

Stoneleigh & Ashow Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 12th September 2019

At Stoneleigh Village Hall at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

Chairman Cllr R Hancox
 Cllr J Astle
 Cllr S Williams
 Cllr A Bianco
 Cllr L Rolli (appointment confirmed during meeting)
 Cllr W Redford
 Cllr P Redford
 Cllr T Wright

There were 5 members of the public present.

54. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Jack.

55. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

56. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 11th July 2019 were accepted and approved.

57. Ratify appointment of Lucia Rolli

The appointment of Lucia Rolli as a co-opted councillor was proposed by Cllr Astle, seconded by Cllr Bianco and unanimously agreed by councillors.

Standing orders suspended at 19:04

58. Presentation by Philip Seccombe, Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

Mr Seccombe introduced himself and his colleague, Chris Lewis, Development and Policy Lead.

Mr Seccombe was elected three years ago to be voice of the people on police and crime issues. His role is to listen to local people to find out their issues and raise these with the Chief Constable. Since taking up the post he has written the plan for Warwickshire Police which sets the Police Strategy locally. The strategy has 4 priorities based on consultation:

1. Putting victims and survivors first
2. Ensuring police are properly trained and equipped to achieve excellence
3. Protecting people from harm

4. Reduction and prevention of crime

Mr Seccombe discussed a number of areas of work which he is involved with, which include:

- Better joint working with adjoining police forces
- Warwickshire Criminal Justice Board
- Split with West Mercia Alliance meaning Warwickshire will be the smallest force in the country and will collaborate with other forces on high cost projects such as IT and forensics
- Setting up a rural crime team to focus on rural crime and crime in rural areas
- 12% increase in police precept will be spent on direct policing, taking the number of officers up from 800 to 970. Government announcement on additional officers may mean an additional 150 officers.
- Increasing commissioning of services for 3-5 years rather than allocating annual grants
- Work being carried out regarding policing of unauthorised encampments
- Working closely with regional crime unit around serious organised crime, including use of ANPR cameras to flag vehicles known to be involved
- Challenges posed by HS2 including migrant workers in the area and significant traffic disruption
- Appropriate treatment of people with mental health issues, including a pilot scheme of a mental health triage service during peak hours for the police
- Better collaboration between blue light services
- The establishment of a road safety scheme

Questions were raised regarding:

- The new rural crime team, which is a positive development, but concerns remain about the numbers of police in rural parts of the district.
- Separation from West Mercia force potentially impacting on response times
- Use of traffic cameras to identify vehicles with no tax or insurance
- Use of acoustic traffic cameras
- Forensic policing capabilities following the split from Mercia police
- Policies around investigation of household burglaries
- Use of online reporting system which enables uploading of cctv and dashcam videos
- The difficulty of implementing a speedwatch scheme in Stoneleigh because of agreement with the police on a safe location to use the camera
- Issues of unsafe and illegal driving in Stoneleigh including during events at the showground
- Evolution of new categories of crime that are stretching police resources, such as cyber crime, modern day slavery, hate crime and child exploitation

Mr Seccombe stressed that residents should always report a crime, as this enables police to understand what is going on in areas of the county and can react accordingly.

Cllr Hancox thanked Mr Seccombe for attending the Parish Council meeting.

59. Public session

Mr Innocent announced that planning permission has now been granted for Sowe View, subject to a number of conditions. He ensured the Parish Council that work will be carried out in a considerate manner and that residents will be informed of any works that may impact on others.

A request was made to address the issue of an overgrown hedge which is limiting space on the pavement near the Triangle and causing a safety issue.

An update was given on the recent works on Birmingham Road. The lighting is now working, which is a significant improvement, and higher pavements have prevented people from driving up on the pavement. The only issue outstanding is a number of loose cobbles on Birmingham Road, outside Dudley Terrace.

