

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Stoneleigh Village Hall at 7 pm**

**PRESENT:**

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

There were 10 members of the public present.

**50. Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Redford, Cllr W Redford and Cllr S Williams.

**51. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were received. Cllr Jack stated that she is good friends with one of the planning applications (Holt), and will not take part in discussion of the application.

**52. Nicola van der Hoven, Warwickshire County Council, to give an update on progress on the A46 Stoneleigh Junction**

Standing orders were suspended for the presentation at 19:07.

Nicola van der Hoven gave a presentation regarding the A46 Stoneleigh Junction. Nicola apologised that Adrian Hart was unable to attend with her due to illness, however, she would take away any questions for Adrian and get the answers when he returns.

The A46 is a key route into Warwick university, and a very busy road. The plan is to improve the junction by putting in another bridge to get traffic on and off A46 easier and away from residential routes. The northern bridge will be new. There will be a shared foot and cycle way running around the edge of the junction, allowing cyclists to go around the roundabout in safety. There will be a push button crossing for pedestrians. The road towards Coventry will have a larger roundabout and will be set offline from current position.

Traffic and roadworks often mean disruption on the network, however, lots of this development will be built in the fields next to the existing roads so shouldn't mean too much disruption.

The new junction serves a number of purposes:

- To reduce congestion coming on and off A46 (considering traffic growth in future, and current traffic queuing on A46);
- Preparing for growth in area (Kings Hill site has planning application in and there are likely to be other developments, Stoneleigh Park changes etc);
- HS2 is coming and will cross the A46 about 800m from proposed junction. WCC are meeting with HS2 on a regular basis to understand the impact on A46 and how they will work together. This will change immediate traffic demands, especially during construction. HS2 will be coming to a parish council meeting later in the year, however, they may not talk about

this project as they are not yet taking this into account in their plans. WCC are currently talking with them and working hard to ensure all parties understand what each other is doing.

WCC has a plan in place, has received planning permission, a contractor putting together contract price. A detailed design is currently in development, and it is planned to start in Spring 2019 and will take 18 months. Not all funding in place yet because WCC is still awaiting funding from Department for Transport (DFT). There is a long process for the release of funding and DFT need to ensure that all information is in place before they will release funding. When DFT confirm that the funding is available, then WCC will let the tender and start works, and at that point, HS2 will confirm that this is all in place.

WCC have been looking at the ecological mitigation work required before work can start. Certain things have to be done at certain times of the year. The area has a lot of highway embankment which can be meeting points for animals, plus wet woodlands and streams. There is a variety of wildlife such as otters, birds, bats, snakes etc. An otter holt and a badger set have been created, and badgers have already started investigating their new set. There is some other ecological mitigation work to be done before starting works.

There is a West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) meeting tomorrow, September 14<sup>th</sup>, to make the decision about part of funding. WCC, WMCA and DFT will be providing funding for this development.

Other considerations for the future include potential for putting in a link road south of Coventry towards the university. In the medium term, WCC are investigating the impact of new housing developments, changes to Stoneleigh Park, and Gateway South. Consideration is being given as to what Phase 2 may look like by looking at traffic modelling in area, which includes what is currently known about the traffic, what changes will take place, how future developments will affect traffic, what are the other choices – changes to public transport, other ways of moving about (walking, cycling), changes to ways people access jobs.

Some information has recently been released into public domain about possible link roads connecting this area with UK Central, HS2 hub. This is a long-term plan, the currently project is about looking at the development set out in the WDC Local Plan and how this can be supported.

Next steps are to set out clearly what is going to happen on Phase 2, which will include traffic modelling, consultation, looking at traffic issues, feasibility design. WCC are working through this a step at a time and there is potentially some funding available from government to help with this process.

A consultation will be taking place about the potential to close a road off at one end of Stoneleigh Village to reduce through traffic. This will take place from 1<sup>st</sup> Oct – 9 Nov, and the Village Hall has been booked for 10<sup>th</sup> October to share information with residents and gain feedback. Information about this consultation will be passed to the parish council at beginning of October.

*Question: Is there a timescale for publicly publishing options under phase 2.*

There is no timescale as yet, but will be working on that now. Have been to a number of parish councils about link road, and clear that there are lots of issues as you get closer to Coventry with rat runs. Want to make sure Phase 2 works so it doesn't cause additional congestion in other areas around

Coventry. Nicola confirmed that she is working on a position statement, looking at the steps that need to be done and giving clarity about the issues involved and how they will be addressed.

*Question: Will greenery around the roundabout restrict visibility?*

The picture on the slide is an artist's impression, and the actual roundabout will meet required visibility standards. There is traffic control on the roundabout, so when coming from Warwick direction, there will be a stop line and vehicles will be stopped to allow vehicles out of side road.

