

STOCK AND BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 19.30 hrs.

- 3657 Present: Councillors Mr M Hadley (Chairman), Mrs P Warren, Mrs N Davies, Mrs N Willison.
County Councillor Mr T Miller.
4 Members of the Public.
Mr R Dean as Clerk.
- 3658 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN
Cllr Mrs N Davies proposed and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Warren and it was AGREED that Cllr Mr Mike Hadley would be Chairman for the coming year.
- 3559 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE BY CHAIRMAN.
This was signed by the Chairman and witnessed by the clerk
- 3660 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN
Cllr Mrs N Davies 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.
- 3661 VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR TO BE FILLED BY CO-OPTION
Mr Steven Banham had submitted an Application for Co-option form, for consideration by the Councillors. Cllr Mrs P Warren, proposed and seconded by Cllr Mrs N Willison and it was AGREED to co-opt Mr S Banham to the PC
- 3662 APOLOGIES:
District Councillors: Mr N Dawkes, Mr A Hardman, Councillors Mr P Langham, Mr C Burdett, PC Warren Edmunds, PCSO Aiden Goundry, these were accepted.
- 3663 WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION:
From Cllr Mr M Hadley, regarding item 17c, Roundhill Solar Farm – these were accepted & approved.
- 3664 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE CHRONICLE.
Mrs K Farmiloe submitted her report, which was read by the Clerk and was accepted by the council. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs Farmiloe and her team for their efforts in creating an interesting and informative “Chronicle”.
- 3665 APPOINTMENTS OF SBPC REPRESENTATIVES.
a. It was confirmed that Cllr Mrs P Warren will be the Village Hall representative.
b. It was confirmed that (currently Mrs M Fish but will be replaced by Mr Shaun Tame) 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.
- 3666 CONFIRM BANK SIGNATORIES.
Cllr Mr M Hadley, Cllr P Langham and Cllr Mrs N Davies were confirmed as signatories.
- 3667 CONFIRM INTERNAL AUDITOR.
Mr G Farmiloe was confirmed as the Internal Auditor.
- 3668 INSPECTION OF SAFEGUARDED DOCUMENTS.

None

3669 ASSESSMENT OF THE RISKS FACING THE COUNCIL.

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

3670 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

County Councillor Mr Tony Miller

Cllr Mr Miller stated that he has stood down from WDC.

Re: the Solar Farm:

The noise decibel level of the pile driving could be reduced by using a different method of Silent Compact Pile Driving (Auger Pressure Driving), it was noted that the pile driving at Bishampton was at an unacceptable level and had been referred to WCC regulatory services.

PC should ask what benefits the local community would receive if the application were approved – i.e. a yearly amount. The Chair Mr M Hadley stated that JBM would not negotiate on their offer of £90,000 to us and the same for Inkberrow. They will not consider an annual amount.

There will be some boundary changes taking place, overseen by the boundary commission to balance the voting areas.

CCllr Mr Miller also offered to make a contribution towards the new VAS that the PC were planning to order.

3671 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

had been circulated. Cllr Mrs N Willison, 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 8th March 2023.

3672 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 Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 28th March 2023.

3673 Progress Reports

a. **Police update and Traffic Calming (3643a)** – PC Warren Edmunds reported that there had been no reports in the last month.

b. **Safer Roads - “Community Speed Watch” (3643b)** – Bob Haynes, Senior Traffic Management Advisor, Road Safety, West Mercia Police and Simon Campbell, Operations Manager, Road Safety Team, West Mercia Police, had visited Bradley Green and suggested siting a Speed Enforcement Van in the entrance to the Village Hall, both the PC and VH Committee agreed that this would not be a viable solution due to the frequent use of the VH, and suggested the upper entrance to the church as an alternative. Simon Campbell replied that he would consult with Bob Haynes and respond. The Clerk also asked if they could arrange for a similar speed data survey to be conducted in Earls Common Road together with siting a motorbike speed check on a regular basis as this is the other part of S&B.

