

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at on Thursday 8th March at Ashow Village Club

PRESENT:

Chairman Cllr R Hancox
 Deputy Chairman Cllr J Astle
 Cllr D Jack
 Cllr M Foster
 Cllr A Bianco
 Cllr S Willams
 Cllr T Wright
 Cllr P Redford
 Cllr W Redford.

Mr Adrian Hart and Miss Lisa Jones from Warwickshire County Council

There were 4 members of the public present.

132. Apologies

133. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

134. Presentation from Mr Adrian Hart at Warwickshire County Council regarding the Kenilworth to Leamington cycle route

Standing Orders were suspended for the presentation.

Mr Hart introduced himself and Lisa Jones, Cycle Officer at Warwickshire County Council

Before handing over to Ms Jones, Mr Hart suggested that Warwickshire County Council are looking at a scheme for the A452 between Kenilworth and the Bericote roundabout. This is a very busy section of road before it splits at Bericote Road, and Warwickshire County Council propose to signalise the Thickthorn roundabout and duelling the A452. This proposed plan will enable Warwickshire County Council to deliver the cycling scheme proposed. There is no time scale for the scheme, although it will certainly not be in place before the Stoneleigh roundabout improvements. However, Warwickshire County Council would like it to follow soon after the planned Stoneleigh works. After looking closely at the land and the bridge structures etc, a realistic date for these proposed works will be after 2020. Part of this due to HS2 and what can be achieved whilst HS2 Ltd are building the railway.

Ms Jones introduced herself and informed the meeting that she has been working on the Kenilworth to Leamington high priority cycle scheme. There has already been lots of design feasibility work undertaken over the past 5 years, plus work to develop the business plan. The route is 5 kilometres long and will be very expensive, which is why the process is taking so long.

The route will be divided into three separate sections and will be a high quality continuous cycle route, segregated from traffic. Warwickshire County Council hopes that cyclists will use the route to cycle from Kenilworth to Stoneleigh Park, and also to Warwick University.

Section one of the route has several design challenges, in that it is 3 metres wide on the Eastern side of the road and separated by a verge. The Council are currently working out how much highway can be used to create the cycle path.

The central section of the route hinges on the proposed highway scheme, as described by Mr Hart, coming forward. This section of the route includes the crossing over river – at the moment it's too narrow.

The northern section of the route into Kenilworth involves looking at a link along the B4115 up Rocky Lane to get to Kenilworth. There are lots of residential areas over that side of Kenilworth, and this route is already well used as link into Kenilworth. The Council are aware of the existing footpath and would like to improve and extend this further to Rocky lane. Ms Jones confirmed that it would be good to extend this to Stoneleigh Park, although this will involve lots of challenges.

There are several funding options for each section. The cycle way is eligible to be applied for under the HS2 community benefit fund, and certain sections will be eligible under the Road Safety fund. Highways England will also be an option, and Warwickshire County Council are working with the team at Highways England regarding the design.

The Council have been working on section one of the cycle way and are now focusing on the B4115 and Rocky Lane. The Council are adopting an incremental approach and working on one section at a time.

Mr Hart confirmed that Warwickshire County Council are very happy to accept that the scheme can come forward incrementally and commented that it is important to have schemes that are 'ready to go' on the shelf in case any funding becomes available.

Mr Hart also confirmed that the cycle way is a long project due to the issue of third party land. This means that the project can be quite complicated as the Council try to acquire third party land by negotiation not compulsory purchase. HS2 money may help with this. The County Council now need to focus on getting bids together and ensuring that the schemes fit HS2 Ltd criteria.

Ms Jones confirmed that the timescale of the project hinges on the central section. Ms Jones also mentioned that the option of a river crossing at Ashow is also being considered

Cllr Williams asked whether this would be a route for traffic or bikes and Mr Hart confirmed it would be for cycles and pedestrians. The idea is that the route would be very similar to the Greenway from Kenilworth to the University. Ms Jones stated that this option does present many challenges.

Cllr Bianco asked where the route would be and Ms Jones confirmed that the route would come from Bericote Road, cross Bericote Lane and go across the fields.

