

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at on Thursday 10th May 2018 at Stoneleigh Village Hall
at 7:30 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 18 members of the public present.

10. Apologies

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

11. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were received.

12. Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 12th April were signed by the Chairman.

13. Presentation from Warwickshire County Council and Atkins Traffic Management

Standing orders were suspended for the presentation at 19:43.

Mr Hart thanked the Parish Council for inviting them to the meeting and introduced himself and the team. Nicola van der Hoven and Guiletta Pirolli were present from Warwickshire County Council, along with Adrian Taylor, Andy Clark from Atkins Traffic Management. Warwickshire County Council agreed many months ago with Cllr W Redford to carry out this piece of work to look at the wider traffic issues in the area. The final report is still not completely finished but Warwickshire County Council have several options which will be discussed.

Mr Clark introduced himself and went through the presentation. Warwickshire County Council and Atkins are aware that there are many concerns for residents in the area regarding existing traffic. There is also lots of projected growth in the area and traffic levels are expected to increase, due to increase in development at various destinations throughout the county including the University of Warwick, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth and Warwick.

Mr Clark presented a recap on the key milestones:

- HS2 which has a planned opening of phase 1 in 2026, although construction will begin sooner.
- Stoneleigh junction which is hoped to be completed by 2020.

Atkins Traffic Management were asked by Warwickshire County Council to do a study to look at various options based on many sources of data such as:

- Published information from HS2 including the Hybrid bill and associated maps
- Traffic model of Stoneleigh and Kenilworth, Coventry and Leamington
- Future development and predicted traffic flows.

- Planned development at Stoneleigh Park
- Projected jobs growth at the University of Warwick, Coventry and Whitley

There are 6 stages to the traffic report:

Stage 1 – Speaking with Colin Hooper at Stoneleigh Park regarding what they expect HS2 to do for Stoneleigh Park

Stage 2 – An assessment of the baseline conditions of what the road might look like in the future if there is no planned traffic plan

Stage 3 – Setting objectives with which to assess the options against

Stage 4 – A shortlisting process to assess each scheme against the objectives

Stage 5 - Investigate the short-listed options further

Stage 6 - Look at the projected costs of the short-listed options.

Mr Clark confirmed that the baseline conditions are what would happen if Warwickshire County Council didn't intervene at all. In this case, on Birmingham road the traffic will increase by 3.5% or even up to 11%.

Mr Clark stated that the objectives of the report were:

- To reduce traffic on the Birmingham Road
- To reduce the traffic on Coventry Road
- To maintain good access to nearby facilities such as Stoneleigh Park
- To reduce the environmental impact of traffic on Stoneleigh
- To acknowledge the planned works by HS2 and make the best use of these
- To plan a reasonable timescale to make sure that the schemes can be delivered

There are 6 options available as a result of the report:

Option 0 – Do nothing. This is not a realistic option as the probability of an increase in traffic is quite high.

Option 1 – The closure of Birmingham Road

Option 2 - A bypass (shown in red on the map) through Stoneleigh Park

Option 3 – A bypass (shown in purple on the map) to the south side of the village

Option 4 – A bypass to the East of the village

Option 5 – A bypass to the North of the village

The options have been studied and shortlisted.

Option 0 is not a realistic option as the probability of an increase in traffic is quite high so this has not been shortlisted.

Option 1 is to close the Birmingham Road near the junction on the B4115. This is a shortlisted option.

Option 2, the bypass through Stoneleigh Park has been shortlisted.

Option 3, the bypass to the South East of the village, has been shortlisted.

Option 4 has not been shortlisted as it will not have an impact on traffic.

Option 5 has not been shortlisted as it will not have an impact on traffic.

Shortlisted options are therefore:

- The closure of Birmingham Road. Atkins have been looking at how to do this – perhaps using a curved line across the junction to stop people turning in. A turning head may be created so that cars can turn around. It will send more traffic to the North near to the sewage works, and this junction will need to be signalised.
- The bypass through Stoneleigh Park. Stoneleigh Park will be severed in half by HS2 already. This route acknowledges the proposed HS2 train line and follows it closely. The closure of Birmingham Road can be introduced at the same time as this option.
- The bypass to the South East of the village. This route does not run through Stoneleigh Park, rather to the North East of Stoneleigh Park. Again, the closure of Birmingham Road can be introduced at the same time as this option.

