

STOCK AND BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 19.30 hrs.

- 3716 Present: Councillors Mr M Hadley (Chairman), Mr P Langham (Vice Chair) Mrs P Warren, Mrs N Davies, Mr C Burdett, Mrs N Willison, Mr S Banham
District Councillor: Mr N Dawkes,
7 Members of the Public.
Mr R Dean as Clerk.
- 3717 APOLOGIES:
County Councillor: Mr T Miller. PC 21571 Sarah Clarke; these were accepted.
- 3718 WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION:
Cllr Mr S Banham, regarding Item 8, Planning application W/23/01779/CU.
Cllr Mr C Burdett, regarding Item 6c, Roundhill solar farm and battery storage facility.
These were accepted by the Council.
- 3719 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:
County Councillor Mr Tony Miller
Mr Miller, had passed the application and justification to reduce the speed limit from 60 mph along ECR from the Stock Green Sign (to the East of the village) through to the 30 mph signs just beyond Middle Lane, to WCC Highways Dept for consideration.
The Clerk had received a report from Kieran Hemstock Traffic Management Engineer WCC. A site visit was conducted in conjunction with the Senior Traffic Management Advisor (Road Safety) for West Mercia Police. It was agreed at the meeting that they would not support a speed limit reduction at this location due to the rural nature of the road.
- 3720 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
had been circulated. Cllr Mrs N Davies, proposed and seconded by Cllr Mr S Banham and it was AGREED to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 2023.
- 3721 Progress Reports
- a. **Police update (3709a)** - PC 21571 Sarah Clerk, apologised for not attending the meeting and said there was nothing to report.
 - b. **Safer Roads - "Community Speed Watch" (3709b)** – The Clerk had been informed by Simon Campbell, Operations Manager, Road Safety Team, West Mercia Police, that he had organised a Bike Enforcement Team site using various sites in the village and had already detected 5 offences during the hour the officer was there.
The Clerk had applied for a grant to provide hard standing at the entrance to the Village Hall for the Bike Enforcement Team through the "West Mercia Police Procurement Department - Safer Roads open Grant Round initiative", the application was unsuccessful.
The Clerk was also in the process of applying for another grant for a new VAS, results due at the end of February.
 - c. **Roundhill solar farm** and battery storage facility, application on behalf of JBM Solar Projects (UK) Ltd. **(3709c)** – there was little to report apart that Herford & Worcester Fire and Rescue have submitted a list of recommendations and suggestions for the solar farm. There was no indication as to when JBM were going to resubmit their amended application.
 - d. **Issues re: Ongoing Disturbance** Upper Priest Bridge Farm, Dark Lane, Bradley Green B96 6SN **(3709d)** -.

- a. **Unauthorised Residential Units:** As this is within FPC land, the Clerk had written to Steven Edden, Principal Planning Officer, Development Management, Planning & Regeneration Services; Redditch Borough Council and Bromsgrove District Council, who replied “I’m afraid I have no further updates for you at this time. This matter remains under investigation”.
- b. **Footpath 692 obstructions/blocks:** The Clerk had received a reply from Patrick White, Senior Public Rights of Way Officer, Public Rights of Way, WCC, who stated he has flagged it up with his Enforcement officer (Shirley Penn) who is looking into this. There are so many issues with the same landowner it will take time. There is only one enforcement officer covering the whole county and therefore the workload is prioritised.
- e. **Lulworth Cottage, Church Road (3709e)** –the Clerk had asked Kelly Scott, Planning Assistant (Enforcement), Bromsgrove & Redditch Councils, for an update. She replied “I can confirm I visited the site on 27th December 2023. Whilst there are still cars parked outside, they are within the curtilage and at present are not excessive for the property. I am satisfied after engagement with the owner, sufficient steps have been taken to address the concerns and the case is closed.
- f. **Painting Stock Green K6 Phone Box (3709f)** – the Clerk Had contacted a voluntary group based in Inkberrow who confirmed that they would undertake to paint the box when the weather improves, but would not be able to “strip the original paint and sand it down”, Clerk to find someone who would do this.
- g. **New VAS for Earls Common Road (3709g)** – the Clerk had discovered a new type of VAS from Westcotec, which is a number plate recognition camera, and can be used for Community Speed Watch (CSW) support, it collects the vehicle Registration, date, time, speed, vehicle colour, manufacturer, it can be fixed to a post and solar powered and costs £3,845 + VAT. It was agreed to delay this decision until the trial conducted by Safer Roads Partnership was completed.
- h. **“Welcome Information Pack” for new residents to S&B village (3709h)** – the Clerk reported that work has started with this project.
- i. **Request for funding from the Village Hall Committee (3712a)** – The Councillors discussed this and agreed to donate £500 to the Village Hall.

