply for a grant to support an event at Stoneleigh Church but has been told he cannot apply. Cllr Wright will look into this further.
- Warwickshire County Council have set up a ‘Switch and Save’ initiative, pulling together a group of people to bid for local services. So if an elderly or disabled member of the community with no internet would like to compare utility prices, they can be helped with the switch over the phone. Cllr Hancox suggested that people look carefully at quotes given, as his seemed cheaper but the hourly rate of electricity was much more expensive.

34. Correspondence

Cllr Hancox has received emails from residents regarding the village green, requesting the Parish Council to look at the cost of replacing the posts and chains. Cllr Hancox is looking into prices and will let the Parish Council know.

Residents have also confirmed that the 'unofficial' village green is now surrounded by wooden posts which have been erected by the owner. Cllr W Redford is looking at these with the Highway Safety Team.

35. Questions to Chairman

Cllr Bianco confirmed that he is liaising with MP Jeremy Wright regarding HS2, and the possibility of conducting a presentation at Jubilee House with an update.

36. Meetings

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on 12th July 2018 at Stoneleigh Village Hall

37. Closure

The meeting was closed at 21:27 pm.