

Stoneleigh & Ashow Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 8th January 2026
At Stoneleigh Village Hall at 7pm

PRESENT:

Cllr R Hancox (Chair)
Cllr J Astle
Cllr D Jack
Cllr L Rolli
Cllr B Edwards

1. Attendance and Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from:

Cllr R Bennett
Cllr S Matthews
Cllr P Redford
Cllr J Payne
Helen Denton-Stacey (Clerk)

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the PC meeting held on 11th December 2025 were reviewed, approved and agreed to be signed by the Chair.

4. Public Session

Gill Watson thanked the council for their response to the School Bell Mews Planning application, but asked why the parish council had voted “neutral” for the Orchard application, the chair said the clerk would check and see what our response had been, but the meeting felt we had suggested neutral whilst asking / waiting for answers to key questions.

5. Finance and Administration

Finance Report 31st December 2025.

Income / Expenditure

Balance brought forward from 30th November 2025	<u>£ 66,326.50</u>
Clerk salary (Dec)	as per contract
HMRC (employee tax & NI)	as per contract
Unity	£6.00
Clerks expenses (Nov)	£110.78
Ashow Village Club	£100.00
Xmas buffet	£80.00
Amazon	£59.49
HMRC	£99.92
Hugo Fox (website)	£143.86
Amazon	£35.11
Clerks expenses (Dec)	£110.78

School Bell Mews, Church Lane, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3ZZ
Erection of 1no. bungalow.
Mr Graham Ratcliff

Case Officer: Officer Email:

Grid Ref: 433,004.23 / 272,666.21

Applicant:
Applicant Tel:

Ward: Cubbington and Leek Wootton

Millie Flynn millie.flynn@warwickdc.gov.uk

Application No: W/25/0695

Description: Proposed erection of two storey rear extension and change of use from residential (Class C3) to children's day nursery (Class E) in Coventry City Council area ref. PL/2025/0000917/FUL with associated car parking in Warwick District Council area.

Address: 249 Green Lane, Finham, Coventry, CV3 6EF
Applicant: Simple Planning Solutions Ltd

W/25/1207|

Change of use of an existing building cafe & Class B8 storage & retailing of hydroponics to a automotive garage|
Brook Farm, Stoneleigh Road, Coventry, CV4 7AB

Appl. No: W/25/1132 Received: 18/08/2025 10:31:16App. Type: Outline Planning Permission

The Orchard, Coventry Road, Stoneleigh

Outline planning application (all matters reserved except for means of site access) for the erection of 2no. dwellings.

Mr & Mrs Innocent

Case Officer: Officer Email:

Grid Ref: 433,168.83 / 272,854.17

Applicant:
Applicant Tel:

Ward: Cubbington and Leek Wootton

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Progress of planning applications

Approved

W/25/1492/TP|T

1 x Sycamore (T201) - Thinning by 25% and removal of dead wood from top of tree|
Holly Lodge, 2 The Cunnery, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, CV8 2PZ

Approved

Application No: W/25/1608 AG

Description: Application to determine if prior approval is required under Schedule 2, Part 6, Class A of the GPDO for the proposed erection

of an agricultural building for the storage of straw and machinery.

Address: Millburn Grange, Coventry Road, Kenilworth, CV8 2FE

Applicant: N.Hague and sons LTD

Approved

Application No: W/25/0502

Description: Reserved matters application pursuant to outline permission W/21/1370 for the development of battery manufacturing facility with ancillary battery recycling capability including landscaping, car parking, access and associated works.

Reserved matters in connection with the provision of a substation with earthworks, landscaping and internal access arrangements, and associated works.

Address: Coventry Airport, Rowley Road, Baginton, Coventry, CV3 4FR

Applicant: Micheal Murray & Richard Moon

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Address: Coventry Airport, Rowley Road, Baginton, Coventry, CV3 4FR

Applicant: Micheal Murray & Richard Moon

Clerk to request transport info from Bubbenhall PC

Appl. No: W/25/1118 **Received:** 13/08/2025 00:00:00 **App. Type:** Planning Permission

School Bell Mews, Church Lane, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3ZZ

Erection of 1no. bungalow.

Mr Graham Ratcliff

Case Officer: Officer Email:

Grid Ref: 433,004.23 / 272,666.21

Applicant:

Applicant Tel:

Ward: Cubbington and Leek Wootton

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Parish Council discussed this application at length, they have been contacted by a number of residents raising concerns on the size and access of this application. Councillors feel that the application is an over development of the site, with access issues that will affect neighbouring properties. This is not in keeping with the Stoneleigh & Ashow Neighbourhood Plan. They feel that the Planning Officer should take into consideration the importance of the Conservation Area; we have a duty to protect this. The proposed building is neither in keeping with the village's vernacular designs nor in a position appropriate to the village's landscape. Resolved, Parish Council resolved to object to this application for the reasons stated above.

