

Stoneleigh & Ashow Joint Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 10th September 2026
At Stoneleigh Village Hall at 7pm

PRESENT:

Cllr R Hancox (Chair)
Cllr R Bennett
Cllr J Astle
Cllr D Jack
Cllr B Edwards
Helen Denton-Stacey (Clerk)

1. Attendance and Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from:

Cllr L Rolli
Cllr P Redford

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the PC meeting held on 9th July 2026 were reviewed, approved and agreed to be signed by the Chair.

4. Public Session

None in attendance.

5. Finance and Administration

Finance Report 31st August 2026.

Income / Expenditure

Balance brought forward from 30th June 2026	<u>£ 68,237.82</u>
Clerk salary (Jul & Aug)	as per contract
HMRC (employee tax & NI)	as per contract
Clerks expenses (Jul)	£110.78
Clerks expenses (Aug)	£110.78
Nest	£72.27
Amazon ink	£47.73
DM Payroll	£79.20
HMRC	£99.92
Unity	£7.00
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Income:

Balance	31st August 2026	<u>£ 43,620.19</u>
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Funds at Unity Bank

Current Account T1	£ 43,620.19
Instant Access account	£ 21,792.63

£ 65,412.82

Online payments to be authorised:

Clerk Expenses (Sep)	£110.78
Clerk salary (Sep)	as per contract
HMRC (employee tax & NI)	as per contract
Nest	£72.27
HMRC	£99.92
Unity	£7.00
Microsoft	£49.99

- a) Invoices and payments received were noted.
- b) It was agreed that all payments were authorised.
- c) Finance report was reviewed by the PC

6. Planning

September 2026.

New Planning Applications

W/26/1191/LB Received: 14/08/2026 14:11:05App. Type: Listed Building Consent

**East Wing 3, Stoneleigh Abbey, Stoneleigh Abbey, Kenilworth, CV8 2LF
Listed Building Consent for Fire Upgrade Works to Existing Doors and Associated Details
Professor M Taylor**

Case Officer: Officer Email:

Grid Ref: 431,865.61 / 271,236.43

Applicant:

Applicant Tel:

Ward: Cubbington and Leek Wootton

RESOLVED: Parish Council raise no comment to this application

Appl. No: W/26/1175/TCA Received: 12/08/2026 12:10:59App. Type: Trees in CA

5 The Bank, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DA

- 1. Ash - Remove to stump height**
 - 2. Common Beech - Significant crown reduction (as shown in Image 3)**
- Ms Tatjana Kietselaer**

Case Officer: Officer Email:

Grid Ref: 433,066.94 / 272,774.64

Applicant:

Applicant Tel:

Ward: Cubbington and Leek Wootton

Planning Enforcement planning.enforcement@warwickdc.gov.uk

RESOLVED: Parish Council raise no comment to this application

W/26/1050|

Partial conversion of the existing integral garage to habitable accommodation, erection of single-storey front, side and rear extensions, together with associated internal alterations and external works. |Oak House, 3 Waverley Edge, Leamington Road, Bubbenhall, Coventry, CV8 3LW

RESOLVED: Parish Council approve this application

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RESOLVED: Parish Council raise no comment to this application

W/26/1087|

Replacement of existing summer house|

Orchard Cottage, 11 Birmingham Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DD

RESOLVED: Parish Council raise no comment to this application

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

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

Millie Flynn millie.flynn@warwickdc.gov.uk

Progress of planning applications

APPROVED

Listed Building Consent for Replacement of the C01 Boiler Flue

at East Wing 3, Stoneleigh Abbey, Stoneleigh Abbey, Kenilworth, CV8 2LF

APPROVED

W/26/0814|Proposed garage conversion, glass conservatory and utility room replacement, internal reconfiguration, refurbishment and windows replacement to a two storey barn conversion dwelling. |Dial House Farm, Ashow Road, Ashow, Kenilworth, CV8 2LD

REFUSED

W/26/0726/AG | Prior approval notification under Schedule 2, Part 6, Class A for the erection of 2no. agricultural buildings for the storage of machinery, hay and associated equipment, and an access track. | 13 The Smallholdings, Stoneleigh Road, Baginton, Coventry, CV8 3BA

