

Stoneleigh & Ashow Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 10th October 2019
At Ashow Village Club at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

Chairman Cllr R Hancox
 Cllr J Astle
 Cllr S Williams
 Cllr L Rolli
 Cllr D Jack
 Cllr W Redford
 Cllr P Redford

There were 7 members of the public present.

71. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A Bianco and Cllr Wright, and from Nora Blagburn and David Ellwood

72. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hancox declared an interest in one of the planning applications.

73. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 12th September 2019 were accepted and approved.

74. Presentation by Mr George Illingworth, Chairman, Warwick District Council (WDC)

Cllr Illingworth is trying to visit all of the Parish Councils (PC) in the area. He spoke about the challenges of having 27 new elected members in WDC. He talked about the opportunities offered to the District through the upcoming Commonwealth Games. Cllr Illingworth was questioned about the extent of developments in the area and the lack of infrastructure in place to support these developments. Cllr Illingworth agreed that this is likely to be an issue and is affected by the county not receiving any monies from developers until houses have been built. He also recognised that the impact of HS2 may contribute to more problems, particularly on the A46.

Cllr Hancox thanked Cllr Illingworth for coming along to the meeting.

75. Presentation by Mr Gareth Smith, Town Planning Manager, Severn Trent

Mr Smith has previously attended the PC meeting to talk about the development of Avon House into the Severn Trent Academy. He confirmed that planning permission for the academy was granted in August and Severn Trent are currently talking to contractors to find a partner to carry out the build. Crested newts have been found on the site so are currently being trapped and relocated. Archaeological works will be carried out on the site. Building is likely to start in the New Year and should take around 6-9 months.

Mr Smith confirmed that a typical day will have 50-60 people attending training at the academy and a couple of days a year major events will bring in around 200, however on these days buses will bring people in from offices in Coventry. A travel plan will be drawn up to manage traffic onto the site, and Severn Trent will encourage people to come in via A45, not through the village.

Mr Smith was also asked about the issue of odours in the village from the Finham sewerage plant, and evidence of bathroom waste in local waterways. Mr Smith stated that significant investment has been made in improving storm tanks which should help to address the issue. It was agreed that photographic evidence of waste can be sent direct to Mr Smith, as well as reports of odours in the village.

Cllr Hancox thanked Mr Smith for updating the Parish Council and asked that he return in the future to provide further updates on the progress of the academy.

Standing orders were suspended at 19:19

76. Public session

Mr Innocent volunteered to be involved with writing of the neighbourhood plan. He also stated that a number of trees have been cut down opposite Sowe View. Cllr Hancox confirmed that a request had been made to highways to cut down a small number of dead trees in that area, but that they appear to have cut down all of them.

A point was made about the potential cost to the public purse of visits by planning enforcement officers from WDC. A local resident received a visit following a complaint that a double garage was being built, however, planning enforcement confirmed that it was actually a shed. Cllr P Redford stated that she had contacted Planning Enforcement following two complaints, and that the visit was the team doing the appropriate follow-up. It was also stated that there have been issues in the past with Planning Enforcement Officers not following up on reports of issues, so it was felt to be positive that they had responded in such a prompt manner and confirmed that everything was legitimate.

There has also been an issue about a removals vehicle causing a road blockage in Ashow which has caused some bad feeling among some residents. WDC did send an officer to check that the road was clear. Cllr Hancox stated that this can be an issue and removals companies do not have the authority to block a public highway. He advised that the best would be to approach highways to request a road closure process.

Standing orders were re-instated at 19:27

77. Finance

Finance Report 1st October 2019

Payments / Invoices

Income / Expenditure

Balance brought forward	£37,580.40
Receipt of Precept 2 nd Payment	£8,490
	<u>£46,070.40</u>

Payments to 30th August

301444	H Watts salary and expenses July & August	£1,130.30
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Balance		<u>£44,940.10</u>
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Less unrepresented cheque:

Contribution to Ashow defib	£250.00
	<u>£44,690.10</u>

At Co-operative Bank plc, Birmingham

38A/C 6101168500 (Current)	£19,405.50
A/C 6101168550 (Instant Access)	£5,073.12
A/C 6101168556 (14 Day Deposit)	£20,461.48
	<u>£44,940.10</u>

Cheques to be authorised

301445	H Watts salary and expenses September	£571.65
301446	DM Payroll Services	£429.65
301447	ICO Data Protection Fee	£40.00

- a) The accounts were unanimously agreed.
- b) The authorisation of cheques was agreed.
- c) Quarterly accounts update was unanimously agreed

78. PlanningOctober 2019New Planning Applications**Application No:** W/19/1477

Description: Proposed first floor extension (after demolition of the existing walls and rebuilt to the same front and side wall footprint) to the existing house with a single storey rear extension created under a "cat slide" roof.