Mr Hart confirmed that this route had been identified as a possible, complimentary route and wanted to know what local residents would think. Cllr Hancox asked if this route was in addition to the route already planned, which Mr Hart confirmed.

Cllr Bianco asked Mr Hart who the County Council are expecting to use this route. The B4115 was originally designed as an alternative cycle route to the A46, as there is no cycle or pedestrian route there. Cllr Bianco asked whether cyclists and pedestrians will turn left or right from Leamington, through Ashow and through the bottom of Rocky Lane

Mr Hart confirmed that this would be the case and stated that the County Council are trying out ideas to bring cyclists towards Kenilworth and create a link with Leamington.

Cllr Bianco asked whether another bridge would be needed where Rocky Lane crosses the B4115. Ms Jones confirmed that the existing bridge is fine.

Cllr Bianco also asked about the Chesford Grange junction which is being widened for HS2. Mr Hart confirmed that HS2 will need to make changes to the turning into Ashow road from the A452 to accommodate heavy goods vehicles. This will happen early next year. Meanwhile, the County Council will start work on the

Stoneleigh junction. Then they will be able to start doing the duelling scheme, aiming to deliver this section of the scheme by 2021 or 2022.

Cllr Bianco asked if Mr Hart could confirm that local residents will need to wait 18 months for any improvements to the junction between Chesford Grange and the B4115 and pointed out that there is a real problem here with lack of visibility for vehicles.

Mr Hart confirmed that he is aware of this issue and will raise this with the surveyors in the highways team. Mr Hart is happy to meet Councillor Bianco on site and have a look at the issues, and if there is something that can be done in the short term before HS2, this will be done. If there are improvements which will need to be made by HS2, this can also be looked at.

Cllr Bianco confirmed that he would like to meet Mr Hart on site to address these concerns.

Cllr Bianco also mentioned the corner of Ashow road and Rocky lane. Stoneleigh has no cycle path and the B4115 is narrow and dark. Would it be possible to move the cycle way down to Stoneleigh cross roads, and could HSS2 be asked to do this? Also, north of the A46 there are 650 new houses planned. The right turning out of Crewe Lane will also be a major exit for the planned Kenilworth school. As the new houses will be built within 2 to 3 years, there will be lots of traffic, and road safety measures will be required here.

Ms Jones answered that, regarding the link through to Stoneleigh, the County Council would like to go up to the entrance to Stoneleigh Park. Currently Warwickshire County Council are looking at the highway which is very narrow in places and are concerned that it will not be wide enough. Mr Hart confirmed that he will raise this with the HS2 team.

Councillor W Redford stated that he is on a Parish Council which is in the process of a grant application and wanted to confirm that Warwickshire County Council will be applying for the cycle way, rather than Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish Council. Cllr Redford's understanding is that the application has to come from the Parish Clerk as the responsible officer. Cllr Redford would like the County Council to confirm which is the case.

Cllr P Redford also stated that she had been informed that the verges along highway (in this case Rugby Road) cannot belong to the County Council, and that if the owner of the verge is unknown, this will prohibit a Parish Council from registering for a bid from the HS2 Community benefit fund.

Mr Hart confirmed that he will check what is public highway and what isn't. Regarding the cycle path, the County Council has a good understanding as to land – i.e. where the highways boundary ends and where private land starts.

Cllr W Redford stated that, as a Parish Councillor in another Parish Council, the issue he has is that there is a verge along the road we are applying about, and it is very difficult to determine who the land owner is in this case.

Cllr P Redford stated that HS2 Ltd has confirmed that her Parish Council cannot register for a bid because land owners are unknown.

Cllr W Redford also suggested that if Warwickshire County Council can apply on behalf of Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish Council, what about other Parish Councils?

Mr Hart confirmed that the County Council can go through a process with unregistered land.

Mr Tebby informed the meeting that to ascertain ownership of verges, one must advertise for 7 years, put a stake in ground and maintain the land. After 7 years it can be registered with the Land Registry.

Mr Hart confirmed that the County Council may be able to do this more quickly. He asked Cllr P and W Redford to contact their colleagues at the County Council, who deal with the HS2 community Fund.

