

Stoneleigh & Ashow Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 14th March 2019
at Stoneleigh Village Hall at 7 pm

PRESENT:

Chairman Cllr R Hancox
 Deputy Chairman Cllr J Astle
 Cllr S Williams
 Cllr A Bianco
 Cllr P Redford
 Cllr W Redford (joined meeting at 19.08)

There were 3 members of the public present.

124. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Foster and Jack and from District Cllr T Wright

125. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

126. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted and approved.

Standing orders were suspended at 19.04

127. Public session

An update was requested about the consultation regarding the possible closure of the Birmingham Road, and it was confirmed that this is a later agenda item.

Standing orders were re-instated at 19.04

128. Finance

Finance Report 1st March 2019

Payments / Invoices

Income / Expenditure

Balance brought forward

£37,607.99

£35,909.74**Payments to 28th February**

301421	H Watts salary and expenses January	£543.19
301422	Ashow Village Club – Christmas drinks and room hire	£159.50
		£702.69

Balance**£35,207.05****At Co-operative Bank plc, Birmingham**

38A/C 6101168500 (Current)	£9,718.30
A/C 6101168550 (Instant Access)	£5,063.38
A/C 6101168556 (14 Day Deposit)	£20,425.37

£35,207.05**Cheques to be authorised**

301423	H Watts salary and expenses February	£559.19
301424	WALC registration for CILCA training	£100.00
301425	Room hire for Stoneleigh Village Hall	£228.00
301426	H Watts Reimbursement printer paper	£21.49
301427	DM Payroll services	£407.65

The accounts were agreed.

The authorisation of cheques was agreed.

The payments made against budget were reviewed and agreed.

Payments against budget 2018/19

	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Salary (including tax)	£813.51	£454.97	£960.55	£2,055.07	£528.12	£527.92	£528.12	£910.52	£528.12	£910.32		£8,217.22	£6,301.00
Office Maintenance												£0.00	£216.00
Stationery		£28.95	£36.89	£33.23	£49.99	£21.45		£29.08			£17.91	£217.50	£500.00
Postage & Telephone		£149.42	£279.48	£0.64	£1.92	£1.28	£1.28	£1.28	£1.34	£0.67	£0.67	£437.98	£300.00
Clerk Travel expenses		£8.55	£11.70	£10.80	£121.95	£14.40	£35.10	£14.40	£16.20	£14.40	£30.60	£278.10	£250.00
Playground Equipment												£0.00	£0.00
Playground Maintenance						£80.50						£80.50	£700.00
Office equipment												£0.00	£200.00
Equipment maintenance	£71.83											£71.83	£150.00
Insurance		£374.43										£374.43	£500.00
Publications		£380.00										£380.00	£0.00
S. 137 Grants		£2,000.00										£2,000.00	£1,700.00
Training			£90.00				£30.00				£100.00	£220.00	£500.00
Audit (External and internal)	£70.00			£25.25	£25.25				£25.25		£25.25	£171.00	£200.00
Village Hall hire										£126.00	£228.00	£354.00	£500.00
Subscriptions	£277.00					£40.00		£122.00				£439.00	£500.00
Chairman's Allowance & grants					£211.00			£44.24		£33.50		£288.74	£300.00
VAT	£1.86	£111.30	£80.72	£6.65	£35.00	£20.39		£5.82			£3.58	£265.32	£400.00
Election expenses (Ring fenced funds - included in budget of £16361)												£0.00	£2,500.00
Special Grants (Ring fenced funds - included in budget of £16361)												£0.00	0.00
												£0.00	80.00
												£0.00	175.00
Misc		£250.00										£250.00	389.00
TOTAL	£420.69	£3,866.16	£953.76	£1,037.12	£2,500.18	£706.14	£594.30	£744.94	£953.31	£702.69	£1,316.33	£14,045.62	16,361.00
Speed Gun maintenance (Ring fenced funds - separate budget)												£0.00	
Street lighting (Ring fenced funds - separate budget)		£180.89										£180.89	
Defibrillator (Ring fenced funds - separate budget)												£0.00	
Ashow Notice Boards (Ring fenced funds- separate budget)			£91.67									£91.67	
Planning Consultations (Ring fenced funds- separate budget)												£0.00	
Transparency Fund (Ring fenced funds- separate budget)												£0.00	
												£272.56	
												£14,318.18	

The earmarked funds were reviewed and agreed. It was agreed that the £6.80 for Ashow noticeboards would be removed.

