

STOCK AND BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
held via Zoom on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 19.30 hrs.

- 3449 Present: Councillors Mr M Hadley (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Wallis (Vice-Chairman), Mrs P Warren, Mr P Langham, Mr M Bates, Mrs N Davies, Mr C Burdett.
County Councillor Mr P Tomlinson
2 Members of the Public.
Mr R Dean as Clerk.
- 3450 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN
Cllr Mrs P Warren proposed and seconded by Cllr Mr C Burdett and it was AGREED that Cllr Mr Mike Hadley would be Chairman for the coming year.
- 3451 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN
Cllr Mr P Langham proposed and seconded by Cllr Mrs N Davies and it was AGREED that Cllr Mrs S Wallis would be Vice-Chairman for the coming year.
- 3452 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE BY CHAIRMAN.
This was signed by the Chairman and witnessed by the clerk.
- 3453 APOLOGIES:
District Councillors Mr D Wilkinson, Mrs A Steel, Mrs J Bates, Mrs K Farmiloe, PC Warren Edmunds, PCSO Aiden Goundry, these were accepted.
- 3454 DECLARATIONS OF A PECUNIARY OR OTHER DISCLOSABLE INTEREST:
None
- 3455 WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION
None
- 3456 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:
District Councillors Mrs A Steel and Mr D Wilkinson sent in the following report to be read by the Clerk.
The Council has been able to maintain vital activities such as refuse collection, but a large part of its resources has inevitably been concentrated on the response to the pandemic, with various support measures available to individuals and to businesses.
Many Council staff have been working from home, Council meetings have been held by video link, and site visits for planning and enforcement purposes have largely been suspended except for urgent cases.
That situation changes from this week, with public Council meetings reverting to 'in person' meetings. From 21st June, Council staff will be permitted no more than 60% of their time working from home.
The 7-day rolling rate of Covid-19 cases recorded in Wychavon is currently 6, which is well below the national average and is the lowest rate in the County. It is also the lowest level since August 2020.
Data released last Friday showed that 78,000 people in Wychavon have received at least one vaccination dose, which is 61% of the overall population, or 66% of over-16s.
There is hope that we are nearing the end of the lock-down; we are sure everyone is aware of the further relaxations of restrictions, due to take place on 17th May and 21st June.
Worcester County Councillor Mr P Tomlinson announced that this would be his last meeting representing WCC as he has now resigned, he wish the council best wishes and thanked them for

being his “most amicable and most looked forward to” council meeting. The Council thanked him for his dedication and support under the most difficult circumstances of the last year.

3457 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE.

Cllr Mr M Bates’s report was given and was accepted by the council. Mr Bates stated that the action brought by Mr Barns’ solicitors regarding flooding is being dealt with by Zurich insurance who have since disputed the whole claim, they have heard nothing since January.

Mr & Mrs Bates were both resigning from the VH Committee and were thanked for their service to the community and all their efforts over the many past years.

3458 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE CHRONICLE

Mrs J Bates’s report was given and was accepted by the council. Mrs Bates has resigned as Editor of the Chronicle and was thanked for doing “a marvellous job” together with all her creativeness and dedication over the many past years. It was proposed that the councillors should contribute to a small gift to show their appreciation for Mrs Bates’s contribution to the community, Chair Mr M Hadley agreed to organise this.

3459 APPOINTMENT OF SBPC REPRESENTATIVES

a. It was confirmed that Cllr Mrs S Wallis would be the Village Hall representative

b. It was confirmed that Mrs M Fish would be the Footpaths Office for the coming year; Mrs Fish and her team were thanked for all their efforts over the past year.

d. Mrs K Farmiloe was confirmed as the Editor of the Chronicle.

3460 CONFIRM BANK SIGNATORIES

Cllr Mr M Hadley, Cllr Mr M Bates and Cllr Mrs S Wallis were reconfirmed as signatories.

3461 CONFIRM INTERNAL AUDITOR

Mr G Farmiloe was confirmed as the Internal Auditor, the councillors also wished to register a vote of thanks to Mr Farmiloe.

3462 INSPECTION OF SAFEGUARDED DOCUMENTS

None

3463 ASSESSMENT OF THE RISKS FACING THE COUNCIL

Cllr Mr M Hadley proposed and seconded by Cllr Mr M Bates and it was

AGREED that the councillors had considered the financial and other risks the council faces and dealt with them appropriately.

3464 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

had been circulated. Cllr Mrs P Warren proposed and seconded by Cllr Mrs N Davies and it was AGREED to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th March 2021.

