

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held at Ashow Village Club, Ashow on Thursday 10th December 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr R.Hancox, Councillors J. Astle, Mrs H Fryer, Mrs J. Mackenzie, Mrs S Malone, and District Councillors N. Harrington.

There were eight members of the public present.

The Chairman told the meeting that he has received the resignation from Cllr S Crofts. This has been accepted.

80. Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th November 2015 were circulated and were signed by the Chairman.

81. Future of the Joint Parish Council

The Chairman stated that he would like to alter the order of the meeting and take item 9 first before continuing with the rest of the meeting. He stated that he had been asked to look at ways in which the Parish Council could become more efficient as it was felt that the constitution has changed over the last few years. He then went on to say that he had consulted with Warwick District Council (WDC). Any changes that are being considered will be required to be put to the electorate of Stoneleigh and Ashow for ratification. . Once a proposal has been submitted to WDC they require six months to consider it. Any changes are put in place on the 1st April which means that there can be no change until at least 1st April 2017. A letter listing any proposals will need to be sent to the Chief Executive, Mr C Elliott.

Cllr J Astle commented that we need to do what is best for both Parishes.

Cllr S Malone said that she is an elected Councillor and must listen to the comments of the electorate.

Some of the options to be considered included staying as we are, splitting into two Parish Councils, and changing the number of Councillors.

It was agreed that Cllr R Hancox would draft a briefing note for all the Councillors to comment on. This will be discussed at the January meeting.

Cllr N Harrington said that he has a meeting in the next few days with Mr C Elliott and he will mention this to him.

82. Matters Arising from Minutes

Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr H Fryer presented a Neighbourhood Planning briefing note which is annexed as page 167.

Mr D Ellwood produced a paper which is annexed as pages 168-170.

Cllr J Astle said that the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) has no status as the Local Plan is moving faster than the NP. He suggested that we wait to see what happens with the Local Plan before making a decision.

Cllr N Harrington said that it will be at least December 2016 before the Local Plan emerges. At the moment WDC have only dealt with Duty to Co-operate and Housing.

Cllr H Fryer said that when Stoneleigh and Ashow started to prepare a single NP a number of people in the village did a great deal of work.

Cllr R Hancox commented that the NP has not moved forward quickly for a little while.

Cllr J Mackenzie told the meeting that Ashow could move theirs forward relatively quickly.

Cllr J Astle suggested that we do not vote tonight on whether to stay as a 3 Parish Joint NP or to separate and form our own as we do not know at what stage the Local Plan is.

Cllr H Fryer said that if we choose to do a single NP it will take 4 weeks to redefine the Boundary.

Cllr R Hancox said that if we go it alone it will stall the existing emerging plan.

Cllr H Fryer represented the proposal made by Cllr S Crofts at the previous meeting that the way forward would be to create 2 Parish NPs to be produced in tandem i.e. NP Stoneleigh & Ashow and NP Baginton & Bubbenhall. This was seconded by Cllr J Mackenzie. A vote was taken on this proposal and there were 2 in favour and 3 against. The decision was to stay as we are with a 3 Parish NP.

Cllr S Malone put herself forward to form part of the Steering Group for the NP. This was carried with a majority vote.

Standing Orders were suspended at 8.00 p.m.

Mr R Fryer said that little progress had been made since June 2014 when Mr D Ellwood and Mr D Wintle had agreed to represent Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish Council. Mr Fryer resigned from the Steering Group as he suggests that the hostile atmosphere created by the criticism from Mr D Ellwood makes it very difficult to make progress.

Standing Orders were re-instated at 8.05 p.m.

Cllr H Fryer said that she wished to withdraw from the NP Steering Group.

It was agreed to ask for additional help from the electorate. This will be advertised in the Parish Magazine.

Local Plan

Cllr N Harrington said that at present the proposed housing in the Local Plan for the Kings Hill area is still unconfirmed. Cllr J Astle asked when it will be announced and Cllr N Harrington responded by saying that although he has asked the same question no answer was forthcoming.

HS2 Update

Cllr H Fryer said that the Petition that has recently been submitted to the House of Commons has been challenged. She also said that both Warwick District Council and StAG have had their Petition challenged as well on the grounds that "We are not directly affected by AP4".

Traffic Management

Cllr R Hancox told the meeting that the wires in Stoneleigh Village for the traffic data count were for two separate surveys. The one with the wires across both lanes is being conducted by Warwickshire County Council. The other survey was being conducted by a private source and this wire has now been removed.

83. Reports

Police Report

The Police sent in the following report:

Between 1800 hours on the 13th November and 0800 hours on the 16th November unknown offenders burgled a commercial premises on Kings Hill Lane. Offenders gained entry into the building by smashing a pane of glass at the front entrance. Offenders stole an Apple iMAC and four laptops.

County Councillor W Redford

Nothing to report from Cllr W Redford.

District Councillor N Harrington

Cllr N Harrington gave the following report:

- Cllr J Astle had asked for clarification of the current Green Belt status of the Coventry Gateway Development and also of a comment made by Cllr M Doody at the Bubbenhall Parish Council meeting on the 6th October. "Cllr Doody stated that the Gateway Development has been refused and will not go ahead. WDC are now trying to get the area which has been taken out of Green Belt reinstated as Green Belt land". Cllr J Astle had received a response to this from Cllr P Redford but felt that it was not correct and had asked Cllr N Harrington if he would get further confirmation.

Since the meeting Cllr N Harrington has received the following clarification from Mr D Barber of WDC.