Mr Hart informed the meeting that as everyone is aware, there is significant development planned for land at the east of Kenilworth, which is important to the local area as the town hasn't grown since the late 1980s. Managing the increase in traffic and the need for infrastructure is proving challenging, and the County Council is working with Warwick District Council to create a route through the southern part of the eastern site, through the new planned development, linking to Birches Lane and Glasshouse Lane. This will take some pressure off of the St Johns gyratory. There is also another planned route to the North of the Woodside Conference Centre, through to Crewe lane. Local people already use Crewe lane coming out of Kenilworth to avoid the St Johns gyratory. Mr Hart confirmed the need to provide as many access points to the town as possible, which will spread the impact of traffic.

Mr Hart confirmed that there are concerns about access onto Crewe Lane, and that the developers at Catesby Homes will need to apply to the County Council for planning permission, at which point the access, visibility and traffic aspects will be looked at closely.

Mr Hart confirmed that the principles have been generally agreed on the planned eastern development sites in Kenilworth. The County Council will need to make sure that the new developments are well linked to existing Kenilworth routes. Mr Hart also confirmed that any new developments need to go through a long process including the planning application, Section 106 agreements, clearing the land and environmental mitigation. Building work is not likely to start for 3 years or so.

Cllr Astle asked about whether it would be necessary to build another bridge to the north of Rocky Lane. This is a footpath at the moment. Ms Jones replied that this option had not been looked at. Cllr Astle confirmed that the path is quite narrow but could be a cycle path and is in a perfect location with access through to the Wardens cricket ground.

Mr Hart stated that any conversion from a footpath to a cycle path needs to follow a certain standard regarding safety and legal requirements. Mr Hart confirmed that this option would be looked at further.

Cllr Wright asked how close the County Council are to creating the cycle path. Mr Hart answered that Andrew Cornfoot at Warwick District Council has been employed by Warwick District Council to be the lead for the eastern development site. The District Council are working with Mr Cornfoot regarding the transport and ensuring that there is provision for pedestrians and cyclists.

Ms Jones added that the new planned development sites must all connect to major points in the town – eg the station, schools, and the Warwick University footpath.

Cllr Jack asked about the cycle track from Bericote to Ashow and whether the County will be building a bridge. Ms Jones confirmed that a new bridge would not be built but the current bridge would need widening. Also, the path goes across private land and farmer's fields.

Cllr Williams asked whether the County Council officers had walked through the churchyard and Ms Jones confirmed that they had indeed walked through the church yard but a cycle path through here would not be possible.

Cllr Jack stated that the cycle way / footpath would be a great idea. Mr Hart agreed that the Greenway in Kenilworth has been very successful and this success could be repeated here.

Mr Innocent asked what infrastructure will there be along the B4115 to keep cyclists safe? Particularly from the B4115 to Rocky Lane, where cyclists and pedestrians have to cross the road.

Ms Jones confirmed that this will need to be looked at. Mr Hart also confirmed that the intention is to discuss this with HS2 Ltd. The proposed worker's compound will need to be initially served by access from Ashow Road, but there will hopefully not be as much activity in the first few years. Warwickshire County Council are still trying to change this, to ensure that the compound is accessed from Birmingham Road, particularly once the Stoneleigh junction is completed. The County Council have another meeting planned with HS2 next week to discuss this further.

Mr Hart confirmed that it is unlikely that the County Council will accept a proposal from HS2 Ltd to use Crewe Lane for construction traffic.

Mr Innocent asked whether this meant that the traffic would be directed back into Kenilworth, and Mr Hart answered that he was unsure yet.

Mr Innocent asked how HS2 would possibly stop construction vehicles using these roads, and Mr Hart replied that both HS2 and Warwickshire County Council will be monitoring the vehicles.

Regarding the A46 improvement works, Mr Hart informed the meeting that Ms Nicola van der Hoven will do an update and send this to Clerk. The planning application is in and the County Council are currently dealing with objections and observations, which are matters which can be discussed and resolved. The County hope that the application will be determined in April / May and hope to be onsite in Autumn. Warwickshire County Council are proceeding on basis and will keep the Parish Council updated. The County Council hope that the works will be completed by the end of 2019, or March 2020 at the latest. The Council must allow 18 months for construction.