3465 PROGRESS REPORTS

a. Police update (3442a) – PC Joe Brooks reported that they had performed some impromptu speed checks in the village, no one was reported. Both EVOLIS Radar Speed Signs are now up and running in S&B.

b. Roundhill solar farm and battery storage facility, Worcestershire, on behalf of JBM Solar Projects (UK) Ltd. (3442b) – the Clerk had contacted Inkberrow PC (as this land is within their parish) who stated that they have not heard anything and have taken it off their agenda.

c. Issues re: Mr Banham & Mr Coote, Upper Priest Bridge Farm , Dark Lane, Bradley Green B96 6SN (3442d) – As this is in FPC the Clerk asked the Feckenham Clerk for an update, they had nothing new to report. Neighbours reported that they had heard a great amount of noise at night

coming from this area. Several complaints had been received regarding activities in the Priest Bridge area which continue into the night, such as angle grinding of various materials, chain sawing, screaming of pigs & goats and there also appear to be people living in containers / barns. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with RBC Planning and Environmental Health.

- d. Community Legacy Grant Application for a grant to install a toilet and a kitchen in the church (3432) – Cllr Mr P Lanham reported that the application had been completed and submitted and the result would be announced within the next week.
- e. Traffic Calming , Priest Bridge (3442d) – The Clerk had contacted Kieran Hemstock from WCC Highways who stated that he expected this would be completed by the end of May.

3466 FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

- a. Approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) included in the annual return for the year ended 31st March 2021.
Cllr Mr P Langham proposed, seconded by Cllr Mr M Bates and it was AGREED to approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1)
- b. Approve the Accounting Statement (Section 2) included in the annual return for the year ended 31st March 2021.
Cllr Mrs P Warren proposed, seconded by Cllr Mr M Bates and it was AGREED to approve the Accounting Statement (Section 2)
- c. Approve the Certification of Exemption – AGAR 2020/21
Cllr Mr P Langham proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs P Warren and it was AGREED to approve the Certificate of Exemption.
- d. Receive and approve accounts for the year to 31st March 2021.
Cllr Mr M Bates proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs P Warren and it was AGREED to approve the accounts for the year to 31st March 2021.
- e. To receive and approve financial statement below and approve payments Cllr Mrs P Warren proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Wallis and it was AGREED to approve the statement and payments.

Annual PC Meeting 5th May 2021 - Further details of matters to be considered:

Item 17e - Financial Affairs.

On 1st April 2021, the Council's assets were £7,881.82

Current A/c: £499.23 + Deposit A/c: £7,382.59

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

1.	Parish Lengthsman – January - VAS erection	£ 75.00
2.	Parish Lengthsman - February	£ 150.00
3.	Atkinson & Co - PAYE fees	£ 36.00
4.	Zoom fees (2 months)	£ 28.78
5.	Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) membership	£ 36.00
6.	Clerk Salary – 6 months October to March	£2034.00
7.	Parish expenses	£ 8.00

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

None

Invoices to pay:

1.	Parish Lengthsman – March	£ 160.00
2.	Parish Lengthsman – April	£ 180.00
3.	Zoom fees (2 months)	£ 28.78
4.	Insurance renewal (estimated based on Last year)	£ 200.00
5.	Proposed Donation to Feckenham Horse Show	£ 250.00
6.	Footpath Expenses	£ 14.25

3467 Planning

1. Applications:

21/00535/FUL

B, R & K Harrison, Land adjacent to Ashwood House Earls Common Road, Stock Green
Agricultural access & field gate (retrospective).

The Stock & Bradley Parish Council have no objection to this proposal.

21/00137/HP

Mr & Mrs A Devereau, Oak House, Earls Common Road, Stock Green, B966SY
Proposed Garage Outbuilding

The Stock & Bradley Parish Council have no objection to this proposal subject to:

- 1) It is made clear from the beginning that permission for a separate dwelling will not be allowed.
- 2) As marked on one of the two elevation plans, the window in the side overlooking the rear garden of Stock House is fixed closed and of obscured glass.
- 3) The area suffers from a very high-water table and surface water flooding and in view of this, the council would like a more adequate method of dealing with surface water "runoff" than is proposed in this application.

2. Approvals: None

3. Withdrawals: None

4. Refusal Notice: None

5. Appeals: None

3468 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

None

3469 QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There were two opportunities for the public to speak, at 19.49 which closed at 19.50 and 20.29 which closed at 20.30.

There appeared to be an increase of large lorries through the village causing damage to the sides of the roads – also please refer to item 3440 above.

3470 To confirm the dates for 2021 SBPC meetings.

Wednesday 14th July 2021

Wednesday 22nd September 2021

Wednesday 10th November 2021

3471 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING(s)

The date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting is proposed for Wednesday 14th July 2021 at 7.30 to be held in Bradley Green Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.32.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: 14th July 2021