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Applicant: N.Hague and sons LTD

The Parish Council are neutral to this application

W/25/1492/TP|T

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At this point the Council agreed to discuss the suggested closure of Crewe Lane between the entrance and exit to the Kenilworth Golf Club.

Whilst the closure is not in the parish the council were very disappointed that Warwickshire County Council had not notified us of the intended closure.

After a long debate it was agreed, we would strongly object to the proposal and make the following points in our response:

- A) The notice advertising the closure was posted on the 11th December 2025, Stoneleigh and Ashow PC and the residents of the villages were not aware and received no notification of the planned closure and speed reduction and they make extensive use of this road. The consultation was to end today, the 8th January 2026, a four-week period that included the Christmas and New Year shut down. The BBC and local papers then ran a story on the plans on the 2nd January 2026, giving all these users of Crewe Lane just 5 days to comment of a proposal significantly different from what they believed was planned.
- B) The original plan for Crewe Lane shared at planning stage for the Stoneleigh Views estate was for it to become one way, this appears to have been dropped in favour of the full closure option, the parish council would like to understand what has changed and why this idea has been dropped. There is nothing on the website advertising the orders to explain the change.
- C) Residents of Stoneleigh and Ashow primarily do not use Crewe Lane to access the Golf Club, they take children to school, access the shops and the chemist in Leyes Lane etc.
- D) The PC firmly believe that this idea will create more congestion on the spine road (when finished) and past the new school whereas the one-way idea residents felt would have been tolerable.
- E) Residents of the villages currently have HS2 on many routes across the parish as well as the still not completed scheme over the A46 with the "bridge to nowhere", we do not believe the County Council have taken any of the planned road closures and diversions into account that both these schemes will have over the next few years, we are told the A46 WCC Scheme could finish in late 2027, but it has already taken 7 years is this likely? We also now believe that HS2 are looking to pause some construction to spread the cost over a longer period, this delaying the overall completion for perhaps another 10 years. We ask that the County Council look at the area as a whole and not just the isolated situation on Crewe Lane.
- F) We would ask that the County Council share all the responses they have had to the consultation with the Parish, if you cannot do this, we will submit a separate FOI request.

- G) Your Director of Highways was quoted in the paper as saying “there is a lot of feeling that Crewe Lane already carries too much traffic” can you confirm that the 70 of properties that will be along the new spine road have been made aware they will face this traffic? He is also quoted as saying “there are lots of benefits” can you please share these with the parish please.
- H) Finally, we find it unbelievable that such a change only warrants a 28-day consultation and over the Christmas New Year period, also that the County Council didn’t see fit to notify those most impacted by the change. We also note that the spine road is not complete and perhaps will not be until later this year, so based on that and there being no need to rush we would request that the consultation is extended until the end of February 2026 to give the County Council to do the polite thing and notify those most impacted and for the Parish Council to notify residents of the plans and give them a sensible period to respond.

7. Stoneleigh Park Events

The Clerk would be asked to once again contact Charlotte Sully to request a meeting to discuss the Farm Fest event. The Parish Council are supportive of the event and want to ensure that it is a success.

8. HS2 Update

HS2 updates have been received and circulated. There are a number of planned closures in 2026 on the B4113, it is expected these will be timed to avoid disrupting events at Stoneleigh Park.

9. South Warwickshire Local Plan

Timetable is being looked at.

10. Neighbourhood Plan

Awaiting next steps from Your Locale.

11. Water Testing

No change, funding has been secured for the project.

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

Nothing new to report.

13. A46 Stoneleigh Road Junction Improvement Scheme

Traffic management is back in place for the bridge works. Bridge works recommenced in early January 2026, all being well these should be completed by August 2027.

14. Birmingham Road Traffic calming

Cllr B Edwards reported that he hoped to be able to share the feasibility study for the traffic calming measures at the next meeting.

15. Stare Bridge

Nothing new to report.

16. Updates from Warwickshire police, WCC Cllr Redford and WDC Councillors P Redford and J Payne

Warwickshire Police

Nothing new to report.

Cllr P Redford.

Not present at the meeting but had previously circulated all updates.

Cllr B Edwards

Nothing not already discussed during the meeting.

Cllr J Payne

Not present at the meeting.

17. Correspondence

Circulated.

18. Questions to Chairman

None.

19. Date of Next Meeting

12th February at Ashow Village Club.

20. Closure

The meeting was called to a close at 20:03pm.