

Stoneleigh & Ashow Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 12th October 2023
At Stoneleigh Village Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr R Hancox (Chair)
 Cllr J Astle
 Cllr S Matthews
 Cllr W Redford (WCC)
 Cllr P Redford (WDC)

There was one member of the public present.

The chairman informed the meeting of the sad passing of Councillor Anthony Bianco and provided details of his funeral on 13th October 2023. A moment of reflection was observed to remember Councillor Bianco.

83. Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from the Clerk Becky Maoudis, Cllr L Rolli, Cllr D Jack and Cllr J Payne.

84. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

85. Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of 14th September 2023 were reviewed and approved.

86. Public Session

Standing orders were suspended at 7.07pm.

No issues were raised and standing order were reinstated at 7.09pm.

87. Finance and Administration

Income / Expenditure

Balance brought forward from 31st August 2023	<u>£ 53,532.33</u>
Clerk salary – B Maoudis (September)	£749.74
Clerk expenses- B Maoudis (July and August)	£217.86
NEST	£ 54.88
HMRC	£ 42.92
Eon	£ 36.63
Yourlocale	£3,600.00
Parish Online	£182.40
Hugo Fox	£122.28

Bank Charges	£ 18.00
Income:	
Precept	£9,466.00
Groundwork UK	£10,000.00
Interest	£ 138.10
Balance	<u>£ 68,111.72</u>

Funds at Unity Bank

Current Account T1	£ 47,640.65
Instant Access account	£ 20,471.07
	<u>£ 68,111.72</u>

Online payments to be authorised:

Clerk salary - B Maoudis (October)	£ TBA
Clerk expenses – B Maoudis (September)	£ 42.14
NEST	£ TBA
Cubbington Landscapes	£350.00

- a) Invoices and payments received were noted.
- b) All payments were authorised.
- c) The finance report was noted.
- d) The quarterly budget was received and noted.
- e) The chair reported that two candidates had been interviewed for the role of Parish Clerk. Both candidates were excellent and either would be suitable for the parish. It was agreed that the chair and vice-chair would review both candidates and make a decision by the weekend. Once the decision was known and the successful candidate had accepted the role an announcement would be made.

88. Planning

New Planning Applications

Application No: W/23/0880 – Amendments proposed: Further information received dated 23/08/2023

Description: Full planning permission for the extension of the A46 Main Compound for HS2 construction purposes for a temporary period, including site clearance works, stockpiling of soil, materials storage, security cabins, plant and wheel wash facilities, HGV/plant parking, drainage infrastructure, internal spine and haul roads with access from Stoneleigh Road.

Address: Land south of Stoneleigh Road, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire

Applicant: High Speed 2 (HS2) Ltd

Closing date: 15th September 2023

Planning Officer: Adam Walker

Councillors discussed an email that had been received. It was not clear who the email was from or their role nor who it was to or their role. Councillors agreed that they did not wish to withdraw their objections as they still felt they had not received enough answers to the points they had

raised. The risks to residents from issues such as flooding etc were they believed still substantial and remained largely unanswered. We have been informed that the temporary traffic signals will be in place until at least October 2024.

Progress of planning applications (No outcome yet)

Application No: W/23/0974

Description: Erection of two storey rear extension and demolition of existing outbuilding.

Address: The Conifers, 12 Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh, CV8 3DD

Applicant: Mrs T Mashood

Closing date: 15th September 2023

Planning Officer: Theo Collum

Application No: W/23/1243

Description: Installation of solar photovoltaic panels to the roof of the UKBIC building and the provision of associated infrastructure.

Address: UKBIC, Rowley Road, Baginton, Coventry, CV8 3AL.

Applicant: Oxalis planning Ltd

Closing date: 29th September 2023

Planning Officer: Lucy Hammond

Application No: W/23/0830 HS2

Description: Schedule 17 Plans and Specifications Application for the following:

Construction of a viaduct structure carrying the HS2 line.

Noise barrier attached to the viaduct parapets.

Earthworks for watercourse diversion.

Address: Canley Brook Viaduct, NW of A429 Kenilworth Road and Stoneleigh, Kenilworth CV8 2FE

Applicant: HS2 Limited

Closing date: 18th July 2023

Planning Officer: Mike Blissett

Application No: W/23/0878 HS2

Description: Plans and Specifications submission under Schedule 17 to the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Act 2017 for works comprising: a new single span, integral overbridge with handrails on top of abutment pile caps (1.05m in height) minor earthworks (typically less than 1m in height) and installation of a safety barrier (0.75m in height)

Address: Land within the Northeast corner of Stoneleigh Park, Overbridge, Stoneleigh

Applicant: High Speed Two (HS2)

Closing date: 18th July 2023

Planning Officer: Mike Blissett

Application No: W/23/0587

Description: Repairs to roof

Address: 12 Coventry Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3BZ.