The impact on traffic of all 3 options has been assessed and compared,

All 3 options will result in a reduction in traffic.

The closure of Birmingham Road will result in a 70% reduction in traffic through the village and will reduce traffic flow on the Birmingham Road. This option could be introduced in a short time, in advance of HS2. It will require some other changes in the area – for example signalising the junction at the sewage works.

The bypass through Stoneleigh Park builds on work already planned by HS2 which substantially reduces the traffic in Stoneleigh. This route will provide better access to Stoneleigh Park, and HS2 may contribute to some of the cost.

The bypass to the South East of the Stoneleigh also substantially reduces traffic in Stoneleigh and also provides better access to Stoneleigh Park. This route is close to the side of the village which may be a problem for some residents. To some extent the route uses existing infrastructure. However, this is a high cost option as HS2 will not contribute.

The next steps

Warwickshire County Council will look at all 3 options in more detail and assess the value for money. There must be a positive economic case to proceed. The options would also have to be assessed to confirm the impact on the A46 link road. As the Stoneleigh junction is being improved, the new link road will be due to West of that. The options need to be assessed in light of this.

Warwickshire County Council will also be working closely with everyone at Stoneleigh Park.

A public consultation will then be carried out.

At this point Mr Clark opened the meeting for questions.

Mr David Vaughan asked about the closure of Birmingham road and what would happen to the bus services? Mr Hart responded that this is an excellent point about the bus services, however the closure of Birmingham

Mr Vaughan suggested that as part of the consultation there should be a proposal as to what to do with bus services.

Mr Hart state that every question cannot be answered as the proposals are still being taken forward. It may be that Birmingham Road could be kept open for buses only with a bus gate, again this will be asked during the consultation.

Mr Vaughan, who with Chris Hadfield has previously visited Mr Hart regarding this issue, expressed concerns about option 3 – the bypass through the village, due to the environmental impact on the landscape across the fields towards Stoneleigh Park. Mr Vaughan stated that Mr Hart confirmed at this meeting that option 3 may well be ruled out on environmental grounds.

Mr Hart replied that the option had not been ruled out but it is a very controversial as there are lots of issues. This option is still being considered as Warwickshire County Council need to look at all the options in detail before one can be chosen. Warwickshire County Council must have a sound basis with which to take forward a scheme, and need to show long list, plus a short list to show the preferred options. Warwickshire County Council must show that every option has been considered.

Mrs Sue Crofts asked whether the traffic study had referenced of areas of employment. In which case what about employment at Abbey Park? People are making their way to Abbey Park at peak times in the morning and afternoon and this may be contributor to the traffic through Stoneleigh and on the Coventry road. Mrs Crofts wanted to confirm whether this traffic to Abbey Park been factored in?

Mr Clark confirmed that this has indeed been factored in as the traffic study used the Kenilworth area traffic model which looks at employment across the area.

Mrs Sue Crofts asked how people will get to Abbey Park in the future, as they all use the Coventry Road. Mr Hart replied that if Warwickshire County Council deliver a bypass this will need to have a significant level of benefit for the village. However, there will be intended and unintended consequences as Warwickshire County Council can't solve all issues. The traffic will re-route, and this will have an impact, although it sometimes takes 12-18 months for traffic patterns to change. The prime outcome should be for residents to see less traffic through the village. Some people will see more benefits than others but everyone will benefit.

Mr Jim Mancini stated that regarding the buses, there are only 3 buses per day in Stoneleigh. Closing Birmingham Road in certain sections will be beneficial to everyone. Buses can be turned around in the village. There is also room at the sewage works junction for cars to turn around. Mr Mancini stated that more than 50% of people in the village want Birmingham to be closed and a petition has been done which shows this.

Mr Hart confirmed that this is exactly why Warwickshire County Council want to consult everyone, to find out what residents feel and to provide different options.