*Question: Is this a strategic plan to develop a south Coventry ring road?*

No as far as aware. This is about connection from A46 to A45.

*Question: Will the traffic profiling look at just the traffic count or will it look at type of vehicles?*

Atkins have done some work about potential traffic coming through village, and the October consultation will be around different options in closing village roads to reduce through traffic. There will be different ways to submit comments during the consultation.

Cllr Bianco questioned regarding the replacement roundabout on Gibbetts Hill, which is currently on a slope. Nicola confirmed that the existing roundabout is on a slope and that the new one will be moved back to position of original t-junction and will be flatter and bigger.

Cllr Bianco also questioned about the new bridge to be built near the garden centre. Nicola confirmed that the existing bridge will remain and the new bridge will be built next to it. The new bridge will be wide enough so if Phase 2 goes ahead, there will be sufficient space and will not have to rebuild or extended. The existing bridge will not be accessible to traffic but will remain because of historical significance. The new bridge will be a proper width, two lane bridge, and will then merge back into one lane.

Cllr Bianco questioned the number of homes on the Kings Hill development and the significance on the number of vehicles coming out onto Gibbetts Hill. Nicola confirmed that Highways will consider application for Kings Hill.

*Question: The showground has HS2 running through it. Will there be a road alongside taking their own traffic through rather than traffic running through village?*

HS2 may be putting in a road internally, but not sure what their plan is.

Cllr Wright raised an issue around the assessment of traffic movement and what assumptions have been made, particularly in terms of data. The data used for Coventry Gateway South data was 6-8 years out of date. No account has been taken of planned housing developments or HS2 and so data is incorrect. He recognised the difficulties around this project and the moving landscape. However, it is unacceptable to have traffic data out of date, or not taking account of planned developments and the impact this will have on future traffic. Cllr Wright also raised the issue of works timings, with the potential of HS2, Gateway South and A46 all happening at a similar time creating a nightmare situation for local residents.

Cllr Astle requested more information regarding the HS2 plans for Thickthorn roundabout. Nicola has agreed to request this information from the HS2 team.

Cllr Jack asked about the timing of works starting on the HS2 compound. Nicola confirmed that contractors will have to consider traffic management on A46, and traffic management for the two projects would overlap, so they will have to work together. Uncertain of when work will start on the Farmers' Market. All parties are in discussion, and all will be facing similar processes for approvals, funding etc.

The Parish Council requested that Nicola come back to a later meeting when there is more clarity. Nicola agreed to provide a summary update for each meeting and come back when there is meaningful information to share.

Thanks were extended to Nicola for coming along to the meeting.

### **53. Public session**

*Question: Request for a PA system or portable microphone for committee meetings.*

Cllr Hancox confirmed that this has been requested, with plans for the Village Hall to install a hearing induction loop, ceiling mounted projector and screen and wifi. Apologies were given that this has taken such a long period of time, but an application for funding will be submitted to the Warwickshire Rural Forum. Cllr Wright confirmed that he would strongly support such an application.

*Question: How can the Parish Council help to address parking issues in Stoneleigh. A formal request as made for the Parish Council to contact WDC to request the presence of traffic wardens in the village.*

Cllr Wright explained that traffic enforcement officer enforce local parking regulations, not breaches of the road traffic act, which is a police matter. Cllr Astle clarified that parking enforcement officers in Kenilworth and Leamington are privately contracted, not directly employed by WDC and enforce local parking regulations.

- Cllr Hancox confirmed that he will write to the Chief Constable regarding the parking situation in Stoneleigh and will share the response that he receives.

A further point was made that there is a lack of safe parking for village residents who want to park near the church or club.

Standing orders were re-instated at 20.12pm

### **54. Finance**

#### **Finance Report 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018**

Payments / Invoices

#### **Income / Expenditure**

**Balance brought forward**

£34,184.03  
**£34,184.03**

**Payments to 31<sup>st</sup> August**

301401	Diane Malley - HMRC Payment and Payroll services	£539.34
301402	S Windridge Salary and expenses June	£457.90
301403	S Windridge reimbursement printer cartridge	£39.88

**£1037.12**

**Balance**

**£33,146.91**

**At Co-operative Bank plc, Birmingham**

A/C 6101168500 (Current)	£7,661.36
A/C 6101168550 (Instant Access)	£5,063.38
A/C 6101168556 (14 Day Deposit)	£20,422.17

**£33,146.91**

## Cheques to be authorised

301404	H Watts reimbursement McAfee	£59.99
301405	H Watts salary and expenses June - August	£1,221.73
301406	S Windridge Salary and expenses July	£455.01
301407	D Jack reimbursement for leaving gift	£150.00
301408	R Hancox reimbursement for leaving meal	£86.00
301409	D Malley Admin and HMRC payment	£527.45

**55. Planning**New Planning Applications**Application No:** W/18/1439

**Description:** Change of use from B2 to D2. Recladding of existing building and addition of mezzanine floor. Creation of formalised car park.