Mr Hart pointed out that HS2 are designing their mitigation scheme, as set out in the Hybrid Bill, which does not include the proposed A46 junction improvements. HS2 have to do this in case the improvement works fall through.

Mr Hart also informed the meeting that the results of the traffic management study by Atkins will be ready in May. Mr Hart will attend the May meeting with an update for the Parish Council. The County Council are still in further discussions with HS2 Ltd and Stoneleigh Park regarding the bypass option which will go through Stoneleigh Park.

Cllr Bianco asked about the Early Works Contractors (Laing O Rourke) who have responsibility for the construction and building works and asked whether the County Council could talk to HS2 Ltd about the environmental works with Stoneleigh scheme.

Cllr Hancox thanked Mr Hart and Miss Jones for attending. 1 member of the public left the meeting and Standing Orders were re- instated at 20:05 pm

135. Minutes

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 8th February were signed by the Chairman.

136. Public Session

Standing orders were suspended at 20.06 pm for the public session.

Mr Sam Tebby introduced himself and informed the meeting that he has recently purchased Meadow View in Ashow. He wanted to reassure the meeting that he will not change the front of the property at all. Work needs to be done to meet modern living standards, and the plan is to first of all to get the site to a reasonable standard. The garden needs to be cut back, in order to reach the septic tank. The roof needs to be re-done and Mr Tebby will use reclaimed or handmade clay tiles. He will also replace bricks on the front wall and re-instate the

mortar at the front. He will also replace the windows and make the frontage look pretty. Mr Tebby will extend the rear of the property it as it's only 4 metres wide. The upstairs will stay the same. The extension will be done with reclaimed bricks from a barn on Crewe Lane. As the property is in a green belt conservation village area there are very strict guidelines about redevelopment. The building was sold in 2013 and planning permission to make it bigger was refused. Very strict guidelines in place mean that the property has almost as much protection as a grade 2 listed building.

Cllr Hancox thanked Mr Tebby for introducing himself.

Cllr Foster asked what the timescale will be for the building works, and Mr Tebby confirmed that as he is doing all the work himself, the work will take a long time.

Cllr P Redford introduced herself and recommended that Mr Tebby contact the planning department for a pre planning consultation.

Cllr Williams welcomed Mr Tebby to the village.

The Clerk asked Mr Tebby if he would like to join the Parish Council mailing list and he consented.

Standing orders were re-instated at 20:18 pm.

137. Planning

Cllr Astle asked whether it would be helpful to email each planning officer as planning applications come in, to get an idea of what the planning officer would be recommending. The Clerk agreed to draft an email to this effect.

Cllr Hancox suggested allocating each planning application to a different Councillor each time, which was agreed with by all Councillors.

New Planning Applications

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

Cllr Hancox expressed an interest in this application and left the room.

The remaining Councillors expressed support for this application, with one Councillor remaining neutral.

The Parish Council supports this application.

Application No: W/17/2393

Description: Enabling residential development for 12 detached dwellings and 48 parking spaces (4x4 bedroom dwellings and 8x5 bedroom dwellings)

Address: Land adjoining Cunnery Site, Stoneleigh Abbey, Kenilworth, CV8 2LF

Closing date: 30th March

Case Officer: Lucy Hammond

Cllr Astle asked how the Parish Council were supposed to decide this case without the enabling assessment report, which will not be available before 30th March.

Cllr Wright confirmed that there are two issues with the application. On a planning basis the application cannot be supported. This can only progress if there is a special case. Once the enabling assessment report is received, this can be reviewed again. Cllr Wright has gone back to 1996 and looked at all of the accounts, including the charity commission accounts by Stoneleigh Abbey preservation Trust and Stoneleigh Abbey Ltd, plus grants from the lottery and Warwick District Council. If the Abbey is in need of renovation, the District Council will support and help the Abbey to achieve the financial support it needs, without selling capital on.

Cllr P Redford confirmed that the business plan is not a business plan, it's a justification for the development. The independent assessor will look at the business plan and make sure the Abbey demonstrates long term viability so the Abbey can prove that if it sold land and built houses, that money would be invested in such a way that the charity can build on it and re-invest.