c. **Roundhill solar farm** and battery storage facility, application on behalf of JBM Solar Projects (UK) Ltd. (3643c) – please see the report under planning applications below.

d. **Issues re: Ongoing Disturbance** Upper Priest Bridge Farm, Dark Lane, Bradley Green B96 6SN (3643d) -.

a. **Unauthorised Residential Units:** As this is within FPC land, the Clerk had written to RBCllr Mr Matt Dormer and Mr Simon Jones, Principal Planning

Officer, Bromsgrove & Redditch BC. However, the Clerk discovered that Simon Jones had left B&RBC, and had been replaced by Mr Steve Edden, Principal Planning Officer B&RBC. The Clerk was subsequently informed by Mr Dale Birch, Development Management Manager B&RBC that “the LPA is not obliged to keep you updated on the continued progression of the investigation. The priority is to engage with the owner(s) of the site. The PC will only be updated when it is appropriate to do so”.

- 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 “I will look into it very soon and discuss with my colleague who is the enforcement office as the blocks are not exactly temporary”.
- e. **Lulworth Cottage, Church Road (3643e)** –the Clerk had contacted Kelly Scott, Planning Assistant (Enforcement), Bromsgrove & Redditch Councils who replied that there has been progression with the property, and she continues to work with the owner to resolve the matter.
- f. **Queen’s Jubilee Garden at Priest Bridge (3643f)** – It was agreed to erect a small wooden fence around the tree to protect it from deer and provide a place for the plaque, the clerk to arrange this. Will Willison had quoted £68 + VAT for materials and £60 for time, this was accepted and approved by the Council.
- g. **Painting Stock Green Phone Box (3643g)** – the Clerk had asked Tom Manders, who had agreed to consider this towards the end of May / June.
- h. **PC elections Thursday 4th May 2023 (3643h)** – As there was no requirement for an election the following were confirmed as Councillors of S&BPC: Mr M Hadley, Mr P Langham, Mrs N Davies, Mr C Burdett, Mrs P Warren, Mrs N Willison; it was also noted that there was a vacancy for an additional councillor and a co-option notice had been published.
- i. **Coronation celebration (3643i)** – Was held on Sunday 7th May and was attended by 90+ residents of S&B, thanks were expressed to all the volunteers from the PC, PCC and the Village Hall Committee who helped to make this such a memorable occasion and to CC Cllr Mr T Miller had generously donated £500.

3674 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 2023.
Cllr Mrs N Davies 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 2023.
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 2023/24
Cllr Mr S Banham 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 2023.
Cllr Mrs N Willison proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs P Warren and it was AGREED to approve the accounts for the year to 31st March 2023.

To receive and approve the financial statement and approve payments, Cllr Mr S Banham proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs N Davis and it was AGREED to approve the statement and payments below:

On 6th May 2023, the Council’s assets were £13,839.71
Current A/c: £6,453.58 + Deposit A/c: £7,386.13

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

1.	Parish Lengthsman – January	£ 180.00
2.	Parish Lengthsman – February	£ 300.00
3.	CPRE membership	£ 60.00
4.	CALC Training – Zoom preparing for the elections	£ 30.00
5.	Hire of Village Hall, 06.01.23 & 25.01.23 - 4 hrs	£ 60.00
6.	CPR & Defib training refreshments	£ 14.37
7.	Personal Speaker & Microphone	£ 37.57
8.	Parish Expenses	£ 204.00
9.	Clerk Salary – 6 months, 30 hours pm, £14 per hour	£2,520.00
10.	PAYE fees – Atkinson & Co	£ 48.00
11.	Donation to Hanbury Countryside Show	£ 250.00
12.	Parish Lengthsman – March	£ 225.00
13.	Hire of Village Hall – 8 th , 17, 28 th March – 6 hours	£ 90.00
14.	Manual – Guidelines for Landscape & Visual Impact	£ 51.00

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

1.	1 st Precept payment	£3,863.00
2.	Lengthsman Payment	£2,014.75
3.	Coronation Donation from WCC Cllr Mr T Miller	£ 500.00

Invoices to pay:

1.	Parish Lengthsman – April	£ 197.16
2.	WCALC annual membership	£ 238.60
3.	Annual Parish meeting expenses	£ 141.35
4.	Annual Insurance	£ 623.66
5.	nPower Phone box electricity supply	£ 66.40
6.	Printer Cartridges	£ 69.30
7.	Donation to Feckenham Horse show	£ 200.00
8.	Dog Poo bags refill replacement	£ 40.14
9.	Hire of Village Hall – 12 th April 2023	£ 30.00
10.	Coronation celebration expenses	£ 576.81
11.	Hire of Village Hall – 7 th May	£ 45.00
12.	Hire of Village Hall – 17 th May	£ 30.00
13.	Internal Auditor fees	£ 100.00

3675 Item 19 – Planning

1. Applications:

23/00192/FUL - 01QE EIA Developments

Cross Boundary application accompanied by an Environmental Statement (ES).

Cable Connection to existing National Grid Electricity Distribution Feckenham Substation, The Saltway, Feckenham, Redditch. (Redditch Borough Council),

Associated with and connected to:

W/23/00270/FUL)

For the Construction of a Solar Farm and battery energy storage system (BESS) facility together with all associated works, equipment, and necessary infrastructure (Land to the east of Stock Green adjacent to Roundhill Wood (Wychavon District Council

The PC has liaised with FPC, IPC and DPC and have submitted their objection to WDC for the solar panel application, the Chair Mr M Hadley agreed to compose S&BPC objection to B&RDC for the cable application.

2. Approvals:

W/22/01269/FUL

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

Proposed Parking and Retention of Garage/Storage Building (part retrospective application), this has been approved in spite of the PC objections.

W/22/01647/FUL

Mr Ian Few, Ditchford Bank Farm, Ditchford Bank Road, Hanbury, B60 4HS
Erection of 4 No. poultry sheds and associated infrastructure for broiler chicken production, this is for information only, as this application is in Hanbury PC.

3. Withdrawals: None
4. Refusal Notice: None
5. Appeals: None
6. Planning Contravention Notice.

ENF/22/0154 Re: Land Adjacent to former Bird in Hand, Stockwood, B96 6SX (The Nest)
Ongoing noise and disturbance. The Clerk was asked to convene a progress meeting to discuss ongoing issues.

3676 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- a. To consider a donation to St Johns Church for maintenance of the church yard. The Clerk informed the Councillors that he had attended a Clerk's Zoom call, and this matter was raised by another PC. Mr C Wayman, Executive Officer of WCALC, informed the Clerks that unfortunately payments to religious bodies could not be made as this was against the law.
- b. It was suggested that a bench be positioned by the tree in the Queens Garden at Priest Bridge, the Clerk was asked to make enquires as to the designs and cost.
- c. The Clerk to start the process to purchase a new VAS for ECR.
- d. It was agreed that there would be an informal meeting on the Monday before each PC meeting at 2pm.

3677 To confirm the dates for 2023/24 SBPC meetings:

- Wednesday 12th July 2023
- Wednesday 13th September 2023
- Wednesday 8th November 2023
- Wednesday 10th January 2024
- Wednesday 13th March 2024
- Wednesday 10th April 2024 Annual Parish Meeting
- Wednesday 15th May 2024 Annual Parish Council Meeting

3678 Date & Time of Next Meeting:

The date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting is proposed for Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 7.30 to be held in Bradley Green Village Hall.

3679 QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There was an opportunity for the public to speak, this opened at 20.24 and closed at 20.34, The following were raised:

- a. It was noted in the above payments that an annual payment was to be made to nPower for supplying electricity to the Defib in the SG phone box; it was requested that a similar payment could also be made to the Village Hall for their hosting of the Defib. The Chair agreed that he would discuss this with the Chair of the VH Committee.
- b. Cllr Mrs N Davies was presented with bouquet of flowers in appreciation for her contribution and support of the VH Committee while in her role as the VH representative.

The meeting closed at 20.39.

Signed: Chairman

Date: 12th July 2023