**Address:** 17722-750 Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Street

**Closing date:** 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

**Planning Officer:** John Wilbraham

**No comment**

**Application No:** W/18/1536

**Description:** Erection of a front boundary wall with railings and entrance gates (retrospective).

**Address:** Miller House, Coventry Road, Stoneleigh CV8 3BZ

**Applicant:** RCA Interiors

**Closing date:** 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Planning Officer:** Rebecca Compton

**No comment**

**Application No:** W/18/1158

**Description:** Prior approval under Part 3, Class Q(a) and (b) of the GDPO for change of use from agricultural to a single dwelling with associated operational development

**Address:** Witherwell Barn, Grove Farm Road, Ashow, Kenilworth, CV8 2LE

**Applicant:** Mr David Holt

**Closing date:** 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Planning Officer:** John Wilbraham

Cllr Jack abstains from discussion. Cllr Foster stated that neighbours have no objections, if the development ticks all regulations then should be no issue. Should be no additional traffic, will remain part of existing residential property. Cllr Wright stated that this could set a precedent for other applications. Cllrs were asked to speak to residents to put a comment on the planning portal if they wished.

**No comment**

**Application No:** W/18/1716

**Description:** Erection of a single storey side extension

**Address:** Conifers, 2 Long Row, Ashow Road, Ashow, Kenilworth, CV8 2LE

**Applicant:** Mr Peter Grey

**Closing date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

**Planning Officer:** Liz Galloway

Cllr Foster stated that this went on as a permitted development and is now back as a planning permission. It is very similar to what has been done on another property on that road. Adjacent neighbour is the only house that may have anything to comment about. No issues. It is likely to be living space as it is the ground floor off the kitchen (loft being converted into bedrooms, doesn't need permission).

**No comment**

#### Progress of 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:** 21<sup>st</sup> June

**Planning Officer:** Emma Spandley

**This application has been granted**

**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 Widnall

**Closing date:** 21<sup>st</sup> June

**Planning Officer:** Robert Dawson

**Consent has been granted.**

**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:** 26<sup>th</sup> June

**Planning Officer:** Rebecca Compton

**Planning permission has been granted.**

**Application No:** W/18/1092**Description:** Display of 1no. V-board 'Coming Soon' sign related to the Common Lane development.**Address:** Land On The North East Side Of, Common Lane, Kenilworth**Applicant:** Bloor Homes**Closing date:** 17<sup>th</sup> July**Planning Officer:** Lucy Hammond**Application has been withdrawn****Application No:** W/18/1128**Description:** Alterations and improvements to external fenestration of building, construction of new porch and external store extensions, installation of new Air Source Heat Pump heating system, improvements to external landscaping.**Address:** Y F C Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, CV8 2LG**Applicant:** National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs**Closing date:** 19<sup>th</sup> July**Planning Officer:** John Wilbraham**Planning permission has been granted.****Application No:** W/18/1449**Description:** Listed Building Consent for internal alterations to facilitate the subdivision of one dwelling into two separate dwellings.**Address:** 2 & 3 Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DD**Applicant:** Mrs. Ellen Hall**Planning Officer:** Helena Obremski**Listed building consent has been granted**Progress of planning applications (Not outcome yet)**Application No:** W/18/1483**Description:** Proposed caravan and camping site (retrospective). Resubmission of withdrawn application.**Address:** The Meadows, Dalehouse Lane, Kenilworth CV8 2JZ**Applicant:** Mr B Jones**Closing date:** 4th September 2018**Planning Officer:** John Wilbraham**Application No: W/18/0643****Description:** Site clearance and mixed-use development of land at Kings Hill for the provision of up to 2,500 dwellings (Use Class C3), 4,000 sq.m. of mixed use floorspace (Use Classes A1, A3, A4, C2, D1 and D2) in a district centre, a primary school, a secondary school, formal and informal open space and enabling infrastructure including new roads within the site and improvements to the existing road junction at Stoneleigh Road.**Address:** Land at Kings Hill Lane, Stoneleigh**Applicant:** Lioncourt Strategic Land Limited, Lioncourt Homes (Development No.17) Limited**Closing date:** 24<sup>th</sup> May**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

## **56. Matters Arising**

### **a) Neighbourhood Plan**

The Parish Council agreed that they to work on this. It was confirmed that local geographical plans available and can provide pictures suitable for a neighbourhood plan. It was agreed to have a separate meeting about the neighbourhood plan before the October PC meeting.

