

## **Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held at Ashow Village Club, Ashow on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.00 p.m.**

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

There were four members of the public present.

### **104. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were circulated and were signed by the Chairman.

### **105. Co-option of Councillor for Stoneleigh Ward**

There was only one nomination for the vacancy for a Stoneleigh Councillor. This was Mrs Estelle Cole.

The public were asked to leave the meeting whilst this was discussed.

Cllr S Malone proposed that Mrs Estelle Cole be co-opted as Councillor. This was seconded by Cllr J Astle. There was one abstention and she was elected with a majority vote.

After completing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for Parish and Town Councillors form, the Chairman Cllr R Hancox, welcomed her to the Parish Council and invited her to join the meeting.

### **106. Matters Arising from Minutes**

#### *Neighbourhood Planning*

Cllr R Hancox informed the meeting that several Steering group meetings and Stoneleigh village meetings have taken place and the Neighbourhood Plan is now moving forward. Baginton and Bubbenhall are more forward than Stoneleigh is at present. Cllr J Mackenzie asked if copies of the January's Steering group minutes could be circulated. Clerk to action.

#### *HS2 Update*

Cllr H Fryer said that at present there is nothing further to report.

#### *WRCC Housing Needs Survey*

This survey had already been circulated to the Councillors. A motion to adopt the Housing Needs Survey was given by Cllr J Astle, seconded by Cllr S Malone and was agreed. Ms F Henderson of WRCC to be advised of this motion. She will then forward a copy to Warwick District Council and it will form part of Stoneleigh's Neighbourhood Plan.

#### *Future of the Parish Council*

Cllr R Hancox had produced a paper on the future of the existing joint Parish Council. This is annexed as pages 200-201. After discussions it was agreed that this will be discussed at the Stoneleigh Village meeting for their views on the 21<sup>st</sup> April. This will then form part of the May agenda. The boundary review that Warwick District Council have commissioned should be known before the May meeting which should help with the decision making

#### *WCC Traffic Survey*

Cllr S Malone was not convinced that the latest traffic survey was accurate as it excluded a number of speeding vehicles and these numbers may also have been excluded from the traffic

count. She requested the raw data from WCC and has produced two summaries. The one is the Southeastbound and the other one Northwestbound. These are annexed as pages 204-205. It was agreed that this survey does not go into a lot of detail e.g. number of articulated lorries, weight of vehicles etc. At present the Neighbourhood Plan Steering group representatives are looking to see if a more comprehensive survey can be carried out.

## **107. Reports**

### ***Police Report***

The Police informed the Parish Council that at approximately 2.30 p.m. on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February unknown offenders broke into a commercial property on Kings Hill Lane, Stoneleigh. The offenders climbed over a gate to gain access to the grounds and then forced open a ground floor window to gain entry into the building. Offenders stole electrical goods.

### ***County Councillor W Redford***

Cllr W Redford gave the following report:

This week Government minister Mr Greg Clark announced that Warwickshire will be given £2.9 million as its share of additional one-off funding for the next two years. This figure will go back into the budget to relieve the pressures and not into the reserve fund. The approved budget sees £2 million for highways.

### ***District Councillor N Harrington***

Cllr N Harrington gave the following report:

- Warwick District Council (WDC) has accepted the decision of the Secretary of State to build 900 houses at Gallows Hill even though they are disappointed with the decision. It is important that WDC progress the Local Plan as quickly as possible as an adopted plan can avoid this type of unplanned development from happening again. The draft Local Plan should be available from the 24<sup>th</sup> February when we will be able to see if WDC have included the proposed houses at Kings Hill and Westwood Heath. He said that it would be possible to invite Mr D Barber or one of the other planning officers dealing with the Local Plan to explain the implications for Stoneleigh & Ashow Parish Council and will make enquiries.
- The West Midlands Combined Authority is a collaboration between local councils. Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall and Wolverhampton have an agreement in principle that they want to form a combined authority. Combined authorities are legal bodies and are a new way for local authorities to work together on key strategic functions that cross geographic council boundaries. At present the majority of the Councillors at WDC are against this. However three Councillors are researching the facts independently so a more balanced view can be taken as whether to join or not

### ***District Councillor Mrs P Redford***

Cllr P Redford gave the following report:

- The litter bin in Stoneleigh Village which was not being emptied should now be on Warwick District Council's regular schedule.
- With regards to the 5 pitch gypsy site at Stoneleigh Park that somebody called Mr Graham Smith was promoting; Cllr P Redford has raised this with Planning and this was the answer from Ms Lorna Coldicott, Senior Planner, "At this moment in time I can confirm that I have not received any approach from Mr Smith promoting a site at this location. If this was to happen, we would have to undertake a high level assessment to see if the site were at all suitable and if it was, then we would have to add it to any future public consultation that we may need to undertake to decide on the final choice of sites".

- Cllr J Mackenzie had already raised the issue about the footpath along the B4115. This report and answer are annexed as pages 202-203.
- At the last meeting Cllr M Doody was asked if he could clarify the position of the Green Belt and the Gateway at Baginton. Is the Gateway land in or out of the Green Belt? The response to this has been received from Ms Tracy Darke "The former "Gateway" site is an area of land that is proposed to be removed from the Green Belt as part of the Local Plan process. This part of the Plan is yet to be considered, and will be at the next hearings, which are likely to be October/November".

Cllr S Malone asked if WDC have to allocate Gypsy Sites and Cllr P Redford responded by saying that WDC have a legal requirement to have allocated sites.

