

STOCK AND BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 19.30 hrs.

- 3603 Present: Councillors Mr M Hadley (Chairman), Mrs S Wallis, Mrs P Warren, Mrs N Davies, Mr M Bates, Mr P Langham, Mr C Burdett.
6 Members of the Public.
Mr R Dean as Clerk.
- 3604 APOLOGIES:
County Councillor Mr T Miller, District Councillors Mrs A Steel, Mr D Wilkinson, PC Warren Edmunds, PCSO Aiden Goundry, these were accepted.
- 3605 WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION:
From Cllr Mr C Burdett, regarding item 6c, Roundhill Solar Farm – this was accepted & agreed.
- 3606 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:
District Councillor Mr D Wilkinson reported on the following:
- a. New Waterside toilets had been opened in Evesham.
 - b. Roman Road discovered by resident in Evesham, could be up to 1,900 years old
 - c. Covid - The number of cases in Wychavon has risen again with over 200 new cases and 25 deaths.
- 3607 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
had been circulated. Cllr Mr M Bates, 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 21st September 2022.
- 3608 Progress Reports
- a. **Police update and Traffic Calming (3596a)** – PCSO 40278 Vicky Elliott reported that there had been no reports since the break-in at the former Red Lion on the 30th August.
 - b. **Safer Roads - “Community Speed Watch” (3596b)** – the Clerk had received a message from PCSO 40278 Vicky Elliott, PCSO, Droitwich East Safer Neighbourhood Team, West Mercia Police stating that the 85th percentile for Bradley Green was 41mph and for Earls Common it was 36mph, both are too high for CSW. Following a discussion with members of the Council, the Clerk was asked to write to John Campion, the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, requesting a meeting with members of the police, Safer Neighbourhood team and the Community Speed Watch team to resolve the issue of speeding in the village which is increasing to dangerous levels.
 - c. **Roundhill solar farm** and battery storage facility, application on behalf of JBM Solar Projects (UK) Ltd. **(3596b)** – following JBM’s Screening Application submission, WDC have informed JBM that they now require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to accompany their planning application,
 - d. **Issues re: Ongoing Disturbance** and Planning Application at Upper Priest Bridge Farm, Dark Lane, Bradley Green B96 6SN **(3596c)** - As this is within FPC land, the Clerk had written to the Feckenham Clerk, RBCllr Mr Matt Dormer and Mr Simon Jones, Principal Planning Officer, Bromsgrove & Redditch BC, relaying a report from one of the Parish Councillors that on the 24th September at 10pm, they heard “men shouting, and dreadful loud noise of animals squealing” the Clerk added that this situation which was reported to them over one year ago has not improved. No reply had been received by the meeting.

- e. **Lulworth Cottage, Church Road (3596d)** – Cllr Mrs P Warren and the Clerk had contacted Kelly Scott, Planning Assistant (Enforcement), Bromsgrove & Redditch Councils and received the following message “I can confirm that the exterior of the property is in the process of being cleared and progression has already been made” she also attached the Redditch Borough Council Empty Homes Strategy for your reference.
- f. **Queen’s Jubilee Garden at Priest Bridge (3596e)** – CCllr Mr T Miller has generously agreed to donate daffodil bulbs to be planted around the site, the Council will purchase them and be reimbursed by CCllr Mr Miller. There now needs to be a fence erected around the tree to protect it and provide a place for the plaque, the clerk to arrange this.
- g. **New web site sbpc.gov.uk (3596g)** – the name “stockandbradley-pc.gov.uk” has now been registered and mailboxes for the Clerk and Chair are being organised.
- h. **Clerk’s Contract (3596g)** – Cllr Mr P Langham and Cllr Mrs N Davies had produced this, and the Clerk and Chair have agreed it, it has been circulated to all the councillors. Cllr Mr M Bates proposed and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Warren, and it was AGREED to approve the new Clerk’s contract, the Chair and Clerk signed and dated the contract. Cllr Mr P Langham and Cllr Mrs N Davies were thanked for their work.
The Chair, Cllr Mr M Hadley proposed and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Warren, and it was AGREED to approve the Creation of an Employment Committee, chaired by Cllr Mr P Lanham and supported by Cllr Mrs N Davies.
The Chair, Cllr Mr M Hadley agreed to create a Health & Safety Policy and an Equal Opportunities Policy.
The Clerk also agreed to ensure that insurance was in place for when he was working or travelling on Parish Council business.
- i. **Stock Green Baptist Chapel (3600a)** – the roof is in need of repair at an estimated cost of £15,000, Chair Cllr Mr M Hadley and Cllr Mr M Bates agreed to investigate funding possibilities, and suggested that the Council should make a donation, the Clerk had sent details of the Hanbury Clerk and contact details for grant opportunities at WDC.
- j. **Defib/CPR training sessions for the residents (3600b)** – now the defibs have been returned from refurbishment, the clerk to organise training dates with Tim Cronin, Community Response Project Manager, West Midlands Ambulance Service.