Cllr Bianco thanked Cllrs P Redford and T Wright for helping with the application. He stated that the Abbey have put forward an unrealistic business plan and also there are other ramifications – the B4115 is another issue as there is an entry and access problem, and the traffic will also increase.

Cllr Jack also thanked Cllrs Wright and P Redford for helping with the application.

Diana – thank you so much Trevor for helping.

(At 20:40 another member of the public arrived).

Cllr P Redford advised the Parish Councillors to object to the planning application.

Cllr Hancox stated that the Councillors can only object on planning grounds.

Cllr P Redford answered that the Parish Council can object and raise the issue about the lack of information.

Cllr T Wright stated that in his view the application does not deliver any benefits to the community.

Cllr P Redford also informed the meeting that when a development is planned for 10 houses and under, there is no need for affordable housing. The development is for 12 planned houses, however only 10 are permitted without triggering the Warwick District Council 40 % affordable housing rule. This would be subject to viability in line with Policy H2, but a developer can pay a financial settlement, usually via section 106, in place of actually building affordable homes.

Standing orders were suspended to allow comments from the public.

Mrs Susan Hopcraft confirmed that, being a resident of the Cunnery, she has written a letter regarding the covenant which seems to prevent local residents from responding to planning applications at the Abbey.

Cllr Hancox has spoken to a solicitor and thinks that covenants don't work like the Abbey is suggesting. Cllr Williams confirmed that the purpose of a covenant should be to protect the building not those who own it.

Cllr P Redford suggested that the Parish Council draft a response which includes the wording 'some of our residents are unable to object and feel strongly, yet are prevented from objecting', in order to represent residents who feel that they cannot object.

Cllr Wright suggested that the Parish Council look at the objections on the District Council website to get an idea of wording.

Mr Innocent suggested that perhaps someone from the Parish could comment and object, and raise the question of why people living near the planned housing have not objected. This may bring forward the issue of why residents are not objecting.

Standing orders were re-instated at 20:58 pm.

Cllr Williams proposed that the Parish Council object to the application, Cllr Bianco seconded the proposal. Two Councillors abstained, the remaining two councillors agreed to object to the application.

The Parish Council objects to this application.

The Clerk will draft a response and circulate to the Councillors for approval.

Application No: W/18/0374

Description: Variation of condition 3 of planning permission ref: W/13/0805 dated 5 September 2013 (Erection of floodlights adjacent to football pitch) to allow a total of 25 games to be played under floodlights

Address: Alvis Sports Ground, Green Lane, Finham, Coventry, CV3 6EG

Closing date: 27th March

Planning Officer: John Wilbraham

Note: On planning application W/13/0805 the Parish Council was neutral and requested a formal restriction on the number of occasions they may be used and the timing of the periods of illumination so as to minimise the disruption to the neighbouring properties and the wildlife in this area of green belt.

Cllr Astle has checked the website and notes that so far, no one has objected.

Cllr Hancox has emailed the chair of Finham Council to confirm the opinion of the Council, but has not received a reply yet.

Cllr Bianco proposed that the Council remain neutral but retain the restrictions as before.

It was unanimously agreed to repeat the previous wording but delay the response in case Finham Parish Council responds.

Progress of planning applications

Site Address: The Orchard, Coventry Road, Stoneleigh, CV8 3BZ

Description of development: Erection of a single-storey two-bedroom house on the existing plot, with a freestanding single garage, with the erection of a balcony to the eastern elevation and the laying of a permeable gravel circulation and parking spaces and access route into the building.

Application Reference: W/17/1278

Appellant's name: Mr & Mrs Innocent

Appeal reference: APP/T3725/W/17/3189297

Appeal start date: 04/01/2018

The appeal is dismissed

Application No: W/17/2386

Description: Installation of new door and windows to existing garage with internal conversion. Erection of a single storey extension to store/pig sty building.

Address: Church Meadow Cottages, Vicarage Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DH

Applicant: Mr Harrower

Closing date: 31st January

It was unanimously agreed that the Council could support the application but ask that the garage doors be constructed from wood rather than metal.