- Clerk to confirm whether there are further payments to be made for the footway lighting.

Earmarked Funds - March 2019

	1st April 2018	Spend 2018/19	Additional funds	31st March 2019
Defibrillator*	£528.00		£250.00	£778.00
WDC - Rural Footway Lighting	£180.88	£180.88		£0.00
Neighbourhood Plan	£4,346.76			£4,346.76
Elections	£2,500.00		£2,500.00	£5,000.00
Gateway	£1,085.00			£1,085.00
Grant Speed Gun	£1,080.50			£1,080.50
Ashow Notice Boards	£116.80	£110.00		£6.80
Planning Consultation	£100.00			£100.00
Transparency Fund	£400.85			£400.85
Total	£10,338.79			£12,797.91

* Defibrillator includes £250 for Stoneleigh Abbey defibrillator - agreed at Feb 2019 meeting
£2,500 from 2018/19 budget moved into election expenses

The earmarked funds budget was agreed.

It was agreed that the Clerk salary should have the annual incremental increased applied with effect from 1st April 2019.

129. PlanningNew Planning Applications

Application No: W/19/0205

Description: One storey extension to the front of building to create a new reception area and toilets.

Address: Beekeepers Association, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, CV8 2LG

Applicant: British Beekeepers' Association

Closing date: 19th March 2019

Planning Officer: Angela Brockett

The Council takes a neutral position

Application No: W/18/2390

Description: Conversion of existing garage for horse boxes and trailers to a two bedroom dwelling (resubmission of application W/17/1357)

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

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Mc Leod

Closing date: 29th March 2019

Planning Officer: Lucy Hammond

Previous application had an issue with the entrance / exit. Cllr Williams will consider the revised application and inform Councillors in order to inform response.

- Clerk to find out how the Parish Council acted in regards to the original application.

Progress of planning applications

Application No: W/18/2171 AG

Description: We have proposed 2 meter high concrete walling to prevent machinery damaging the walls. The design of the building will eliminate the ingress of birds and vermin into the building and also provide security for the storage of agricultural vehicles, machinery and cattle feed against trespassers. The design of the building will provide secure storage for agricultural vehicles and machinery and undercover storage for cattle feed. The construction of a steel portal framed building to be used as a general purpose store.

Address: Stonehouse Farm, Leicester Lane, Stoneleigh, Leamington Spa CV32 6QZ

Applicant: Mr Hunt

Closing date: 7th December 2018

Planning Officer: Angela Brockett

Prior approval has been granted

Cllr Bianco expressed concern about the handling of this application and feels that the applicant has been asked for an excessive amount of information which has been very costly to the applicant. Cllr Hancox suggested that Cllr Bianco summarise his specific questions and these could be raised with the relevant planning officer.

Progress of planning applications (Not outcome yet)

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: 15th February 2019

Planning Officer: Lucy Hammond

Application No: W/19/0148

Description: Increase in ridge height by 1.4 metres to provide first floor accommodation and repositioned chimney.

Address: 17 Stoneleigh Close, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DE

Applicant: Mr & Mrs B Allard

Closing date: 27th February 2019

Planning Officer: Liz Galloway

Application No: W/19/0020

Description: Proposed single storey rear extension

Address: Furzen Hill Cottage, Leicester Lane, Stoneleigh, Leamington Spa, CV32 6QZ

Applicant: Mr MC CORMACK

Closing date: 27th February 2019

Planning Officer: George Whitehouse

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/18/2098

Description: Application for the approval of reserved matters (details of landscaping and layout) pursuant to condition 1 of planning permission ref: W/16/0239 for the formation of the Community Park landscaping at Whitley South.