"Cllr M Doody's statement is not strictly correct. He is correct that the Gateway planning application was refused and the specific scheme proposed in the application will not go ahead. However, the Local Plan seeks to allocate a "sub regional employment site" in the same location and proposed changes to Green Belt. The land associated with the sub-regional employment site will only be removed from the Green Belt when the Local Plan is adopted. This area is shown on the Local Plan policies map".

District Councillor Mrs P Redford

Nothing to report from Cllr P Redford.

84. Public Session

Mr T Hanselman said he felt that by staying together as a Joint Parish Council we were getting in the way of business and it would be in everyone's interest to go our separate ways. Also he felt that the NP was quite simple and he is prepared to help.

Mr W Blagburn said that he had issued a briefing note to the Chairman on the 28th November re the NP and had asked if it had been distributed to the Councillors. He was disappointed to learn that this document had not been circulated. It was agreed that Mr Blagburn would send this document to the Clerk who will circulate it. (This has now been done). Now it has been agreed that Stoneleigh & Ashow are going to stay with the 3 Parish NP we need to get on with it.

Mr R Wheat asked if the Parish Council knew what percentage was needed for the electorate to vote to form a separate Parish Council. At present we do not know.

Mr R Fryer said that at the October meeting a letter was received from Mr T Hanselman and asked what the outcome was and what response had been given. Cllr R Hancox said that no response had yet been given and this will be put on the agenda for the January meeting.

Mrs N Blagburn asked if we had yet received the report from the Housing Needs Survey. Cllr R Hancox said that we have not yet received it but are expecting a response before Christmas. Clerk to chase.

Also she asked the Parish Council if they will consider a donation next year to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday on the 12th June 2016 as Stoneleigh village are hoping to organise a tea party. This will be discussed at the January meeting.

85. Finance

a) Income/Expenditure

Income as shown in minute 74a	£45,604.04
Federation of Colliery Opposition Group	£315.76
Less Expenditure 30 th November 2015	(11,382.37)

£34,537.43

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b) Bank Reconciliation

At Co-operative Bank plc, Birmingham

A/C 6101168500 (Current)	£3,893.41
A/C 6101168550 (Instant Access)	£261.17
A/C 6101168556 (14 Day Deposit)	£30,382.85

£34,537.43

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c) Cheques paid in November

301240 Stoneleigh Village Hall	£38.00
301241 PA Maddison Nov Sal & Exp	£550.18
301242 Burton Green Parish Council	£157.88

86. Planning

New Planning Application

W15/1906 – The Orchard, Coventry Road, Stoneleigh

Widening of existing access; erection of a two storey garage/workshop building and levelling of ground levels to part of the site.

Neutral, No Observations.

W15/1766 – Field House, Grove Road, Ashow

Cllrs Mrs H Fryer and Mrs J Mackenzie declared an interest and did not take any part in the discussions.

Erection of a side extension to the main house to create a new tandem garage.

The Parish Council Objects. Comments annexed as pages 175-176.

W15/1867 – 9B The Bank, Stoneleigh

Property converted from two semi-detached 2/3 bedroom houses into 5/6 bedroom detached house in 1990. Now wish to convert this property back to two semi-detached houses.

The Parish Council Objects. Comments annexed as pages 171-172.

W15/1960 – 1 The Chantries, Chantry Heath Lane, Stoneleigh

Erection of a porch (retrospective); enclosure of proposed front garden area with two rail wooden fence and the installation of low retaining oak sleeper wall in front garden.

Neutral, No observations.

Progress of Planning Applications

W15/1483 – 8 Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh

Erection of two semi-detached dwellings with garaging, parking and access provision.

Application has been Withdrawn.

W15/1035 – 1 Chantry Heath Cottages, Chantry Heath Lane, Stoneleigh

Erection of a two storey rear, single storey side and single storey front extension (retrospective)

Planning Permission is Granted.

W15/1576LB – 3 The Bank, Stoneleigh

One of the top timbers on the gable end of the property needs repairing/replacing which in turn requires a small section of the brick wall above it to be rebuilt. No alterations are planned other than making the property water-tight and safe.

Planning Permission is Granted

W15/1741 – 24 Stoneleigh Close, Stoneleigh

Construction of new first floor and raising of existing roof above two storey element.

Planning Permission is Granted

87. Play Equipment Inspection

A letter to be sent to the Chairman of Stoneleigh Village Hall, Mr A Samouelle, asking them to remove the Rotator-hanging piece of play equipment. A copy of the ROSPA annual report has already been sent to the Committee. Since the extension to the Village Hall it is now too near the adjacent building. It should have 2000 mm clearance from outer edge of handles.

88. Media Policy

The draft Media Policy was discussed. It was proposed by Cllr J Astle and seconded by Cllr S Malone that this policy be adopted. It was unanimously adopted. A copy of this document is annexed as pages 173-174.

89. Questions to Chairman

Cllr R Hancox Informed the meeting that the Parish Council needs to confirm who their representative will be on the Almshouses Trust now that Cllr S Crofts has resigned. If no other Councillor is willing to stand Mrs S Croft has stated that she is willing to continue as the representative for the Parish Council. This was unanimously agreed.

Cllr S Malone Told the meeting that she no longer wished to be the Parish Council's representative on the Stoneleigh Village Hall Committee. It was agreed that this position will be filled once the Stoneleigh Parish Council vacancy has been filled.

90. Meetings

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.00 p.m. on the 14th January 2016. This will be held at Stoneleigh Village Hall, Stoneleigh.

91. Closure

The business having been completed the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

Chairman