Mr Hanselman stated that these options are great and wished to thank Warwickshire County Council. However, Mr Hanselman has concerns that Warwickshire County Council are projecting too far ahead. Also, if there is the slightest disruption on any roads in the area this causes gridlock on Stoneleigh. There are developments happening everywhere, affecting Stoneleigh Park and Gibbet Hill, plus the Gateway. The construction is chaotic. The 'quick win' of the Birmingham Road closure would at least alleviate traffic until a long-term solution is found. This will help not just residents on Birmingham Road but every resident in the village as everyone has to go through Birmingham Road.

Mr Hart replied that this is exactly the reason that Warwickshire County Council are doing this. They are trying to fix that which is broken, which is why the Council are doing the Stoneleigh junction works,

and working with developers to manage the traffic, plus making improvements such as the Tollbar and Festival roundabouts. The Council are also talking with HS2 and their contractors.

Mr Hanselman asked how does this all fall in line with impact assessment at this point? Mr Hart replied that there is some genuine thought being given as to the timing of planned works in the area to make sure they are not all happening at the same time. Warwickshire County Council is aware that there is lots of development in a large area and are using this to see what can be done as a genuine legacy with HS2.

Mr Hanselman stated that there should be a quick fix, and Mr Hart replied that this is why Warwickshire County Council are trying to bring forward the planned Stoneleigh Junction works, before HS2 works start.

Mr Hanselman stated that he commends that but every planning application that has gone through has gone through singularly with each one based on singular merit. But this doesn't work with joined up planned development works, and a contingency plan is needed to reduce the impact on Stoneleigh, Leamington and Coventry.

Mr Hart state that there are other things Warwickshire County Council want to do, for example improvements to A452. Warwickshire County Council are constrained as to how they look at developments due to the restrictive planning process. Regarding planning, transport assessments are always looked at and the transport department do look at the cumulative impact of planning.

Mr Hanselman asked about the very high accident rate and suggested that accident statistics should be considered. There are a lot of elderly people and children in the local area and this is a very dangerous situation.

Mr Hart has confirmed that this why Warwickshire County Council have pushed this project. Although this is not helped by NPP framework which suggests that proposed development must not demonstrate a 'severe impact'. There is no definition of this so developers cannot always be held to account for the traffic impact of their developments. The Council do look at accident rates and road use, but it is very hard to justify turning planning applications down in cases where the application would go through at appeal.

Mr Anthony Francis stated that he lives on Coventry road, and although he feels these suggestions are all very good, how will these options reduce traffic on the Coventry road and traffic going over the bridge.

Mrs Crofts stated that residents have been told that some people will be winners and some losers, and we on Coventry road will be the losers.

Mr Hart stated that there are more houses on Birmingham Road than Coventry Road, and so this will be the preferred option.

Cllr Astle suggested that there is a chance that if people are going from Leamington to Coventry, some traffic may come off the Coventry road. Eventually the traffic through Stoneleigh will lessen.

Mr Hart agreed and stated that there would be downgrading on the route through the village, perhaps with traffic calming measure or a reduction in speed.

Cllr Bianco stated that the police have said they won't reduce the speed through the village but Mr Hart replied that people will change their journeys when the infrastructure changes. For example, with the Tollbar Junction, traffic increased and then reduced when the roundabout is finished.

Cllr Hancox asked whether it would be in the plans to change the priority at the sewage works junction, so traffic would be encouraged to turn right.

Cllr Bianco asked whether the new routes would have any impact on sat nav systems. Mr Hart stated the route would be updated by the satnav companies based on changes to infrastructure.

Mr Innocent asked about the road up by the sewage works. Could this be made a major road, and then instead of a roundabout off the 4115, could this be a 'flowing' road. Mr Innocent commented that if this was made a roundabout, people will still go through the village, and also asked whether it would be possible to restrict the road to 30 mph to protect the ancient bridge.

Mr Hart replied that these are feasible ideas and are exactly the type of thing that Atkins are looking at. Once everything is in place, people will not choose to drive through the village. Warwickshire County Council will ensure that the junctions are planned correctly, with the correct capacity and alignments.

Cllr Jack suggested a weight restriction on the bridge so HGVs have to go around.