Address: 7 Church Lane, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DN

Applicant: Mr J Churchley

Closing date: 11th October 2019

Planning Officer: George Whitehouse

Cllr Hancox removed himself from the meeting for this item.

The PC will support the application on the basis that parking spaces should in line with the requirements of the new parking SPD (recently revised).

Cllr Hancox rejoined the meeting.

Application No: W/19/1391

Description: Proposed removal of French patio doors and provision of new sliding folding doors (Enlarged Opening).

Address: 2 The Chantries, Chantry Heath Lane, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DS

Applicant: Mr C Campton

Closing date: 10th October 2019

Planning Officer: Thomas Fojut

The PC support this application

Progress of planning applications

Application No: W/19/1101

Description: Variation of condition 1 of planning permission W/18/1582 (reserved matters for 93 dwellings) to allow the addition of a lean-to porch to Plots 13, 15 and 80

Address: Land On The North Side Of, Common Lane (Crackley Triangle), Kenilworth

Applicant: Bloor Homes

Closing date: 31st August 2019

Planning Officer: Lucy Hammond

Variation has been granted

Application No: W/19/1315

Description: Proposed erection of single storey extension to the existing bungalow to form a new studio, and erection of garage.

Address: Abbey Park, Stareton Lane, Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, CV8 2LY

Applicant: D I Property Development Strategies Ltd

Closing date: 19th September 2019

Planning Officer: Jonathan Gentry

Planning permission has been granted

Progress of planning applications (Not outcome yet)

Application No: W/19/1205

Description: Change of use from residential dwelling (C3) to residential training centre (C2) together with minor internal alterations

Address: Dalehouse Farm, Dalehouse Lane, Kenilworth, CV8 2JZ

Applicant: Betel of Britain

Closing date: 1st October 2019

Planning Officer: Rebecca Compton

Application No: W/19/1206 LB

Description: Application for internal alterations to facilitate a change of use from residential dwelling (C3) to residential training centre (C2).

Address: Dalehouse Farm, Dalehouse Lane, Kenilworth, CV8 2JZ

Applicant: Betel of Britain

Closing date: 1st October 2019

Planning Officer: Rebecca Compton

Application No: W/18/0643 – notification of amended plans

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. Outline application with all matters reserved except for access.

Address: Land at Kings Hill Lane, Stoneleigh

Applicant: Lioncourt Strategic Land Limited, Lioncourt Homes

Closing date: 12th July 2019

Planning Officer: Lucy Hammond

Amendments Proposed: Additional information received in response to statutory consultation responses and technical objections received on 22/05/2019.

Application No: W/19/0600

Description: Reserved Matters application pursuant to condition 1 of planning permission W/18/2099 for details of layout of the Wigley Access within Development Zone 3 of 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: Coventry and Warwickshire Development Partnership

Closing Date: 16th May 2019

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

Update from Planning Officer (Oct 2019): *I can advise that at the current time, the applicants are working with Highways England to find a suitable scheme for mitigation works to the Thickthorn island over the A46.*

Application No: W/18/2237

Description: Proposed landscaping in association with the adjacent UKBIC Facility, including the construction of a gabion wall.

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: Coventry and Warwickshire Development Partnership

Closing date: 17th January 2019

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

79. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hancox apologised that the meeting has not yet taken place and will make efforts to get a neighbourhood plan meeting set up before November PC meeting. The PC will need to consider how the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding is spent in the area based on the Kings Hill development.

80. HS2 Update

HS2 works generally are on pause due to the national review, however works are still continuing in some areas, allowing HS2 to remove essential vegetation. However this removal may include very old trees in Cubbington. Cllr P Redford is contesting that this can be classed as vegetation and is working hard to stop this clearance going ahead. Cllr Illingworth praised Cllr Redford's efforts to contest what is happening in Cubbington wood.

81. Developments

a) Kings Hill Housing

Nothing more

b) Catesby Homes Crewe Lane

Nothing new

c) Gateway and Whitley South Development, and A45 bridgework

Still progressing.