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: 6th December 2018

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: 11th October 2018

Planning Officer: Dan Charles

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: 24th May

Planning Officer: Lucy Hammond

Land has started to be cleared. Not sure about position with this and whether the development can be at this point without community agreement.

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

130. Matters Arising

a) Neighbourhood Plan

A meeting has been arranged for April 4th for Councillors to discuss their intended strategy. Cllr Hancox has had discussions with other local parishes who are looking to produce a plan in a similarly rapid way. Warwick District Council (WDC) have offered their support in developing the plan.

b) HS2 update

Cllr Bianco stated that a lengthy paper has been issued about boring, stating that little of the groundwork has been done along much of the route way, so ground works costs are still unknown. This issue has gone back to the politicians, and there is potential for issues when ground breaking takes place. This is likely to put back assessments and costings until at least Autumn.

The costs of digging up the ground will be revealed tomorrow, and are likely to be two and a half times what HS2 predicted. There is a local problem because the current vehicle plan may not stand up to scrutiny and may have to be revised.

Post meeting note – Cllr Bianco has submitted the appended document relating to excavation resources.

Cllr Bianco stated that the local HS2 contractors don't feel ready to speak to the Parish Council as yet, so are reluctant to come along to a meeting until they have relevant information, which may be by May. There is a £5.2m contract with utilities companies which started in Stoneleigh Park last week. This is to move utilities across the point of the railway and will then move them back in ten years' time.

c) Kings Hill Housing update

Nothing new.

d) Catesby Homes Crewe Lane Housing update

Nothing new.

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

Cllr Bianco has drafted the points he would like made in response to the letter received from Warwickshire County Council (WCC), Cllr Jeff Clarke. There was another cycle accident on the road this week. Cllr Hancox requested a map to accompany the letter setting out where the issues are.

➤ Clerk to draft letter to WCC

➤ Cllr Bianco to produce map to accompany letter

f) Gateway and Whitley South development

Nothing new

g) A46 link road & Improved Junction on A46

Nothing new. WCC are waiting on confirmation of funding etc.

h) Birmingham Road consultation

Standing orders suspended at 19.33

The issue of the Birmingham Road consultation was raised. Comment was made that the report stated that there was no overall consensus however it was felt that there was a consensus among the people who actually responded. It was felt that just because not everyone responded, the actual numbers shouldn't be considered less than credible. 80% of respondents want the road to be closed, but numbers are even as to which end should be closed. This could mean that the issue could go on and on whereas this needs to move forward quickly. There is a need to consider who will be most affected, and this may be the decision of the Parish Council in conjunction with the Highways Authority.

Cllr Hancox stated that he has received emails from residents who stated a preference for closing a particular end of the road in the survey, but who are now stating that they don't mind which end it is, as long as the road is closed.

It was commented that as the Highways Authority are the experts on these issues, they should be advising the Parish Council on this. It was confirmed that WCC have offered to come to a Parish Council meeting to talk about the options available. That could be an opportunity to raise the prospect of a 3 month trial at one end, then 3 months at the other end, and see the outcomes.

A question was asked about what authority the Parish Council has over road closure? It was confirmed that the Parish Council can offer an opinion, but Highways Authority have the ultimate decision, and it is a lengthy process to actually stop up a road, with lots of procedures to go through. It was stated that these processes have been sped up in areas where there are strong local campaigners to get action taken.

Cllr W Redford queried whether the trial period would be feasible and whether this would ultimately delay things. He stated that in April there will be a consultation on the closure of Stareton Road at the junction with the Showground because of the rate of serious accidents there over a period of time. Cllr Redford visited the site and saw that there is mayhem because the traffic ignores the posted instructions (this was reported at a previous meeting). Cllr Redford asked road safety and highways engineers to have a look and they think that a change should be made, hence the consultation in April to close Stareton Road, making it one way, away from the showground. Cllr Redford suggested that the Parish Council wait to see the outcome of the consultation for Stareton, to enable a view on its impact on the

Birmingham Road. This could be used as evidence to say the issue has been looked at, the village want it closed one way or another, and would like it closed at {where-ever} due to the Stareton outcome.