### **108. Public Session**

Mrs N Blagburn said that she recently attended the Warwick East Community Forum meeting and met the new Police Officer Wendy Burrows. PC W Burrows agrees the Police priorities at these meetings. All residents can vote on the six suggested ones for February to June and anyone can suggest other priorities for the next session.

Cllr S Malone said that Stoneleigh village have already had Police patrols checking overweight vehicles.

Mrs N Blagburn then asked what progress has been made with the Community Speed Watch, Speed Gun. Cllr R Hancox said that four residents have been trained to carry out this Speed Watch. However, the Police were not satisfied with some of the locations identified. At the moment only two sites have been approved. Cllr P Redford said that these Speed Watch has to be in either a 30 or 40 mph area and she suggests that the Parish Council liaises with PC W Burrows.

Mr R Fryer commented that the report to split this Joint Parish Council has a significant impact on Ashow Village. If they were separated Ashow would want to do their own Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr R Hancox responded by saying that the current Joint Neighbourhood Plan should be adopted before any split is made as the earliest it can happen will be April 2017. Mr R Fryer then asked if there is money in the precept to pay for a referendum. Cllr R Hancox said that if a referendum is needed Warwick District Council will pay for it.

Cllr J Mackenzie asked if it is reasonable to carry on with the existing Neighbourhood Plan if there is likely to be a split. Cllr R Hancox said it was.

Mr W Blagburn asked if the minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Steering Committee could be put on the web-site. This was agreed that this will be done. Mr W Blagburn then commented that he cannot see how the NP can be progressed if the Parish Council may split. Cllr R Hancox said that even though it is a joint NP it is being compiled as independent sections so that one can easily be extracted and that this was being carried out in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement.

Mr R Fryer noted that the memorandum had been signed when the Parish had different boundaries and different membership and that only one of the Councillors who voted for it is a member of the current Parish Council. The validity of the Memorandum of Agreement is therefore in doubt. Cllr R Hancox said he did not agree as any agreement made previously is carried forward.

## 109. Finance

### *a) Income/Expenditure*

Income as shown in minute 96a	£46,069.80
Donations	£700.00
Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir	£300.00
Less Expenditure 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2016	(15,918.67)
	£31,151.13
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### *b) Bank*

#### *Reconciliation*

At Co-operative Bank plc, Birmingham	
A/C 6101168500 (Current)	£507.11
A/C 6101168550 (Instant Access)	£261.17
A/C 6101168556 (14 Day Deposit)	£30,382.85
	£31,151.13
	£31,151.13

### *c) Cheques paid in September*

301251 Ashow Village Club	£51.60
301252 J Mackenzie	£239.50
301253 PA Maddison Jan Sal & Exp	£525.25
301254 Kirkwells Ltd	£2,400.00

### *d) Internal Auditor*

It was unanimously agreed that Mrs Louise Best should carry out the Internal Audit. She is a qualified accountant and has also been a Parish Clerk.

### *e) Parish Council election May 2015*

The invoice from Warwick District Council for the expenses for the election was received today. Ashow uncontested is £225 and Stoneleigh contested is £3,162.46.

### *f) Defibrillator/The Telephone Box*

The cost of repairing the door to the telephone box was discussed. It was unanimously agreed that the repairing of the door is irrelevant to the installing of the defibrillator as it will be in a waterproof container. Cllr S Malone said that the telephone door is a secondary issue. At present we still have not received the grant from Warwick Rural East Community Forum. (Since the meeting this grant was received on the 12<sup>th</sup> February and was for £888. This now makes the total raised to date £2,438). The Chairman said he will now liaise with Mr D Ellwood to get this vital piece of equipment installed in Stoneleigh Village.

## 110. Planning

### *New Planning Application*

#### **W15/2168 – Brook Farm, Stoneleigh Road, Coventry**

Change of use of redundant agricultural storage building to storage (Use Class B8).

**No Observations.**

Cllr J Astle asked if anyone knew how long the consultation will be for the planning application from Coventry City Council and Jaguar Land Rover which is due from Planning department imminently. Cllr N Harrington said that he has a meeting arranged with Mr J Wright MP and Baginton Parish Council. He will keep this Parish Council informed.

### *Progress of Planning Applications*

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

Erection of a porch (retrospective) and installation of low retaining oak sleeper wall in front garden.

**Planning Permission is Granted.**

#### **W15/1766 - Field House, Grove Lane, Ashow**

Erection of a single storey side extension to the main house to create a new tandem garage; retention of recited oil tank (part retrospective application).

**Planning Permission is Granted.**

## 111. Correspondence

*WALC – Annual Briefing Day 2016*

**Noted. Cllr E Cole agreed to attend. As we are able to send two candidates for the price of one Cllr J Astle said he may be interested but would let the Clerk know.**

*Letter received from Mr M Innocent – Building Site Litter*

**Noted**

*Letter Mr G Fisher WDC – Training Support Session*

**Noted. Cllr R Hancox had already agreed to attend and Cllr E Cole also wished to attend.**

## 112. Questions to Chairman

Cllr J Mackenzie                      Asked if Mr Hanselman was willing to withdraw his letter Traffic Issues which was discussed at the January meeting. Cllr R Hancox said he will not withdraw it. Cllr J Mackenzie then asked Cllr R Hancox to write to Mr Hanselman asking him if he was now prepared to put this whole matter behind him and to move forward.

## 113. Meetings

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.00 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016. This will be held at Ashow Village Club, Ashow.

## 114. Closure

The business having been completed the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 p.m.

## Chairman