

# **STOCK AND BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2019/2020**

### **Speeding in the parish**

We had discussions with the Police, District Councillor Mrs A Steel, the County Highways department and the Safer Road Partnership, we are in regular contact with the police and have arranged with them to organise regular speed checks within the parish. The Parish Councillors would like to thank PC Edmunds for making Stock & Bradley a regular village for his speed checks.

District Councillor Mrs A Steel has reported that speeding is an issue in every parish.

A new “state of the art” Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) has been purchased and was erected in April and has been moved periodically between Stock & Bradley Green. PC Edmonds was very impressed by the VAS as it recorded exactly the same speed as his speed gun and commented that he believed that it was “a major contributor in reducing the overall speeding through the village” and was the “most advanced he had seen”.

The Parish Council are now in the process of ordering a second VAS for the village, this means that Stock & Bradley will each have a VAS permanently situated in their 30 mph area; we are also ordering two more posts which will enable both the VAS's to be moved to different positions as well.

### **The Parish Council Lengthsman Scheme**

This has proved to be very successful and we have renewed the contract for another year.

### **Planning.**

We received:

- 16 Applications
- 5 Approvals
- 1 Withdrawals
- 3 Refusals
- 1 Appeals

The Parish Council became heavily involved last summer in objecting to a proposal to open dog boarding kennels at a property in Middle Road, Stock Green. We funded our own noise report and eventually the application was turned down by the District Council.

### **Councillors**

Cllr Mr M Hadley was elected Chairman and Cllr Mrs S Wallis Vice Chair for the coming year.

### **Reports**

We received various reports from County and District Councillors

### **Flooding in Stock Green**

Due to the nature of the environment there is no guaranteed way to prevent future flooding, however, the Environment Agency have cleared the Stock Green Brook and have undertaken to de-silt in future years. Many thanks to Reg Hughes for liaising with John Evans from the Environment Agency.

### **Training**

The Councillors and the Clerk attended several County Council and Worcestershire CALC, educational and awareness seminars and meetings

### **Accounts**

The accounts were approved by the external auditors PKF Littlejohn LLP. The Budget for 2020/21 was approved and it was agreed to maintain the Precept at £6,500 for the 6<sup>th</sup> year.

### **Standing Orders**

No Changes

### **Village litter pick**

The Council organised its annual event this year, many thanks to all those who took the time to support this worthwhile activity – it was a record turnout and the whole village was covered, the Parish Council also owns 10 pickers, tabards and gloves should anyone wish to start an impromptu litter pick.

### **High Speed Broadband**

Highspeed Broadband has been installed in Bradley Green by bringing fibre to the green box outside the old Red Lion. We are in the process of using the Gigabit Voucher Scheme to bring “fibre-to-the-door” for Stock Green, via Airband, implementation is planned mid-June 2020.

### **New ways of sharing information in the village**

The council regularly updates its web site to improve communications with the residents which contain Agendas, Minutes, Accounts and other information such as the Chronicle Magazine of the Parish Council.

### **Bulk oil purchasing consortium.**

The Parish has supported the Oil Club which is organised by District Cllr Mrs Audrey Steel

### **Defibrillators**

The two defibs sited at the Village Hall and the Phone Box in Stock Green have been regularly maintained, but not used.

### **Hanbury part of Earls Common Road in Stock Green**

A long standing objective of the Parish Council failed to be realised when the twenty or so residents who live at the western end of Stock Green voted to remain in Hanbury Parish rather than join Stock & Bradley.

### **Donations and gifts**

Over the past year the council have given the following:

Stock & Bradley Chronicle	£300
Via a donation from Chairman WCC Mr Peter Tomlinson.	
Hanbury Horse Show	£250
PCC Churchyard Maint	£600

**Cllr Mr M Hadley, Chairman of S&B PC, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020**