Standing orders were re-instated at 20:18

60. Finance

Finance Report 1st September 2019

Payments / Invoices

Income / Expenditure

Balance brought forward	£39,025.78
Unpresented cheque: SLCC – CILCA registration	£350.00
	<u>£38,675.78</u>

Payments to 30th August

301440	H Watts salary and expenses June	£593.75
301441	DM Payroll Services – Administration and HMRC	£429.65
301442	H Watts reimbursement printer cartridge & McAfee laptop security	£71.98
		£1,095.38

Balance	<u>£37,580.40</u>
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Less unpresented cheque

301443	Contribution to Ashow defibrillator	£250.00
		<u>£37,330.40</u>

At Co-operative Bank plc, Birmingham

38A/C 6101168500 (Current)	£12,045.80
A/C 6101168550 (Instant Access)	£5,073.12

A/C 6101168556 (14 Day Deposit)	£20,461.48
	<u>£37,580.40</u>

Cheques to be authorised

301444	H Watts salary and expenses July & August	£1,130.30
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- a) The accounts were agreed.
- b) The authorisation of cheques was agreed.
- c) The appraisal policy and form were agreed and adopted.
- d) It was formally recognised that the Clerk has achieved the SLCC CILCA professional qualification. It was agreed that, as per contractual terms, the Clerk will receive a pay increase of one incremental point as from 1st September 2019
- e) Cllr Hancox proposed that General Power of Competence be adopted as the Parish Council has met the statutory requirements. A report was circulated to Councillors to set out the requirements and benefits of General Power of Competence. This was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council.

61. Planning

September 2019

New Planning Applications

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

The PC will send holding response to the Planning Officer to request more time for consideration

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

Cllr P Redford will talk to the Planning Officer about this development to find out more, particularly in regards to leasing the property from HS2.

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
 As above

Progress of planning applications

Application No: W/19/1039 HS2
Description: Construction of two mitigation ponds and two reptile basking banks (SK021)
Address: Stoneleigh Road, Overbridge Cluster, Stareton Lane (adjacent to Hares Parlour and Brick Kiln Spinney), Stoneleigh, CV8 2LH
Applicant: High Speed Two (HS2) Limited
Closing date: 30th July 2019
Planning Officer: Debbie Prince
Planning permission has been granted

Application No: W/19/0984
Description: Variation / removal of Condition 13 of planning permission W/16/0239 as amended by W/18/2099
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: Jaguar Land Rover
Closing date: 12th July 2019
Planning Officer: Lucy Hammond
The variation has been granted

Application No: W/19/1150
Description: Application for the installation of an oil tank and external boiler.
Address: East Lodge, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, CV8 2LH
Applicant: Mars Pension Trustees Limited
Closing date: 21st August 2019
Planning Officer: Rebecca Compton
Planning permission has been granted

Application No: W/19/0961
Description: Erection of a hip to gable roof conversion raising the roof height by a minimum of 0.5 (from the existing ridge) and a maximum of 3.5m (from the existing eaves) with the erection of 1no. dormer to the front and 3. no dormers to the rear.
Address: 9 Stoneleigh Close, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DE
Applicant: Mr Brooks
Closing date: 17th July 2019
Planning Officer: George Whitehouse
Planning permission has been refused

Application No: W/19/0936
Description: Full Planning Application; Demolition of Existing Building (except the electricity sub-station) & Construction of New Building, External Training Areas and Associated Works to serve as the Severn Trent Academy (D1 Use)
Address: Avon House, Sewage Works, St Martins Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV3 6PR
Applicant: C/O Agent

Closing date: 17th July 2019
Planning Officer: Angela Brockett
Planning permission has been granted

Application No: W/18/1733 *Appeal of refusal of planning permission*
Description: Erection of 2 bedroom bungalow and widening of existing drive by 3 kerb stones
Address: Sowe View, Coventry Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3BZ
Applicant: Mr Martin Innocent
Closing date: 5th June 2019
Planning Officer: Angela Brockett
Planning permission has been granted

Progress of planning applications (Not outcome yet)

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

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
- Clerk to request an update from the Planning Officer and express concern about the impact of additional traffic on village.

Cllr Rolli left the meeting at 20.50

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 Middlesmarch Industrial Estate, Coventry

Case Officer: Rob Young

Discussion took place about Coventry airport being allocated as a freeport in the case of no deal Brexit.

Cllr Rolli rejoined the meeting at 20.52.

62. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hancox apologised that Councillors have not yet met to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan and will book in a meeting before the October Parish Council meeting.