3722 Finance

- a. To receive and approve the financial statement and approve payments, Cllr Mrs P Warren proposed, seconded by Cllr Mr C Burdett and it was AGREED to approve the statement and payments below:

On 1st January 2024, the Council’s assets were £14,730.98
 Current A/c: £7,309.53 + Deposit A/c: £7,421.45

Since the previous Ordinary Meeting, the following payments have been made:

1.	Parish Lengthsman – September	£ 105.60
2.	Parish Lengthsman - October	£ 136.25
3.	Atkinson & Co – PAYE fees	£ 50.40
4.	E-mail & website hosting for 12 months	£ 216.00

Since the previous Ordinary Meeting, the following amounts have been received:

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2.	Donation from WCCllr Mr T Miller	£1000.00
3.	Lengthsman September	£ 103.00
4.	Lengthsman October	£ 133.00
5.	Donation from WCCllr Mr T Miller	£1000.00

Invoices to pay:

1.	Parish Lengthsman – November	£ 62.25
2.	Parish Lengthsman - December	£ 43.80
3.	SLCC annual fees	£ 144.00
4.	Hire of Village Hall (Footpaths Officer) 30.11.23	£ 30.00
5.	The Countryside alliance annual membership	£ 60.00

- b. Consider budget proposal and precept for 2024/25 – The budget proposal for the 2024/25 precept was discussed. Cllr Mr C Burdett proposed, seconded by Cllr Mr S Banham and it was AGREED to increase the precept by £500 to £8,225, which represents an increase of 6.47%

3723 Planning

1. Applications:

WW/23/02205/HP, Wysche, Earls Common Road, Stock Green, B96 6TB

Mr & Mrs Thomas

Conversion of existing garage to kitchen/diner and single storey extension to form a Granny Annexe. Proposed timber garage and store. – The Councillors had no objections.

W/23/02439/AGR, Church Farm, Church Road, Bradley Green, B96 6SN

Mr Timothy Evans

Proposed Standard steel portal frame agricultural building with pitched roof for storage of straw and feed and agricultural machinery and tools. – no approval is necessary

W/23/02612/AGR, Bradley Gardens, Droitwich Road, Bradley Green, Redditch, B96 6QU

Mr Steven Woodward

Prior notification for steel framed agricultural building – no approval is necessary.

2. Approvals:

W/23/01715/FUL, Site of Red Lion, Droitwich Road, Bradley Green,

Mr Nicholas Rands

Demolition of existing public house and erection of new rural assisted living retirement complex comprising 10 residential units (2 one bedroom units and 8 two bedroom units) and communal facilities, conversion of existing outbuilding to ancillary storage/utility; parking, footpaths and landscaping - Variation of Condition 3 to planning permission 14/00452/PN - canopy porches to Plots 1 & 2 and open porch to Plot 4.

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3. Withdrawals: None

4. Refusal Notice: None

5. Appeals: None

6. Enforcement: Sika Barn, a new outbuilding had been constructed without planning permission, the clerk wrote to Seb Ash, Senior Planning Enforcement Officer, Wychavon & Malvern Hills District Councils, who replied that:
“I can confirm that I undertook a site inspection this morning.

Although the outbuilding would meet all the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order Schedule 2 Part 2 Class E (buildings etc incidental to the enjoyment of a dwellinghouse) in respect of its size, location, and

use, it would still need planning permission as there are no permitted development rights for dwellinghouses approved by Class Q.

Having viewed on site, it's a similar height and design of a building which has already gained approval, and it doesn't create any floor space as it's open. In light of this I don't see any immediate harm if an application was submitted for its retention. Although it's in flood zones 2 and 3 due to its size and scale I don't believe there is any impact on this from an environmental flood perspective. In light of these considerations, we have therefore invited a retrospective planning application to regularise the outbuilding.

I have advised the owner to get back to me in the new year with their intentions as to whether an application will be submitted. I'll provide you with a further update once they get back to me."

3724 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- a. New Footpaths officer – Shaun Tame, the new Footpaths Officer introduced himself and confirmed that he had received the appropriate training and would start organising the team in the spring. shauntame@btopenworld.com
- b. The council was asked to investigate if the dogs kept at The Nest were in fact XL Bully's, it was agreed to organise a meeting with the Police, RSPCA and WCC Regulatory Services to find a way forward.

3725 To confirm the dates for 2024 SBPC meetings:

- Wednesday 13th March 2024
- Wednesday 10th April 2024 Annual Parish Meeting
- Wednesday 15th May 2024 Annual Parish Council Meeting
- Wednesday 10th July 2024
- Wednesday 25th September 2004 (agreed)
- Wednesday 13th November 2004

3726 Date & Time of Next Meetings:

The date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting is proposed for Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 7.30 to be held in Bradley Green Village Hall.
The Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 7.30 to be held in Bradley Green Village Hall, the usual refreshments would be provided.

3727 QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There were two opportunities for the public to speak, the first opened at 19.31 and closed at 19.32, and the second opened at 20.29 and closed at 21.35.
Please see 3709c for details

The meeting closed at 20.35.

Signed: Chairman

Date: 13th March 2024