Mr Hart replied that this will not be needed as the only HGVs going over the bridge will be local deliveries, although this could be a complimentary measure.

Mr Innocent suggested that something as simple as a sign could prevent people using the bridge. Mr Hart replied that the sign is not as simple as that as you need a traffic regulation order and police input. As the road is a B road it is expected to carry some HGV traffic.

Mr Vaughan stated that at show time at the Stoneleigh show ground HGVS with agricultural equipment cross the bridge.

Mr Hart replied that he has had a commitment from Stoneleigh Park that the new access in from the B4115 will help to bring vehicles in to the Park from a different direction and avoid the village as much as possible. The Rugby Farmers Market will have an impact on this as well. Mr Hart is working with Colin Hooper at Stoneleigh Park on this.

Mr Vaughan asked whether it is possible to restrict HGVs across the bridge as this would achieve a lot.

Mr Hart replied that Warwickshire County Council would think about this and that all of these suggestions are on the agenda.

Mrs Crofts asked about option 3 which was described as the most expensive. Why is that and who would pick up the additional funding required?

Mr Clark replied that Atkins had looked at the total cost for both options 2 and 3, particularly regarding what HS2 Ltd will be expected to fund. HS2 Ltd will be making changes in Stoneleigh Park anyway so HS2 Ltd will pay more towards this option. Any additional funding will be put in place by Warwickshire County Council or the Department of Transport.

Mr Hart confirmed that there is an opportunity for a legacy from HS2 and Warwickshire County Council will continue to talk to HS2 Ltd and Stoneleigh Park to identify the gap between what HS2 Ltd might be paying for and what the public purse will be paying for.

Mr Hart stated that one good thing about the HS2 development is that the Government are keen to provide associated infrastructure.

Mr Harvey Smith asked what happens next - what are the timetables? This is important to know as there are lots of accidents at the Stoneleigh junction.

Mr Hart agreed that the accident history isn't good at Stoneleigh junction and has spoken to colleagues about a safety scheme for the junction. Some of the timetable is in the hands of Warwickshire County Council as it will depend on the consultation results. The Stoneleigh Junction is set for completion in 2020 and the bypass may be completed within 5-6 years.

Regarding the Stoneleigh Junction, Ms Van der Hoven updated the meeting and stated that the Council are still working through planning and technical issues which need to be heard by the regulatory committee. The aim is to start on site in early 2019 and complete by end of 2020. Ms Van der Hoven will come back to a Parish Council meeting when there is more accurate information. The Council also meet with HS2 Ltd monthly to see how their plans fit in with the current construction programme.

Mr Hart added that this joined up thinking is taking up time and suggested that first the plan would be to close Birmingham road, then build the Stoneleigh junction, then start planning a bypass, although Warwickshire County Council are waiting for HS2 Ltd to finish construction works in area.

Mrs Blagburn asked when will the public consultation be? Mr Hart confirm this would take place over the next couple of months. Cllr W Redford would need to feel confident that locally there is a strong view and a clear majority.

Mr Hart added that Warwickshire is the fastest growing economy since the economic crash in 2009, which adds pressure for housing growth and employment land. The impacts are clearly being felt in this area.

Cllr Bianco reminded the meeting there is a need to thank colleagues at Stoneleigh Park and previous Parish Councillors for their efforts with this project.

Mr Hart confirmed that the presentation will be sent around to the Councillors and the traffic report will be publicly available within 4 weeks.

The presentation ended at 21:04 pm.
9 members of the public remained.

14. Planning

Standing orders remained suspended for the first item.

Application No: W/18/0677 LB (awaiting full application)

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

Mrs Crofts address the Council regarding the application. Mr and Mrs Crofts have lived in the village for 6 years, and years ago their architect recommended that the garage be pulled down. Mr and Mrs Crofts would like a safe garage and plan to build a double bay brick-built garage with cladding on one side to reflect the house design. There will also be a double bay car port with a shed and small workshop

on the back. The application is harmony with the house and is smaller than a planning application approved by Warwick District Council in the 2000s which was approved and has now lapsed. Mr and Mrs Crofts are planning a smaller garage than this previous application. The Planning officer has said that she is concerned due to the greenbelt and because the building must not be 'materially larger than existing' building. This can be as much as 30% but Mrs Crofts is not sure. There is not a base on the floor plan but you can calculate what the volume of the new building would be. The existing structure is very low and flat but Mr and Mrs Crofts would now like a pitched roof. So, the volume of the new building will certainly be bigger than the existing one. Mrs Crofts is expecting Warwick District Council to say no even though she is trying to improve the building.

