

STOCK AND BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 19.30 hrs.

- 3542 Present: Councillors Mr M Hadley (Chairman), Mrs S Wallis (Vice-Chairman), Mrs P Warren, Mrs N Davies, Mr P Langham, Mr C Burdett.
County Councillor Mr Tony Miller
3 Members of the Public.
Mr R Dean as Clerk.
- 3543 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN
Cllr Mr C Burdett proposed and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Warren and it was AGREED that Cllr Mr Mike Hadley would be Chairman for the coming year.
- 3544 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN
Cllr Mrs S Wallis proposed and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Warren, and it was AGREED that Cllr Mr P Langham would be Vice-Chairman for the coming year.
- 3545 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE BY CHAIRMAN.
This was signed by the Chairman and witnessed by the clerk
- 3546 APOLOGIES:
District Councillors Mrs A Steel, Mr D Wilkinson, Councillor Mr M Bates. PC Warren Edmunds, PCSO Aiden Goundry, these were accepted.
- 3547 DECLARATIONS OF A PECUNIARY OR OTHER DISCLOSABLE INTEREST:
Cllr Mr M Hadley, in relation to flooding of his property re: the proposed Roundhill solar farm application.
- 3548 WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION:
Cllr Mr C Burdett, with regards to his farm tenancy re: the proposed Roundhill solar farm application; this was unanimously agreed by the councillors present.
- 3549 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:
County Councillor Mr Tony Miller reported that:
The VAS sign donated by CCllr Mr T Miller is operational on the second post in Bradley Green. A ten-foot-high Evergreen Oak donated by CCllr Mr T Miller and has been planted in the Jubilee Garden at Priest Bridge, CCllr Mr T Miller was thanked for the contribution of the VAS and the tree. CCllr Mr T Miller stated that he is responsible for Flood Elevation. Further discussions on the Solar Panel Planning application are noted below in 3558(b)
- 3550 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE.
Cllr Mrs N Davies gave the report, which was accepted by the council, the new VH Management Committee was thanked for enhancing the content of the VH and improving its appearance.
- 3551 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE CHRONICLE.
Mrs K Farniloe submitted her report, which was read by the Clerk and was accepted by the council. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs Farniloe and her team for their efforts in creating an interesting and informative "Chronicle".
- 3552 APPOINTMENTS OF SBPC REPRESENTATIVES.
a. It was confirmed that Cllr Mrs N Davies 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.

3553 CONFIRM BANK SIGNATORIES.

Cllr Mr M Hadley, Cllr Mr M Bates and Cllr Mrs S Wallis were reconfirmed as signatories, it was also agreed that Cllr M P Langham would be added as a signatory.

3554 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.

3555 INSPECTION OF SAFEGUARDED DOCUMENTS.

None

3556 ASSESSMENT OF THE RISKS FACING THE COUNCIL.

Cllr Mr M Hadley proposed and seconded by Cllr Mr P Langham and it was AGREED that the councillors had considered the financial and other risks the council faces and dealt with them appropriately.

3557 MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

had been circulated. Cllr Mrs N Davies, proposed and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Warren and it was AGREED to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 27th April 2022.

3558 Progress Reports

- a. **Police update and Traffic Calming (3528a)** – PC Joe Brooks stated that there had been no crime reported in the area. The police had conducted several speed checks in the village.
Traffic Calming - the “Safer Roads Partnership” (3528a) – Mr. Marc Watts from the Safer Roads Partnership (which would allow residents to monitor speeds through the village) reported that they had taken data from Bradley Green and that the mean average speed recorded (which is too high) makes it unsuitable for Community Speed Watch. This was questioned by the Chair Cllr Mr M Hadley who has sent Mr Watts the data from the VAS which indicates a lower mean average speed and asked what the parameters are, which would allow Community Speed Watch.
- b. **Roundhill solar farm** and battery storage facility, Worcestershire, on behalf of JBM Solar Projects (UK) Ltd. (3528b) – Cllr Mr M Hadley had received a message from the Clerk of Kington & Dormston PC suggesting collaboration between Stock and Bradley PC & Inkberrow PC. Several attending the annual meeting had input, the following is a combination of these conversations; it was advised that negotiations should commence asap, as, once planning permission has been granted, we would have no leverage.
Following this discussion, it was the will of the Council that Chair Cllr Mr M Hadley contact the Chairs of Inkberrow and Kington & Dormston PCs and agree a common way forward. It was also recommended that the best way to achieve this was not to negotiate directly with the developers (JBM) but for the three chairs to meet with Wychavon Planning Department to discuss a way forward and to consider various options and conditions which the Councils would require should the future application be approved, these could then become planning conditions. The Chairs would then update their respective PCs with a review of the meeting.
Possible areas for discussion would be:
 - 1) Reducing the area covered by solar panels, particularly near housing to reduce the visual impact from nearby housing.
 - 2) The discussions should only relate to Planning issues.