### **b) HS2 update**

Cllr Bianco updated the meeting regarding HS2.

HS2 are holding a meeting at Balsall Common on September 16<sup>th</sup>. 21 organisations will be represented.

It was felt unlikely that HS2 will have any significant updates when they attend the next Parish Council meeting in October. It was agreed that they be postponed until the November meeting when more information should be available.

- Clerk to request HS2 attend November meeting instead of October meeting.

Cllr Bianco highlighted that there were a number of questions that HS2 did not answer when they came to the Parish Council meeting in July. It was agreed that Cllr Bianco will forward these questions to the Clerk to pose back to HS2.

- Clerk to submit questions to HS2

Cllr Bianco expressed concerns about co-ordination of HS2 and A46 junction. Cllr Hancox stated that WCC are pushing for one project management company to oversee the different projects.

### **c) Kings Hill Housing update**

Objection has been submitted.

### **d) Catesby Homes Crewe Lane Housing update**

Formal request made to get information about the Catesby Homes development (neighbouring Parish).

- Clerk to request notifications are sent to the Parish Council for this development.

Discussion took place regarding the issues raised by the Catesby Homes development which are similar to those raised by Kings Hill regarding traffic. The common thread is developers insisting that there is no issue, but when all developments are taken together, there is potential for major issues. The difficulty is triggering an issue because developments are carried out in smaller phases which don't trigger a major issue with the council. It was agreed that the role of the parish council is to make the future potential problems clear to WDC and ensure account is taken of everything.

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

Adrian Hart of WCC offered to provide an update on the cycle route between Leamington and Kenilworth, but nothing has been received.

Discussions was also raised about the issue of people hot rodding in early hours of the morning at Stoneleigh Abbey down to Rocky Lane, Ashow Junction. Councillors were not aware of anyone contacting the police about this and whether it was possible to get an enforcement notice in the area. Cllr Hancox agreed to add this issue to the letter to the Chief Constable. Cllrs Astle and Jack agreed to speak to local residents about the possibility of recording cars, taking note of registration numbers etc.

- Clerk to ask Adrian Hart for update on B4115

f) Gateway and Whitley South development

Cllr Hancox attended a meeting with Environment Agency regarding this development. It was a very embarrassing meeting as the EA had no information to give out and any legal justifications given in answers were effectively challenged.

g) Installation of defibrillators

Cllr Jack has been asked by residents, including some residents of Stoneleigh Abbey, to get together a group to put defibrillators in Home Farm and the Cunnery. Some money has been raised through events and will go back to residents with balance needed, but would also enquire as to funding from the Parish Council. It was agreed that some funding could potentially be given, however, more information is needed about the costs involved. Cllr Jack agreed to direct residents to David Ellwood about the costs and how he secured finance for defibrillators previously. Cllr Jack confirmed that volunteers have been identified to operate the equipment, and have locations for it. A site visit was undertaken by the Ambulance service, who advised that two are needed because of the coverage to the Abbey.

h) A46 – A45 link road

Already discussed. To remain on agenda.

**57. To receive reports from:**

- a) Police Report. – none received
- b) County Councillor – Cubbington - none received

- c) District Councillor – Stoneleigh & Cubbington - Cllr Mrs P Redford and Cllr Wright

Waste bin audit review carried out.

Confirmed Councillors are aware of the Application for Community Forum Grants.

WDC are investing £14m on improving council houses in the area, plus putting in for a grant from government for affordable housing.

At the end of month there will be a formal announcement with regards to the horse fair. There will be extra police on duty at the one taking place at the end of the month. There have been a number of incidents where there have been inclusions into private land.

Park and stride scheme in Leamington

Councillors have been copied in to the letter sent to Jeremy Wright regarding community pay back scheme.

## 58. Correspondence

- Memorial bench in Stoneleigh. Pass onto Meadow Society – Chair Mike Baker, Vicarage Road.
- Clerk to pass details to Meadow Society and email resident to inform them.
- Trees on PC land in Stoneleigh Road causing concern as branches tangle with phone and electrical cables. Asking for survey and pruning of trees. Cllr Hancox will get a tree surgeon to give a price for the required work.
- Cllr Hancox to reply to resident
- Complaints about noise from cars attending Japanese car show event in Stoneleigh. Cllr Hancox met with the new MD of Stoneleigh Events, which was a positive meeting with some things being put in place to make life better for local residents. Single events supplier for all events and same with traffic management on site so have the same level of stewards, signage etc.

## 59. Questions to Chairman

None

## 60. Meetings

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Ashow Village Club

## 61. Closure

The meeting was closed at 21:25 pm.