At the previous meeting, the possibility of Coventry becoming a freeport was raised. Cllr P Redford has received an update from Chris Elliott (Chief Exec, WDC) regarding this. WDC did not put in a proposal for WDC to be a freeport. Upon Brexit, WDC would have to become a port authority because the airport would be used to import food. It would not be a freeport as discussed at the last meeting.

82. Traffic and Road Issues

a) Traffic on B4115

Nothing new. WCC does have a cycleway scheme and there is an intention to provide a cycleway from Rocky Lane from Kenilworth, but is not aware of anything planned from Stoneleigh down the B4115. Cllr Astle offered to provide details of a footpath opposite Stoneleigh Abbey which could be an alternative route if Rocky Lane wasn't suitable. He will pass information about this route to Cllr W Redford.

b) A46-A45 Link Road

Cllrs Illingworth and Hancox attended the recent Planning Liaison meeting where this was discussed. The link road is still a line on the map, but nothing more. Various people are working on it and carrying out scoping studies.

c) Birmingham Road

Nothing new. The proposal from HS2 to install fibre optics to their compound does not appear to have progressed as yet.

d) Speed limits on Stareton Road

Cllr W Redford informed Councillors that a consultation will be issued shortly to make Stareton Road one way. A local resident has contacted him about the issue of speeding on this road, and Cllr Redford has advised the resident to use the consultation as an opportunity to suggest a reduction in the speed limit from the current 50mph to 30mph. Cllr Redford suggested that the PC may wish to respond to the consultation to support a reduction in the speed limit, and Councillors may also want to put in individual responses. Cllr P Redford will also support this.

83. CPRE Green Clean litter pick campaign

Cllr Hancox will attend the Rubbish Friends meeting on October 17th and will bring back to the PC the details of support that the charity can offer. An offer of sponsorship has been received from Stoneleigh Village Orchard who will provide high-visibility vests and pickers. The local campaign will cover the whole parish.

84. To receive reports from:

a) Police Report:

The church at Weston under Weatherly lost £17k of lead from roof. Churches need to be aware that this is happening again.

b) County Councillor – Cubbington – Cllr W Redford

- Rocky Lane path in Stoneleigh will be renamed a bridleway because it has been incorrectly designated.

➤ Clerk to scan and circulate to PC the relevant notification letter from WCC.

- WRE Community Forum meeting taking place on October 16th in Stoneleigh. The forum is not receiving many applications for grant funding, meaning there is a risk that funding will not be available in future if it is not spent, so local groups need to be encouraged to apply.
- The issue raised previously of loose kerb stones on Dudley Terrace has been inspected, but no loose stones could be found, mainly because there were cars parked on the pavement so it was not possible to inspect the kerb stones. Cllr Hancox will have a look when there are no parked cars and will take a photo / video to pass to Cllr Redford.
- The footpath from the village hall into Stoneleigh requires hedge cutting and soil removal from the edge of the path. Cllr Redford will follow this up. Cllr Williams stated that there is a similar problem in Grove Lane in Ashow, and will take some photos and submit to Cllr Redford.
- Cllr Redford reminded councillors about the HS2 community benefit grant fund, with a maximum of £70,000 contribution from HS2. The project must be within 2 miles of HS2 and show a community benefit. Some projects in Warwickshire have benefited from this.

c) District Councillors – Stoneleigh & Cubbington - Cllrs Wright & Redford

- Cllr P Redford informed the PC that 2019 is the centenary anniversary of the Addison Act which allowed councils to build housing. This year, WDC have bought 25 houses from Taylor Woodrow in Barford to become affordable housing.
- Hill Close Garden Trust are a local charity who have benefited from RUCIS (Rural Urban Capital Improvement scheme) funding which is a good scheme to bear in mind for projects.
- The WDC Website has information for businesses about Brexit.
- The new school at Kenilworth has received planning permission and will provide places for 2,000 children, although there is currently no time scale for development. The catchment will include Stoneleigh & Ashow, however, there is a risk that new housing in Kenilworth means that catchment areas will shrink. Kings Hill includes a secondary school, so that may affect catchment areas.
- Birmingham have published a strategic transport plan ahead of the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- Stoneleigh Park have decided not to host the Autofest event in future, it will be going back to Peterborough. She is still in talks with Stoneleigh Park due to the increasing number of motor events.

85. Correspondence

None

86. Questions to Chairman

None

87. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14th 2019, at 7pm, in Stoneleigh Village Hall.

88. Closure

The meeting was closed at 20.17