- 3) Reducing the impact of ambient noise of inverters by relocating battery storage away from housing.
- 4) Obtaining an independent report from flood experts as to the net impact of the proposals upon flooding in Stock Green allowing for the flood alleviation proposals, although the amount of rainfall is the same, the “runoff” rate is different and must compensate for this.
- 5) The possibility of negotiating an annual payment from the developers for 40 years. This could be used to reduce the precept such that everyone in the parish benefits.
- 6) A list of improvements to local community facilities, such as Village Halls, social amenities, etc.

This meeting would not affect the council’s rights to object to the application (should they wish to) when it was submitted.

- c. **Issues re: Ongoing Disturbance** and Planning Application at Upper Priest Bridge Farm, Dark Lane, Bradley Green B96 6SN (3528c) - As this is within FPC land, the Clerk asked the Feckenham Clerk, RB Cllr Mr Matt Dormer if there is anything more to report from our previous PC meeting, they all reported that “there is no further news at this point, other to confirm that this is remains an open investigation”. Mr Simon Jones, Principal Planning Officer, Bromsgrove & Redditch BC replied stating “I can only confirm that this is now amongst a number of priority cases which we are dealing with”.
- d. **Community Legacy Grant Application for a grant to install a toilet and a kitchen in the church (3528d)** – Cllr Mr P Langham reported that the work was almost completed, and the “snagging list” was being actioned and signed off, the Clerk confirmed the £15,000 had been paid. The council expressed their thanks to Mrs Cilia Hart, Mrs Helen Hadley and Cllr Mr P Langham.
- e. **Lulworth Cottage, Church Road (3528e)** – as this property is in Feckenham Parish, RBCllr Mr Matt Dormer Redditch BC, reported that there was nothing new to report they will keep monitoring the situation and will advise as the situation develops. The clerk was asked to ask Cllr Dormer if RBC had any powers to resolve this issue, as it was detrimental to the village and is affecting neighbouring properties, additionally do RBC have a policy regarding homes that had been left empty and were becoming derelict? Should Worcs Regulatory Services be involved?
- f. **Queen’s 70th Jubilee celebrations (3528f)** – Update from the Clerk, there will be a beacon lit on the hill behind Kate & Gordon Farmiloe on Thursday 2nd June at 9.45, all are welcome, please bring your own refreshments.
A celebration will be held in the village hall from 3pm to 5 pm on Saturday 4th June with the PC providing sandwiches, cakes, tea and a glass of fizz - all residents are invited. The Clerk provided a statement of projected expenditure which came to almost £500, the clerk had also applied to WDC for a grant of £100 and CCllr Mr Tony Miller also offered a donation of £200 which was gratefully accepted.
There will be an evening celebration also on the 4th of June with entertainment, a paying bar and B-B-Q.
- g. **Complaint about the Sika Barn conversion at the back of Willow Cottage (3528k)** – this appears to be resolved for the moment, please see the planning section below.
- h. **Queen’s Jubilee Garden at Priest Bridge (3528j)** – Thanks were expressed to the Village Hall Committee for planting the Jubilee Oak Tree and maintaining the surrounding ground, the Clerk has asked the Lengthsman to maintain the plot as necessary, The Clerk has received the plaque to attach to the tree fence when erected.

3559 Finance (as listed on separate sheet)

- a. Approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) included in the annual return for the year ended 31st March 2022.
Cllr Mr P Langham proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs P Warren 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 2022.