This application has been approved. No stipulation has been made on materials but a condition of the application is that fully detailed drawings of the doors and windows are submitted.

WDC/18CM006

1 modular building to provide mess facilities for drivers at Finham Sewage Treatment Works Option A

WDC/18CM005

1 modular building to provide mess facilities for drivers at Finham Sewage Treatment Works Option B

It was unanimously decided to adopt a neutral stance to these applications

These applications have been withdrawn

Application No: W/17/2146 LB

Description: Conversion and extension of the existing garage/outbuilding and joining to the existing annexe building to create a new separate dwelling.

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

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to adopt a neutral stance to this application.

This application has been refused.

Application No: W/17/2145

Description: Conversion and extension of the existing garage/outbuilding and joining to the existing annexe building to create a new separate dwelling.

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

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to adopt a neutral stance to this application.

This application has been refused.

Application No: W/17/1552

Description: Application for approval of reserved matters (details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to condition 1 of planning permission ref: W/14/1340 for the erection of 93 dwellings.

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

Applicant: Bloor Homes Western

Closing date: 13th December

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to adopt a neutral stance to this application.

This application has been approved.

Application No: W/18/0106

Description: Application for the removal of condition 9 of planning permission W/10/1661 (erection of a single dwelling and garage) to reinstate Part 1 and 2 permitted development rights.

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

Applicant: Mr John Miller

It was unanimously agreed to object to the removal of condition 9, as nothing has changed to warrant its removal.

The Parish Council have since been informed that Planning committee previously decided to impose the condition to remove permitted development rights at Miller House, which in hindsight was not advisable. A Local Authority must have strong justification for removing permitted development rights

and if the District Council refused the current application to remove the condition restricting permitted development rights, it is very likely that at appeal that it would be allowed, and that the Council would also incur costs for being unreasonable. The Parish Council therefore now adopt a neutral position. This application has been approved.

Previous Planning Applications (No outcome yet)

Application No: W/18/0157 LB

Description: Farmhouse (Grade II Listed): Roof repairs, replace existing uPVC rainwater goods with cast aluminium, Replace damaged bricks to external walls and chimneys, Replace existing uPVC windows, Replacement of side door canopy.

Complete external redecoration Orchard Cottage.

Complete external redecoration Malthouse Cottage.

Complete external redecoration Stable Blocks.

Complete external redecoration Barn.

Complete external redecoration Garage.

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

The Parish Council unanimously support this application.

Application No: W/17/2360

Description: Renewal of planning permission W/14/1696 for proposed 33/11kV Primary Substation and ancillary development

Address: Land South of Crew Lane, Kenilworth, CV8 2LA

It was unanimously agreed to adopt a neutral position, but express that the Parish Council would have supported the application if trees were included in the plans.

WDC/17CC015

Description: Major improvement of the Stoneleigh Junction on the A46 between Coventry and Warwick through introduction of a gyratory layout with two-bridge roundabout and ancillary works to the adjacent highway. Please refer to the Planning Supporting Statement for further information.

Location: Existing junction of the A46 and Stoneleigh Road, Stoneleigh

Closing date: 26th January

It was unanimously agreed to support this application.

138. Finance

a) Payments / Invoices

Income / Expenditure

Balance brought forward	£34,577.60
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Payments to 28th February

301373	S Windridge salary and expenses (January)	£440.71
301374	Ashow Village Club (Hall hire 2017-2018)	£157.50
301375	S Windridge – Reimbursement for printer cartridges	£19.00

		£617.21

Balance**£33,960.39****At Co-operative Bank plc, Birmingham**

A/C 6101168500 (Current)	£8553.81
A/C 6101168550 (Instant Access)	£5062.59
A/C 6101168556 (14 Day Deposit)	£20,418.99

£34,035.39**Less Unpresented cheques**

301371	Warwickshire Hearts training donation	£75.00
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£33,960.39

b) Cheques to be authorised for February

301377	S Windridge salary February	£440.40
301378	S Windridge – Printer cartridges	£32.00
301379	Maxwell Jones Studios Ltd (Ashow Notice boards)	£1633.20

It was unanimously agreed to pay all the cheques.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the £1633.20 for the noticeboards is from earmarked funds of £1750 for this purpose. It was unanimously agreed to leave the balance of £116.80 in the earmarked funds to cover the possible cost of installing the noticeboards, and future maintenance.