Applicant: Miss J Mayhew

Closing date: 23rd June 2023

Planning Officer: Lucy Shorthouse

Application No: W/22/1723 HS2

Description: A railway cutting with a length of 750m and maximum depth of 11m and associated landscape earthworks, a pond, maintenance access strips, land and track drainage, noise barrier and security fencing.

Address: Land to the North of the A429 Kenilworth Road, bound by Cryfield Grange Road and Crackley Lane.

Applicant: HS2

Closing date: 25th November 2022

Planning Officer: Erin Weatherstone

89. Stoneleigh Park Events

Cllr P Redford informed the meeting that following the Product Earth event from the 18th August to the 20th August, there were initially no complaints from residents, however there were some complaints lodged but sometime after the event and too late to take any action on.

90. HS2 Updates

Cllr Redford reported that repairs were planned to the B4115, he was not sure where these would be or how extensive.

Cllrs asked what the likely arrangements were going to be for the proposed one-way system in Crewe Lane. It was suggested that one section of the lane would be one way the rest would remain as a two-way system, still not 100% sure of the exact location where this will be.

91. South Warwickshire Local Plan

Cllr P Redford reported that there was nothing new to report. They are still reviewing sites and was not aware any had been chosen yet. This was the second “call for sites” the first had ended in March 2023.

92. Neighbourhood Plan

It was reported that the development of the plan was going well, the parish were receiving excellent support from the YourLocale team.

93. Stoneleigh Village Hall Noticeboard

The chair reported that he had attended a recent Stoneleigh Village Hall trustees meeting where it had been agreed to investigate the installation of gates to the entrance and exit to the hall car park. Once these were installed the trustees felt that the parish notice board would be better suited outside of the car park and asked that the parish council consider an alternative location. The clerk was contacting Warwickshire County Council to see what the regulations are when placing the sign on the highway. One suggestion was on the verge in Hall Close at the back of the footpath against the hedge to the village hall car park.

94. Masterplanning Framework for Land to the North and East of Kenilworth/South of Coventry

Cllr P Redford reported that the appraisal commissioned by Warwick District Council had still not been completed, therefore officers didn't feel it was worth arranging another meeting of the impacted parishes just yet.

95. A46 Stoneleigh Road Junction Improvement Scheme

Cllr W Redford reported that the supply issues getting materials for the new bridge over the A46 had been resolved. It was hoped that we would now see some progress on the scheme. They are now suggesting full completion is likely to be February 2024.

96. Birmingham Road Closure Update

Cllr W Redford reported that the earliest that the County Council would be able to consider closure of the Birmingham Road would be October 2024 as this was when HS2 have suggested the temporary traffic lights are likely to be removed.

97. Stare Bridge and B4113 Footpath Update

Cllr P Redford reported that they were still pushing for this issue to be resolved but sadly no new update to give. The issue is still being discussed at Jeremy Wrights forum.

98. To discuss options for the future of the Stoneleigh Village website

Cllrs agreed that the Village and Parish Websites could be merged following the issues faced by the Village website managers. Cllrs asked that Ashow should be approached to see if we should also consider merging their website as well. The clerk was asked to contact Jim Mills in Ashow Village who currently manages their website.

99. State of Disrepair C32/B4115 Crossroads

This item was covered under the HS2 update in the minutes.

100. Updates from Warwickshire Police, WCC Councillor Redford and WDC Councillors P Redford and J Payne

Cllr P Redford reported that most items are sent to the clerk ahead of the meeting for circulation. The only new item to report was the police meeting arranged for all parishes within the Warwick Rural East SNT area on the 20th November 2023 at 19:00, venue still to be agreed. Only two representatives are permitted from each parish. Currently John, Sophie and Richard can attend the final two will be decided nearer the time.

There was no crime report received this month.

Cllr P Redford reported that next year would be the 80th Anniversary of the D Day landings, the event would be held on the 6th June 2024. It was hoped many parishes would light beacons to commemorate the event, if Stoneleigh and Ashow plan anything for the event can they please let Cllr Redford know.

Cllr P Redford mentioned that the parish had been written to about a review of the locations used as polling stations. Cllrs felt the locations in our parish were the only and best locations for residents, any changes could result in residents having to use their cars to get to the station which we felt was totally unacceptable. Cllr Redford asked that the parish respond to the review ensuring they knew we wanted things to remain as they are.

Cllr W Redford reported that the Community Grant scheme still had a limited fund available and were open to bids for funding. He believed there was perhaps around £3,000 still to be spent, bids need to be submitted in the usual way by the 29th November.

Cllr P Redford reported that a new team had been established at Warwick District Council following a rise in the number of fly tipping reports being received and investigated. It is believed the district has seen a 26% rise this year with 2,032 reports in 2021 and 2,563 reports in 2022. Cllr Redford asked that we continue to report all fly tipping that occurs in the parish.

101. Correspondence

There was no new correspondence.

102. Questions to Chairman

There were no questions to the chairman.

103. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9th November 2023 at 7pm at Stoneleigh Village Hall.

104. Closure

The meeting was called to a close at 8.10pm.