Cllr Hancox expressed surprise that the Stareton junction is considered so dangerous that action is now being taken. Cllr Redford confirmed that there had been a number of very serious incidents there over time. The Councillors expressed curiosity about the statistics being used by WCC and would be interested to see the data used to make decisions about local junctions. Cllr Hancox stated that the Parish Council will request the accident data from WCC to understand the prioritisation of junction changes.

With regards to the Birmingham Road closure, a comment was made that lots of families are being attracted into the village, which means lots of young children on bicycles, with increasing traffic through the village causing more of a hazard. Road safety engineers were invited to the village and confirmed that there was a problem which required the installation of traffic calming measures. However, that was eight years ago and nothing has happened. There is a need to ensure that something gets done now.

A question was raised about the number of votes cast in the consultation and the actual results. Cllr Hancox read out the summary of responses from the WCC report and confirmed that every resident of Stoneleigh & Ashow was sent a consultation letter. A question was raised as to why people who drive through the village were not consulted, and why people were not required to give their addresses on the response. It was felt that people living on Birmingham Road have a pecuniary interest in closing the road. Cllr Hancox stated that WCC carried out the survey, not the Parish Council, and they therefore decided on how it should be carried out. Cllr W Redford advised that questions regarding the process of the consultation should be raised with the WCC and gave the contact as Mark Ryder, Director of Communities. A comment was made that those people who have a self-interest in the outcome of the consultation should not have a vote. This was challenged by Cllr Hancox, who stated that he feels that he has a direct interest in the outcome, but also feels that he should be able to vote. Cllr Redford reiterated that if any resident has any criticism of the WCC survey, they should write to WCC and make their feelings known.

Cllr Redford reported that Birmingham Road will be closed for 3 days in late April in order to re-lay paths and incline, which will require heavy lorries for the job. This closure may give an idea of how it will be if road is permanently closed.

Cllr Williams asked whether, due to the number of accidents at the crossroads on Birmingham Road, this could not be made safer by not being a crossroads. It was agreed that this was an idea to raise with road safety engineers, who will be seeking the easiest, simplest and safest way to make changes. The accident rate could also form part of the rationale.

Standing orders were reinstated at 20.02

131. To receive reports from:

- a) Police Report: Theft of motor vehicle without keys on 10th March from driveway in Stoneleigh Abbey. Additionally, it was reported that there is a gang targeting high performance cars in the area.
- b) County Councillor – Cubbington – Cllr W Redford

Cllr Redford reported that he attended an Adult Social Care committee briefing from HealthWatch Warwickshire about residents' rights to access health care. The HealthWatch report showed that lots of people don't know what their rights are, and they have produced a poster and booklets which may be helpful for Councillors in case they get questions from local residents. HealthWatch do lots of good work and have government authority behind their work.

- Clerk to place information on noticeboards and website

Cllr Bianco stated that he is involved with work to support military homeless and asked what is being done locally to support this group. Cllr W Redford stated that Bob Stevens, WCC, is in charge of response in this issue. Cllr P Redford stated WDC have recently opened a shelter to offer accommodation, therapies, support to re-establish friends and family links, flu injections and rehousing to homeless people. Rough sleeping in Leamington and Warwick has dropped from a count of 21 people in 2017 to 12 this year. There is a risk is that people hear about the support available and come into the area specifically to use the support. Cllr Redford confirmed that the support workers can only suggest to the rough sleepers that they use the support, they cannot require them to, and it is the choice of the individual if they wish to remain on the streets.

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

Cllr P Redford stated that at 6pm tonight Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) have postponed any further development on their site. Cllr Redford had no further information at the moment, and will try to find out shortly how this will move forward. JLR have currently got a number of issues which will impact on the local community, including potential redundancies.