Cllr Hancox asked what the difference is between the new and old footprints and Mrs Crofts replied that the proposed new shed is 3-4 feet longer, although she has agreed to sink the shed into ground if required.

Cllr Hancox stated that the Parish Council have not received the full application yet as it has not been validated.

Cllr Wright stated that he had seen the plans and photos and agrees with Mrs Crofts that the plans will improve the building. Cllr Wright will communicate his initial thoughts to the District Council and as soon as the full planning application comes through he will comment on this.

1 member of public left meeting

Standing orders were reinstated at 21:22 pm.

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

Cllr Bianco stated that the Parish Council does need to comment on this application. It is the same master plan as has been heard before at a previous presentation. The Council cannot comment on the overall plan – this application is basically asking for permission to start.

Two things can comment on are:

The access and exit to the site – the Parish Council should suggest some constraints. Accessing Stoneleigh road at the bottom of Gibbet Hill requires more work than an island in middle of road. Hopefully there will be a relief road to take some traffic off. The applicants want to start site clearance and Cllr Bianco suggests that the Parish Council should suggest constraints on construction progress.

The Parish Council needs to adopt a holistic approach to all of these large developments due to the affect they all have on the village.

Cllr Hancox stated that the Council need to know where they are building first.

It was decided that the Parish Council would draft a response.

Cllr Wright confirmed that he had a meeting planned with Cllr W Redford to create a response and will raise these issues.

Address of site to which the appeal relates: The Barn, Stareton Lane, Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, CV8 2LL

Proposed development: Erection of a detached carport

Appellant's name: Mr S Hession

Appeal reference number: APP/T3725/D/18/3193946

Appeal Start Date: 30/04/2018

Closing date: 28th May

Planning Officer: Liz Galloway

The Parish Council previously supported this application and it was unanimously agreed not to change the response.

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

It was unanimously agreed to object to this application due to the incongruous nature of the appearance of the site and the increased traffic volume created by the use of the site.

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

Cllr Williams informed the meeting that this application is a notification for prior approval. The applicant wants to develop under permitted development rights. The basis of not needing to apply for planning permission is that the building has been used for agricultural purposes. However close neighbours have sworn affidavits to state that the building in question has only ever been used as a garage and for storage of furniture. Cllr Williams recommends that the Parish Council do not support this application because of this.

It was unanimously decided to object to the application.

Application No: W/18/0632 and W/18/0632 LB

Description: Erection of a single storey extension to an existing annex to form a new dwelling-house (Use Class C3).

Address: Abbey Farm, Ashow Road, Ashow, Kenilworth, CV8 2LE

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Burdett

Closing date: 11th May

Planning Officer: Emma Spandley

Cllr Jack asked whether there had been any changes since the last application.

Cllr Williams confirmed that the application has changed and rather than incorporating the garage it is now just a single storey extension to the side.

Standing orders were suspended at 21:42 pm.

Mrs Burdett, the applicant, addressed the meeting and stated that she and her husband Bob had lived in the village for 30 years, and that Mr Burdett wishes to spend his final years here. The building is grade 2 listed and cannot be adapted. Mr and Mrs Burdett want to move into the present annexe. People have

always lived there so there should be no increase in the number of cars. Part of the site is being used by a lodger. Planning has been granted for this additional living space for the lodger and income tax is paid on these earnings.

Mrs Burdett stated that there is lots of support in the village for these plans. 26 people support and 5 object. The applicants have received advice from the planning officer and the proposed extension is very similar to building work carried out at Daffodil Barn for which planning permission was granted.