3609 Finance

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

On 1st November 2022, the Council’s assets were £11,982.62

Current A/c: £4,596.49 + Deposit A/c: £7,386.13

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

1.	Parish Lengthsman – July	£ 190.00
2.	Parish Lengthsman – August	£ 60.00
3.	Clerk’s Salary (6 months) as detailed on separate sheet	£2070.00
4.	Parish expenses as detailed on separate sheet	£ 73.90
5.	Hire of Village Hall	£ 82.00

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

1.	2 nd Precept	£3749.00
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Invoices to pay:

1.	Parish Lengthsman – September	£ 125.00
2.	Parish Lengthsman – October	£ 60.00
3.	Registration of new web site	£ 273.46
4.	Tapcast re: new web site	£ 66.00
5.	Hire of Village Hall, 21.09.22, 2 hrs	£ 30.00

- b. To consider budget proposal and precept for 2023/24
The budget for the next financial year was reviewed and discussed, due to the forecast of a reduction in reserves it was suggested that the precept should be increased by 3% (£225). Cllr Mr C Burdett proposed, seconded by Cllr Mr P Langham and it was AGREED to approve the increase in the Precept.
- c. VAT – The Clerk had made a VAT refund claim for £862.59

3610 Planning

1. Applications:

W/22/01856/HP

Mr & Mrs D & L Koutrouki

Smallwood, Perrymill Lane, Bradley Green, Redditch, B96 6RR

Retrospective garden building within domestic curtilage to support natural swimming pool pump equipment and for associated domestic leisure use only

The Council had no objections to this application.

W/22/01269/FUL Retrospective Application

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

Mr Iwaniszewski has now built a 3-car building without planning permission despite it being too high and too close to neighbouring properties and being instructed (during the build) to stop by WDC enforcement officers, which he ignored and completed the build.

A message to the PC has now been received from Jay Singh, Principal Planning Officer, WDC stating: "I appreciate this matter has been going on for some time now. By way of an update in order to bring this matter to a conclusion, we have asked the applicant to reduce the height of the outbuilding to a maximum of 2.5m otherwise it be refused (2.5m is the maximum height usually allowed under Permitted Development where outbuildings within 2m of a neighbours boundary) and, going forward, it should only be used for domestic use and not for any commercial purposes (which would require a change of use application)".

Mr A Hancox, whose property (The Willows) is adjacent to Sika Barn and is directly affected by the construction of the garage attended the PC meeting and stated that "the building is 3.11 mtrs in hight and is 0.50 mtrs from the boundary of the neighbouring property "The Willows", obviously this, contravenes the above Town & Country Planning regulations and should be removed. He also stated that "Sika barn is located next to Seeley Brook, the Environment Agency (EA) website shows that the proposed garage/storage building is currently within Flood Zones 2 & 3 which is a medium to high-risk area from fluvial flooding (and not zone 1 as stated in the application), in times of flood, the waters would therefore surround the building. The proposal would, therefore, not comply with the Condition Q2 (d) of Class Q of Part 3 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015. The floods in 2000 and 2007 were the largest flood events since 1947. Mr Iwaniszewski had also claimed that the concrete base of the garage had been there for some time, Mr Hancox stated that this was not the case and a new concrete base had been laid". He also stated that the Garage is being used for commercial purposes.

For these reasons S&BPC object to this Retrospective Application

The council agreed that these issues should be relayed to Jay Singh in reply to his recent message.

2. Approvals:

W/22/01099/HP

Mrs Michelle Kenth

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

Front and rear extensions and alterations

3. Withdrawals: None
4. Refusal Notice: None
5. Appeals: None
6. Planning Contravention Notice / Enforcement Notice
ENF/22/0154 Re: Land Adjacent to former Bird in Hand, Stockwood, Inkberrow, B96 6SX
 Ongoing noise and disturbance. A PCN has been issued, which is a list of questions and is used to help ascertain whether a breach of planning control is occurring. At the time of the meeting the PCN (which was overdue) had not been received by Mislav Omazic, Planning Enforcement Officer, WDC despite being chased on several occasions.
 Mr Toby H Hardman-Dodd, Environmental Health Officer, Worcester Regulatory Services, had visited to the site on 14th October and had a conversation with Mr Sangera (the owner). Advice and warnings were given concerning the following issues:
 1. Burning of waste
 2. The storage of waste and disposal
 3. Dog waste and kennel cleaning

3611 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- a. It was suggested the phone box in Stock Green should be repainted, the Clerk to arrange for quotes.
- b. There appeared to be a spring / water leak at the North end of Church Road, the Clerk to ask WCC Highways to investigate.

3612 To confirm the dates for 2023 SBPC meetings

- Wednesday 25th January 2023 – Proposed & Agreed
- Wednesday 8th March 2023
- Wednesday 12th April 2023 Annual Parish Meeting
- Wednesday 17th May 2023 Annual Parish Council Meeting Proposed & Agreed
- Wednesday 12th July 2023
- Wednesday 13th September 2023
- Wednesday 8th November 2023

3613 Date & Time of Next Meeting:

The date of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting is proposed for Wednesday 25th January 2023 at 7.30 to be held in Bradley Green Village Hall.

3602 QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There were two opportunities for the public to speak, the first opened at 19.33 and closed at 19.34, the second opened at 20.31 and closed at 20.32.
 The following issues were raised: None
 The meeting closed at 20.34

Signed: Chairman

Date: 25th January 2023