APPROVED

Appl. No: W/26/0554 Received: 22/04/2026 08:11:00App. Type: Planning Permission

Quince Cottage, 4 The Bank, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DA

Engineering operations, erection of glass and metal balustrade and boundary fencing (Retrospective Application)

Mr P Gurney

Case Officer: Officer Email:

Grid Ref: 433,077.97 / 272,779.42

Applicant:

Applicant Tel:

Ward: Cubbington and Leek Wootton

Dylan Ramessa dylan.ramessa@warwickdc.gov.uk

GRANTED

Application No: W/26/0197 LB

Description: External Repairs and Associated Works to the Grade I listed building, including: • Localised replacement and repair of decayed sandstone ashlar using Corsehill stone and colour-matched lime mortars; • Removal of inappropriate historic tile repairs and cementitious materials; • Repair and reinstatement of C17 lead rainwater downpipes; • Replacement of failing asphalt roof coverings on a like-for-like basis, including discreet rooflights and ventilation outlets; • Replacement or upgrading of tile vents; • Installation of new flue liners and chimney cowls where required for safe operation of fireplaces and boilers; and • Limited excavation for new foul drainage connections at ground floor level.

Address: East Wing 3, Stoneleigh Abbey, Stoneleigh Abbey, Kenilworth,

CV8 2LF

Applicant: Professor M Taylor

GRANTED

W/26/0128

Replacement of single storey side structure with flat roof. Increase in ridge height of existing side structure, with front and rear dormers, for addition of full first floor. Rear facing rooflights. Erection of single storey rear extension to replace existing single storey rear structure.

Chesford House, Ashow Road, Ashow, Kenilworth, CV8 2LE

7. Stoneleigh Park Events

Follow up meeting was held after farm fest, no updates.

8. HS2 Update

Progressing with bridgeworks.

9. South Warwickshire Local Plan

Consultation completed, awaiting feedback.

10. Neighbourhood Plan

Need to check that WDC have sent SEA to consultees before continuing.

Your Locale has advised next steps, the cost for updating the Neighbourhood Plan is £500

RESOLVED: Richard proposed to accept these costings to update the plan, seconded by John, all agreed.

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

No update.

13. A46 Stoneleigh Road Junction Improvement Scheme

Progressing. Budget is £80 million, completion summer 2027.

14. Birmingham Road Traffic calming

Cllr B Edwards advised he is raising to the portfolio holder for the securing of equipment, the feasibility survey has been completed. HS2 have provided funding, he is awaiting answers, a resident has written with the following:

I am writing to formally append this final, definitive accounting to my previous correspondence regarding the ongoing, unmitigated traffic hazard on Birmingham Road.

When you audit the true history of this twenty-three-year battle, the absolute bad faith of the authorities becomes staggering. A fraction of the public and corporate funds squandered on high-level corporate consultants like the Atkins study, extensive traffic surveys, council officer overhead, and endless rounds of community consultations could have funded permanent, physical traffic calming engineering years ago. Instead, those resources were poured into a bureaucratic deflection machine designed to keep residents chasing their tails.

For over two decades, the community has been put through a grueling gauntlet. Residents have organized door-to-door petitions, built overwhelming consensus, and invested countless hours of their own unpaid time, only to be systematically stonewalled, ignored, and gaslit. This administrative paralysis has involved Members of Parliament, regional press, national media crews like Sky News sitting in on parish meetings, and complex negotiations with major infrastructure operators like HS2 and contractors such as Colas.

Yet, after millions spent on studies, reports, and bureaucratic triangulation between the parish, the county highways department, and external bodies, what does the village actually have to show for it? Nothing more than a single token flashing sign and some faded white paint on the tarmac.

It is entirely clear that Warwickshire County Council and the relevant stakeholders have never had any intention of solving this problem. They have enjoyed hiding behind procedural run-arounds because keeping Birmingham Road open as an unmanaged regional rat-run takes priority over everything else. They are simply not being truthful about their motives or their refusal to protect human safety.

Even as I prepare to sell Croome Cottage and leave this village, this permanent record must stand as an undeniable indictment of systemic neglect. The institutional silence is an active choice, and the history of this failure is now fully documented for accountability.

I expect this complete, unvarnished accounting to be formally registered alongside my previous communication and added directly to the official public record.