Cllr Hancox wished to pass on thanks from Mr David Ellwood for the donation to Warwickshire Hearts.

c)The budget was reviewed.

One member of the public left

d) The earmarked funds were reviewed

e) The Clerk reported that the annual spinal column pay scale would rise in April 2018.

139. Matters Arising

a) Neighbourhood Plan

It was agreed that Cllr Hancox would organise an informal meeting in March or April to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan.

b) HS2

Cllr Bianco reported that Stephen Randall – Logistics Manager, Laing Murphy (Early Works Contractor) has now left, and suggested that Laing Murphy keep the Parish Council informed of all changes. Cllr Bianco would like to know who is replacing Mr Randall, particularly as Laing Murphy are in charge of the compound and its entrance.

Cllr Bianco had a meeting at Crackley with Susan Bridges and the new HS2 project manager. Jonathan Lord didn't attend the meeting and neither did a representative from the Main Works Contractors. Cllr Bianco explained that the plans in the local area are a huge challenge for the project manager, who has informed residents of Crackley that he will raise the railway by 3 metres, and that there will be no traffic on the roads. Cllr Bianco feels that the Parish Council need to get the Main Works Contractor to provide more information.

Cllr Bianco reported that he has attended 2 meetings with Dan Mitchell, Vice Chairman of Southam Area Action Group) Mr Mitchell and his team talk to the Transport Minister every day and their paper has recently been presented to the Government. Mr Mitchell is a chartered engineer and has informed Cllr Bianco that without proper information we, the complainants, don't have a leg to stand on. Therefore, Cllr Bianco suggests that the Parish Council give money to Cllr Archie Taylor, Chair of Burton Green Parish Council, for the Michael Byng report. This will be worthwhile as then the Parish Council would have some facts.

Cllr Bianco also suggested that the Parish Council should invite the Early Works Contractors and the Main Works Contractors to a Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Hancox asked how much the report from Mr Byng was expected to cost. Cllr Bianco replied that perhaps the Parish Council should set a limit of £500 or £250 for this, which Cllr Astle seconded.

Cllr Hancox asked how the Parish Council can explain the cost of the report to residents, and Cllr Bianco suggested it could be described as a costed proposal by a chartered Accountant on the HS2 route.

Cllr Williams asked what is the advantage of having this report? Cllr Bianco replied that if there is no report, the Parish Council has no information regarding the projected costs of HS2.

Cllr Hancox suggested that Mr Byng's report could provide costings for ideas that improve life for the local community.

Cllr Bianco agreed and confirmed that an example could be trying to determine the real cost of going through Stoneleigh Park.

Cllr Hancox pointed out that HS2 Ltd are revoking previous offers to contractors after discovering that work can be done cheaper by their own contractors. Cllr Hancox is concerned that the Parish Council may be spending money on a report on something that may not happen.

Cllr Bianco stated that if the report isn't done, the Parish Council won't have all the information it needs. However, he agreed with Cllr Hancox that this is difficult as the goal posts of HS2 are changing all the time.

Cllr Bianco asked the Parish Council whether HS2 should be asked to return with the Early Works Contractors and the Main Works Contractors in June or July.

Cllr Hancox stated that July could be too soon as this is a very slow-moving project.

Cllr Wright suggested that the Councillors maybe make a note of where they think the project is and then compare this when they come along to the next meeting.

It was agreed that the aim is to have HS2 Ltd attend a meeting in September or October.
The Clerk is to write to Susan Bridges and request a meeting.

Cllr Astle and Cllr D Jack left the meeting at 21:35 pm

c) HS2 Community Fund – To consider an application for upgrading of the Ashow to Chesford footpath along the B4115

Cllr Bianco suggested that the Parish Council apply for funds to make the path from hardstanding throughout its length.

Cllr Hancox stated that if Warwickshire County Council want to do a cycle path this may help.

The application has to come from the Clerk.