63. HS2 Update

There is a plan nationally to pause on HS2 and have a review. Jeremy Wright MP has written to Grant Shapps MP and requested a pause in local works.

As a result of a site meeting, LM will reduce land take by nearly 30%.

It had been requested that the hedgerow along Crewe Lane is preserved, and it has been agreed that HS2 will try to do this.

Pipe work along A46 will be tunnelled from Crewe Lane to Stoneleigh Junction at various depths.

There is no funding or proper planning for development of access to the A46 from the HS2 compound, and HS2 documents state that the B4115 will be used. Cllr Rolli stated that she has already noted an increase in the number of lorries using the B4115.

Cllr Hancox and Cllr W Redford have received a letter from Tristan Hall (Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Project Manager). The start of main works is scheduled for Spring 2020. Cllr Hancox stated that it is disappointing that trees were removed 18 months ago to accommodate a wide bridge, but plans now show a two lane bridge.

There will be a forum meeting on October 18th. Cllr Bianco will forward details to Cllrs P and W Redford.

Cllr Wright informed Councillors that at a Warwick District Council (WDC) meeting last week a motion was raised that WDC and WCC write to central government and formally request a stop to all HS2 work in the area until a decision has been made following the review. It was also noted that delays on HS2 will have a significant impact on developments in the rest of the area, which may impact on housebuilding targets and funding.

64. Developments

a) Kings Hill Housing

Nothing more

b) Catesby Homes Crewe Lane

Nothing more

c) Gateway and Whitley South Development, and A45 bridgework

Nothing more

64. Traffic and Road Issues

a) Traffic on B4115

Cllr Bianco suggested that an application be made to Ground Work for funding for the development of a cycle path. Cllr Redford confirmed that this was possible, although not an easy option, and the application would have to be made by the PC Clerk as the legal officer.

b) A46-A45 Link Road

Nothing new

Speed limits on Stareton Lane to be put on agenda for next meeting.

c) Birmingham Road

Nothing new

65. CPRE Green Clean litter pick campaign

Cllr Hancox raised the suggestion of recruiting volunteers to carry out a local litter pick and providing yellow vests and appropriate supplies. However, in order for this to be a more consistent approach, he suggested that the Parish Council consider raising the precept in order to employ someone to trim hedges, cut grass etc. This approach has been taken in Bishops Tachbrook, who employ a Boundary Man. It could be beneficial to talk to Baginton and Bubbenhall PCs about the possibility of employing someone to look after three parishes. This will need to be fully costed and discussed with neighbouring parishes.

Cllr P Redford has organised a meeting with the Rubbish Friends charity which is very successful in getting volunteers involved in keeping local communities clean. The meeting has been arranged for later in September so will see what is discussed there.

Cllr Astle left the meeting at 21.37

66. To receive reports from:

a) Police Report:

Between 14:00hrs and 16:00hrs Monday 19-AUG-2019 unknown offender(s) caused damage to a residential property on Coventry Road, Stoneleigh. Offender(s) damaged a security light at the front of the property and threw an egg at a window.

b) County Councillor – Cubbington – Cllr W Redford

The Autumn Statement means that councils will be getting more money for social care and children's care. For last 3 years, councils have been allowed to increase council tax by a set amount specifically for adult social care and this will be allowed to continue for now.

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

Cllr P Redford informed councillors that there are currently problems with planning enforcement at WDC and there is a push for more staff. WDC are applying to central government for funding for a member of staff for a year to cover some aspects of enforcement, however it is not clear what would happen after the year is up.

67. Correspondence

An invitation has been received for the Parish Council to have a presentation about the WCC Joint Strategic needs assessment (JSNA). The JSNA brings together data about the local population which provides an overview of where services are needed. It was agreed that the Clerk will invite someone for the November meeting for a 30 minute slot.

- Clerk to arrange JSNA presentation for November meeting

68. Questions to Chairman

Cllr Williams questioned whether is HS2 traffic allowed to drive down B4115 to the Chesford Grange junction. It was confirmed that there are no restrictions in place.

69. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10th 2019, at 7pm, in Ashow Village Club.

70. Closure

The meeting was closed at 21.49