I am writing to formally follow up on my previous correspondence regarding the severe and unmitigated impact of heavy goods vehicles, rat-running, and dangerous nighttime driving passing directly through our village, to which I have received no substantive response.

Living in Stoneleigh has become an endurance test of constant traffic chaos, compounded by a never-ending cycle of institutional gaslighting that stretches back decades to the 1960s. Over the years, the community has engaged in endless, good-faith consultations, including the comprehensive Atkins traffic management study. Residents navigated procedural hurdles, including a manufactured 50/50 split over which end of Birmingham Road to close, only for the community to unite in a clear, unanimous consensus that the closure must proceed regardless. That mandate was ignored, just as physical mitigation measures—such as engineered chicanes—were repeatedly agreed upon, only to be pulled at the eleventh hour and replaced with inadequate token measures like a flashing light.

Today, residents are left completely unprotected while dealing with a total vacuum of police enforcement, where an actual police presence is virtually non-existent from one year to the next beyond the occasional cosmetic walkabout. Local residents are forced to act as unpaid evidence gatherers, photographing enormous HGVs squeezing through dangerous pinch points during peak hours, alongside the terrifying addition of nighttime boy racers and antisocial driving behaviours. Yet the standard defence from the Parish Council has always been to shrug, hide behind multi-agency buck-passing, and claim powerlessness while local concerns go ignored.

This local institutional neglect and decades of administrative deflection stand in scandalous contrast to the county council's handling of the A46 Stoneleigh Junction scheme right at the bottom of our road. Work on this junction began around late 2020 as a supposed three-year project with an initial baseline cost of roughly 38 million pounds. Due to severe mismanagement, engineering errors, and contractor disputes, this project has spiralled into an 80 million pound sinkhole. Crucially, because external grant caps left external funding partners detached from the overruns, Warwickshire County Council was forced to absorb these massive multi-million-pound overruns directly from local authority funds. The county found the political will and capital to bail out an 80 million pound regional arterial scheme that will only funnel more traffic toward us once finished, yet pleads absolute poverty and helplessness when village residents demand basic safety mitigation.

Furthermore, our daily lives are boxed in by a pincer movement of constant road closures and disruptions driven by HS2—operating an enormous construction campsite right on our doorstep as dreadful, disruptive neighbours that bring zero value to the village—alongside Colas tearing up the A46. If corporate entities like HS2 are dictating local traffic viability and blocking permanent relief while camped out on our doorstep for the foreseeable future, they bear a direct moral and financial responsibility to fund the local mitigation required to protect this community rather than leaving residents to suffer the cumulative impacts of both mega-projects.

I expect a prompt, direct explanation regarding:

1. Why my previous evidence-backed concerns regarding village HGV volumes, safety, and nighttime racing have gone unanswered despite decades of documented community trauma.
2. How the Parish Council and local representatives justify decades of procedural gaslighting, ignoring the unanimous consensus of the Atkins-backed Birmingham Road closure, pulling agreed-upon chicanes in favour of token measures, and hiding behind powerlessness while police enforcement is entirely absent.
3. What active, binding steps are now being taken to break through this multi-agency gridlock—including holding HS2 financially accountable to fund local traffic mitigation—and demand that Warwickshire County

Council redirect resources toward real physical protection for our feeder roads before the A46 project finishes and funnels even more traffic onto our doorsteps.

Cllr B Edwards apologised on behalf of the County Council and advised this was not acceptable, he is looking into the complaint. Parish Council agrees this is unacceptable and has been an issue since the 1960's.

15. Stare Bridge

Awaiting roundabout completion to reopen footpath.

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

Warwickshire Police

No update

Cllr P Redford.
Not in attendance.

Cllr B Edwards

He advised WCC budget intends to raise £220k in motorists fines, these will be from penalty of stopping in yellow hatched boxes, Ben has asked to look at fining hgv drivers who disregards weight restrictions. The sinkhole in Ashow was raised, Ben to look into having camera survey organised. He advised that Crewe Lane will not be closed until roundabout on through road is completed and new road adopted.

Cllr J Payne
Not in attendance.

17. Correspondence

Circulated.

18. Questions to Chairman

None.

19. Date of Next Meeting

8th October at Ashow Village Club.

20. Closure

The meeting was called to a close at 20:30pm.