Cllr Bianco will speak to Becki Combe and find out if she is hoping to apply for this also.
The Clerk will investigate applying and register the bid online.

d) Broadband update

Cllr Williams reported that Ms Tracy Turner has called asking for the phone numbers of Ashow residents. Ms Turner was away last week, but now that she has returned she will look at where the access points are. It was agreed to wait for an update and report back at the next meeting

e) Update on works / traffic on Crewe Lane

It was agreed to keep this on the agenda for an update at the next meeting.

140. To receive reports from:

a) Police Report

No Police report was received this month.

b) County Councillor – Cubbington – Cllr W Redford

- The 30 mph signs will be erected in Ashow on 26th March.
- The Chesford footpath has been flailed and reduced in height.
- The Community forum grant has increased by £1000 to £6000
- Cllr W Redford has asked for the Ashow road from Chesford junction to Birmingham Road to be white lined all the way through. If HS2 Ltd damage white lines they will have to replace them. Cllr W Redford is waiting for the final costs.
- Mr Tom Mannion, the local area surveyor, is leaving and will be replaced by David Eliston. If there are any issues in the meantime please contact Gerald Brooks.
- Cllr W Redford is advising all Parish Councils to check the levels of grit in their bins and request that they can be re-filled. The Clerk will contact Mary Ryder and request that the bins are re-filled and possibly replaced.

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

- Policing Warwickshire -the following suggestions have been identified as the key priorities by the public which will be implemented.
 1. Speed Checks & Monitoring on Sandy Lane Blackdown
 2. Crime reduction Patrols in Stoneleigh
 3. Crime reduction Patrols in Cubbington
 4. Crime reduction Patrols outbuildings in The Warwick East Rural area
 5. Crime reduction Patrols in Radford Semele
 6. Crime reduction Patrols in Hunningham
- Around April new policing operational plans for the area will be announced and very experienced officer is being transferred to the Cubbington & surrounding areas to help reduce the level of crime and provide support in keeping our community safe.
- In terms of manpower and following the representations by Cllr Pam Redford (WDC) Cllr Wallace Redford (WCC) and myself Cllr Trevor Wright the policing team will be bolstered by a new beat officer Ross Kirby who is a very experienced officer from Stratford currently operating in Leamington. We see this as a positive step forward but will be continuing to monitor the situation.
- In addition to the changes in various grants already covered in the Parish Council Meeting there is a new fund in the West Midlands which appears to be underutilised. It is called Groundwork and they currently distribute the proceeds collected from the sale of plastic bags from Tesco. Groundwork West Midlands is our local organisation and they support a myriad of different projects in the community. Unusually they also have a very useful toolkit to help build up your case.

- This month a paper will be going to the executive for approval which if adopted is part of the Delivering Good Governance in local government and builds upon Nolan's 7 principles of standards in public life. Once approved the expectation is that it will be provided to Parish Councils. One notable point is that it also covers behaviours in meetings (public or otherwise) and whilst its generally accepted that there don't appear to be any major issues in Warwick DC areas there having been negative comments recorded about some neighbouring authorities.
- Cllr P Redford reports that Warwick District have reduced the contribution to the Warwickshire Rural Fund by £2000.

141. Correspondence

- 1) Invitation to the County Church Service to celebrate the Commonwealth at the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Church Street Warwick on Sunday, 8th April 2018 at 10.30am and afterwards at the Old Shire Hall for light refreshments. All Councillors will let the Clerk know if they wish to attend
- 2) The Clerk has contacted Joanne Archer about the traffic on Crewe Lane due to the new houses. No reply has been received yet.
- 3) A letter from the HS2 funds team and Independent Panel for CEF & BLEF, introducing the Annual Report for the programme. This has been passed onto the Parish Councillors. The Clerk will also send to Cllrs P Redford and Wright.

142. Questions to Chairman

There were no questions to the Chairman.

Cllr Williams asked Cllr W Redford whether someone from the County Council could look into the state of the roads in Ashow. Cllr W Redford will look into this.

143. Meetings

The Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 12th April at Stoneleigh Village Hall.

144. Closure

The meeting was closed at 21:57 pm.