132. Correspondence

Tree on Stoneleigh Triangle Junction

Following a request for feedback in the local magazine, the Parish Council have received a number of emails about the removal of the old lime tree on the village triangle. All responses have been to request that nothing further be planted and that the removal of the tree is a great improvement. Cllr Hancox suggest that we defer this for a number of months and see if anyone comes forward to request a tree be planted.

Additional gritting on local roads

A request has been received from WCC to find out if local villages want additional gritting, at the cost of the parish council / village. Cllr Williams stated that in Ashow, roads can become like ice rinks. There are grit bins, but the village is not on the gritting routes. It was agreed that further information be sought about adding Ashow and Crewe Lane to the gritting routes, and the cost that this would entail.

- Clerk to contact WCC to find out more information

133. Questions to Chairman

Cllr Bianco requested that the Stoneleigh Bypass be considered once again and be put back on the agenda. Cllr W Redford stated that until HS2 moves forward, any route of a bypass cannot be considered.

134. Meetings

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on 11th April 2019 at Ashow Village Club.

The Annual Stoneleigh Village Meeting will take place on April 18th, at 7pm at Stoneleigh Village Hall.

135. Closure

The meeting was closed at 20.26.

APPENDED DOCUMENT:**Aide memoire**

To:- Burton Green Parish Council; Kenilworth Town Council; Stoneleigh Parish Council

Subject: meeting with Jeremy Wright MP and HS2 Limited, Kenilworth, 15th March 2019

Introduction

This aide memoire is prepared from the elemental estimate of cost prepared by mbpc Infrastructure Limited for Phase I of the Hs2 High Speed rail project from London to the West Midlands

The notes below are taken from the quantities used to complete the approximate estimate, they do not consider the cost, but review the resources required to move excavated materials from the area within the Kenilworth and Southam Parliamentary Constituency. The review is based on a detailed analysis of the works within the Parish Councils of Burton Green and Stoneleigh and as the affect Kenilworth Town Council

Drawings used

The analysis is taken from drawing number C223-CSI-CV-DPP-030-000005-FPD, revision P01, Country North, Main Line Sheet 38 Chainage 140 + 300 to 146 + 700, Scale 1:10000.

This drawing is available from the Department for Transport website, have been lodged on it by HS2 Limited

Excavation, disposal of arisings and importing raw materials

Excavation is required to create the "Railway Corridor" through which the high speed line will run and to create the structures, tunnels, bridges, viaducts and retaining walls along the route

The quantities for excavation and filling and an analysis of the road vehicle movements within this short stretch of the HS2 route, 6.40 km are shown in the table below

Section	Disposal of excavated materials	Unit	Imported filling	Unit	Lorry loads using 20 tonne dumper	Unit
Cuttings	163,818.00	m ³	0.00	m ³	13,925	Nr
Embankments; foundations	17,301.00	m ³	17,301.00	m ³	2,941	Nr
Embankments; filling above ground	0.00	m ³	83,078.00	m ³	7,062	Nr
Retaining walls	5,780.00	m ³	11,560.00	m ³	1,474	Nr
Balancing ponds	37,952.00	m ³	0.00	m ³	3,226	Nr
Major structures; Burton Green Tunnel	107,022.00	m ³	0.00	m ³	9,097	Nr

Total - materials delivery	331,873.00	m ³	111,939.00	m ³	37,724	Nr
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Period of activity

The period required to complete these movements is unclear from documents supplied by HS2 Limited, clarification should be sought from HS2 Limited

Other Parish Council areas

Similar activities are required in the areas covered by Kenilworth Town Council and Stoneleigh Parish

Council Existing Roads

Unless HS2 Limited is able to use bespoke haul roads, all of these movements will make use of the existing highway network; no evidence is available that the consent of Highways England and/or the Local Highways Agencies has been sought or received.

Michael Byng

mbpc Infrastructure Limited

15th March 2019

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