Currently there are no fences or walls at the property and the applicants will create new boundaries using climbing plants and trellis. The applicants want to stay in Ashow and are very involved in village life. Mr Burdett was very active in the delivery of a sewage system in village and was the Treasurer of the village club.

Mr Elliot-Higgot addressed the meeting next. Mr Elliot-Higgot lives in Daffodil Barn which is attached to the proposed annexe. The proposed extension reduces parking areas and blocks off access to newly built garages. The garages were built as the applicants required an existing garage for living accommodation. The additional dwelling now has a shortage of car parking. The proposal will create 2 new car parking spaces on the front lawn of a listed building and will have an impact on views of property. The proposal shows a high new fence which will have an impact on the setting of the existing building, reduce the openness and be an eyesore to Abbey House.

Mr Elliot-Higgot feels that he is disturbed by the noise from the tenant in the annexe and feels that the proposal will create more noise and nuisance. Mr Elliot-Higgot is also concerned that the proposed extension blocks off access to the garage block and could later be attached to the garage block and become the same as the previous planning application which was unanimously refused. Mr Elliot-Higgot is concerned that this could become development by stealth.

There is no precedent for a new dwelling in the conservation area which is washed over by green belt. The development is inappropriate and does not reflect the surrounding settlement pattern.

Standing orders were reinstated at 21:49 pm.

Cllr Williams stated that regarding parking, there are other listed buildings in the village that have cars parked to the side, and that old buildings weren't built for the provision of car parking anyway.

Cllr Williams has had a chat with Mrs Burdett regarding the fencing and Mrs Burdett is quite clear that no fencing is being put up. The boundary will be created with plants which should be aesthetically pleasing.

Cllr Wright added that a boundary is not a planning condition. Cllr Hancox asked about the height of the planned shrubs- would they obscure visibility and views?

Cllr Williams replied that the existing hedging is quite low already but this is not included on plans.

Cllr Williams also mentioned the issues with access. One objection on the website suggests that perhaps the applicants could convert the original house and put in stair lift. However, this cannot happen due to the nature of house.

Cllr Williams and Cllr Jack expressed concern about blocking off the garages, although the applicant has confirmed that the end garage is more of a shed than a garage and is used for storage.

It was unanimously agreed to support the application.

2 members of the public left. 4 members of the public remained.

Application No: W/18/0480 and W/18/0481 LB

Description: Erection of single storey side extension and demolition and rebuilding of existing rear extension from porch to garden room

Address: 10 Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DH

Applicant: Mr and Ms Storer and Lowe

Closing date: 11th May

Planning Officer: Holika Bungre

Cllr Hancox stated that there have been no objections so far, and Cllr Foster agreed that the plans look in keeping with the property.
It was unanimously agreed to support this application.

2 members of the public left. 2 members of the public remained.

Progress of planning applications

Application No: W/18/0466 LB

Description: Rebuilding of chimney stack.

Address: 1 Almshouses, The Green, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DP

Applicant: Dame Alice Leigh's Almshouse

Closing date: 13th April

Case Officer: Nick Corbett

This application has been granted

Application No: WDC/18CM008

Description: Installation of modular building to provide facilities for tanker drivers at Finham Sewage Treatment Works, St Martins Road Finham

Closing date: 13th April

Case Officer: Sally Panayi

This application has been granted

Application No: W/18/0247

Description: Proposed new first floor and ground floor side extension (resubmission of application ref: W/17/0517)

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

Closing date: 15th March

Case Officer: Holika Bungre

The Parish Council supports this application.

This application has been refused.

15. Public Session

Standing orders were suspended at 21:58

Mr Innocent asked about the Miller House in Stoneleigh which is under construction and will be finished soon. Mr Innocent is concerned that there is no permission for railings or visual displays. Cllr Wright asked whether this been reported as an enforcement issue. If conditions have been breached, these can be reported as an enforcement issue and the District Council will get someone out within 48 hours. The officer will then check the site and check the conditions. This can be done anonymously.

Mr Innocent also asked about the hard standing at the weir, near the fish ladder. The environmental agency should look at this. The Clerk is to chase this up.

Standing orders were reinstated at 22:09 pm.