Cllr Mr M Hadley proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs N Davies and it was AGREED to approve the Accounting Statement (Section 2)

c. Approve the Certification of Exemption – AGAR 2021/22

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 2022.

Cllr Mr C Burdett proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs P Warren and it was AGREED to approve the accounts for the year to 31st March 2022.

3560 FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

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 11th May 2021 - Further details of matters to be considered:

Item 17e - Financial Affairs.

On 1st May 2022, the Council's assets were £12,873.84

Current A/c: £5,490.45 + Deposit A/c: £7,383.39

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

1.	Parish Lengthsman – January	£ 180.00
2.	Parish Lengthsman – February	£ 180.00
3.	Parish Clerk Fees – 6 months	£2,045.20
4.	PC Expenses	£ 11.20
5.	Well Medical – Defib Batteries & Pads	£ 573.42
6.	CPRE membership (Campaign to Protect Rural England)	£ 36.00
7.	PAYE fees– Atkinson & Co, Accountants	£ 39.60
8.	Hire of Village Hall – 12 th January	£ 44.00
9.	RDM Ltd, building work for Church Kitchen / Toilet	£15,000.00

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

1 st Precept payment	£ 3,751.00
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Invoices to pay:

1.	Parish Lengthsman – March	£ 180.00
2.	Parish Lengthsman – April	£ 180.00
3.	Annual Parish meeting expenses	£ 109.00
4.	Queen Millennium tree plaque	£ 108.00
5.	Phone box electricity supply	£ 28.32
6.	VAS Expenses	£ 7.95
7.	Donation to Feckenham Horse show (request by G Farmiloe)	£ 100.00
8.	WCALC annual membership subscription	£ 237.57
9.	Hire of Village Hall	£ 66.00

3561 Item 18 – Planning

1. Applications:

Planning ref: W/22/00963/HP - the Council had no Objections

Mr and Mrs Oliver

Brushwood, Earls Common Road, Stock Green, Redditch, B96 6SY

Conversion of existing garage to annexe accommodation, replacement single storey garage, relocation of formal entrance, extension to first floor dormer window & single storey extensions to rear as approved under permission reference 21/01108/HP-variation of condition 2.

Planning Ref: W/22/00698/FUL - the Council had no Objections

Mr Nicholas Rands

Red Lion, Droitwich Road, Bradley Green, Redditch, B96 6RP

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 as approved under planning reference W/14/00452/PN - variation of condition 3.

Planning ref: W/22/00435/FUL - See withdrawal below

R Iwaniszewski

Sika Barn, Droitwich Road, Bradley Green, Redditch, B96 6QU

Proposed extension of garden and erection of garage.

2. Approvals: None

3. Withdrawals:

Planning ref: W/22/00435/FUL

R Iwaniszewski

Sika Barn, Droitwich Road, Bradley Green, Redditch, B96 6QU

Proposed extension of garden and erection of garage.

4. Refusal Notice: None

5. Appeals: None

6. Planning Contravention Notice. - **Waiting for update from WDC planning**

ENF/21/0014 RE: Sika Barn Droitwich Road Bradley Green Redditch B96 6QU

A PCN is a list of questions and is used to help ascertain whether a breach of planning control is occurring. The owner has 22 days to return the PCN to the Council from 6th April 2022.

3562 To confirm the dates for 2022/23 SBPC meetings

Wednesday 13th July 2022

Wednesday 21st September 2022 – Proposed & Agreed

Wednesday 9th November 2022

Wednesday 25th January 2023 – Proposed & Agreed

Wednesday 8th March 2023

Wednesday 12th April 2023 Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 10th May 2023 Annual Parish Council Meeting

3563 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

a. None

b. The Clerk reported that he had started the process of registering a new web site address for the PC of SBPC.GOV.UK this would link to the existing web site enabling simpler access, this would also facilitate separate e-mail addresses if required.

3564 Date & Time of Next Meeting:

The date of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting is proposed for Wednesday 13th July 2022 at 7.30 to be held in Bradley Green Village Hall.

3565 QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There was an opportunity for the public to speak, it was opened at 20.48 which closed at 20.49. The following issues were raised: None

The meeting closed at 20.50

Signed: Chairman

Date: 13th July 2022