16. Finance

Payments / Invoices

Income / Expenditure

Balance brought forward	£31,081.71
Receipts	£8258.50
Bank Interest	£3.97
	<u>£39,344.21</u>

Payments to 31st April

301382	Louise Best – Internal Audit	£70.00
301383	E-On (Phone box electricity)	£73.69
301384	WALC – Annual Subscription	£277.00

£420.69

Balance **£38,923.52**

At Co-operative Bank plc, Birmingham

A/C 6101168500 (Current)	£13,507.97
A/C 6101168550 (Instant Access)	£5063.38
A/C 6101168556 (14 Day Deposit)	£20,422.17

£38,993.52

Less unrepresented cheque **£70.00**

£38,923.52

Cheques to be authorised

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

The Clerk informed the Council that a new insurance quote had been received for £374. The previous renewal quote was £420. Cllr Hancox read the insurance declaration and it was agreed that no Councillors had anything that needed to be declared.

It was unanimously agreed to authorise all cheques.

c)The annual NALC pay rise was confirmed and agreed by all Councillors.

17. Annual review of Parish Council policies

It was unanimously agreed to accept all policies. The Councillor's attention was drawn to the Data Protection Policy which has been updated in light of the new Data Protection Regulations 2018. The Clerk also confirmed that new policies are currently being drafted to fulfil the requirements of the Regulations, and that a pack would be sent to all Councillors before the law comes into force on 25th May.

The Clerk also confirmed that a 'data cleanse' will be carried out on all paper and electronic records to ensure that the Council is compliant with the new regulations.

18. To confirm that the Parish Council will not be divided into separate wards for Stoneleigh and Ashow

This was unanimously agreed.

19. Matters Arising

a) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hancox informed the meeting that a new clerk has been recruited and will start at the beginning of July. The candidate has project management experience and will be allocated hours to work on the Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Innocent has also volunteered to help with the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Clerk confirmed that she has contacted Rob Young at Warwick District Council who has informed Lorna Coldicott in the Policy Team that the Parish Council require ordnance survey maps etc.

Cllr Lucas from Bubbenhall Parish Council has also contacted Cllr Steve Haynes, the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee for Baginton and Bubbenhall, to ask for help.

b) HS2

Cllr Bianco reported that he will attend a meeting with HS2 regarding community funding on 21st May. On 31st May, Jeremy Wright's secretary agreed to meet Cllr Bianco at Crewe lane at 2 pm to take a walk and see the proposed compound site. Cllr Bianco suggested that other Councillors attend. Mr Michael Byng and other members of the Stoneleigh Action Group will also try and attend. If Mr Byng is unable to attend then Cllr Bianco will meet him at the House of Commons later on.

On 8th June, HS2 will attend Stoneleigh Park at 10 am and talk to tenants. Councillors have been invited to attend. The Clerk will re-send the email as a reminder.

On 14th June the Early Works Contractor for HS2 Ltd is hopefully attending the Parish Council meeting.

c) Broadband update.

Cllr Bianco reported that Tracy Turner from Open Reach says that 38 people want the broadband. The total cost divided by the number of households will be £1300 each. Cllr Bianco is trying to find out more information and will report back.

20. To receive reports from:

- a) Police Report. No report was received this month.
- b) County Councillor – Cubbington – Cllr W Redford. No report was received this month.
- c) District Councillor – Stoneleigh & Cubbington - Cllr Mrs P Redford and Cllr Wright

Cllr Wright reported:

- Be aware that development soon starts at Europa Way which may cause delays.
- Cllr Wright is trying to get more help and support for people who suffer from dementia, and their carers and asked the Parish Council to please share a flyer on dementia and social care. Cllr Wright is happy to become involved as he very passionate about this issue. The Clerk will post the flyer on the noticeboards.

21. Correspondence

No correspondence has been received.

22. Questions to Chairman

Cllr Bianco asked if Cllr Hancox could meet with Mr Adrian Hart from Warwickshire County Council regarding the proposed cycle path. Cllr Hancox agreed to liaise directly with Cllr Bianco regarding this.

23. Meetings

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on 14th June 2018 at Ashow Village Club

24. Closure