

# STOCK AND BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING

held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 19.30 hrs.

3693 Present: Councillors Mr M Hadley (Chairman), Mr P Langham (Vice Chair) Mrs P Warren, Mrs N Davies, Mr C Burdett,  
County Councillor: Mr T Miller.  
District Councillor: Mr N Dawkes,  
8 Members of the Public.  
Mr R Dean as Clerk.

3694 APOLOGIES:  
Councillors Mrs N Willison, Mr S Banham. PC 21571 Sarah Clarke, these were accepted.

3695 WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION:  
None.

3696 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

**County Councillor Mr Tony Miller**

CClr Mr Miller said he would donate £1,000 towards the new VAS for Earls Common Road. He also stated that he has instigated a new project to acquire 4 + (1 Free) Vehicle Recognition Cameras (VRC) which will be made available to Parish Councils on a regular basis (1 VRC per 10 parishes). It is planned that the police will fund £20k and the CC £1k. These VRC will identify the speeding cars and the information will be passed on to the Police; at the moment it is unclear if prosecutions would follow, this project would require Highways agreement and approval. This is not a Safer Roads Partnership project.

CClr Mr Miller, was asked if the County Highways Dept would consider reducing the speed limit from 60 mph along ECR from the Stock Green Sign (to the East of the village) through to the 30 mph signs just beyond Middle Lane? He responded that if the PC would send him a justification, he would pursue it with Highways.

**District Councillor Mr Nick Dawkes.**

Re: Roundhill Solar & Battery application. DClr Mr Dawkes stated that the Heriford and Worcester Fire Brigade had submitted a recommendation that Industrial Battery Storage Units should be at least 6 mtrs apart and have a water hydrant next to each one capable of supplying at least 1,500 ltrs of water a minute, and each site should have at least two entrances. The councillors asked if this had been submitted to WDC regarding the Roundhill site? Apparently it had.

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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 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

3698 Progress Reports

a. **Police update (3686a)** – PC 21571 Sarah Clerk, apologised for not attending the meeting and said there was nothing to report.

b. **Safer Roads - “Community Speed Watch” (3686b)** – The Clerk asked Bob Haynes, Senior Traffic Management Advisor, Road Safety, West Mercia Police and Simon Campbell, Operations Manager, Road Safety Team, West Mercia Police about the pros and cons of the Westcotec, Automatic Speed Watch Camera (ASWC). Simon responded that they are aware of these devices. As a force they are conducting a 12 Month trial in 3 locations within the force area, and it would be inappropriate to comment at this time on

the trials as they have not yet been completed. What they can say is that the trials ran for 6 months, there was then a break of 6 months whilst some highlighted technical issues were addressed by the supplying company. They have now resumed with an anticipated trial completion by late November. The Council agreed to wait until the trial is completed before making any decision.

- c. **Roundhill solar farm** and battery storage facility, application on behalf of JBM Solar Projects (UK) Ltd. (**3686c**) – The PC has liaised with FPC, IPC and DPC and have submitted their objection to WDC for the solar panel application under the Statutory Consultee section. Herford & Worcester Fire and Rescue have submitted a list of recommendations and suggestions for the solar farm.
- d. **Issues re: Ongoing Disturbance** Upper Priest Bridge Farm, Dark Lane, Bradley Green B96 6SN (**3686d**) -
  - a. **Unauthorised Residential Units:** As this is within FPC land, the Clerk had written to Steven Edden, Principal Planning Officer, Development Management, Planning & Regeneration Services; Redditch Borough Council and Bromsgrove District Council, who replied “I’m afraid I have no further updates for you at this time. This matter remains under investigation”.
  - 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 he has flagged it up with his Enforcement officer and because there are so many issues with the same landowner it will take time. We only have one enforcement officer covering the whole county and therefore the workload is prioritised.
- e. **Lulworth Cottage, Church Road (3686e)** –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. **Painting Stock Green K6 Phone Box (3686f)** – the Clerk has asked CALC for more information on how this can be done, as it has a wooden door and needs specialist treatment.
- g. **New VAS for Earls Common Road (3686g)** – the Clerk had discovered a new type of VAS from Westcotec, which is a number plate recognition camera, and can be used for Community Speed Watch (CSW) support, it collects the vehicle Registration, date, time, speed, vehicle colour, manufacturer, it can be fixed to a post and solar powered and costs £3,845 + VAT. Please see **3698b** above

#### 3698 Finance

- a. Confirm New Bank Signatories – Cllr Mr P Langham & Cllr Mrs N Davies have been added Santander Bank.
- b. To receive and approve the financial statement and approve payments, Cllr Mr C Burdett proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs N Davis and it was AGREED to approve the statement and payments below:

On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023, the Council’s assets were £10,809.26  
Current A/c: £3,387.81 + Deposit A/c: £7,421.45

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

1.	Parish Lengthsman – May	£ 112.26
2.	Parish Lengthsman - June	£ 172.50
3.	Hire of Village Hall – 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> February (defib Training)	£ 60.00
4.	Hire of Village Hall – 28 <sup>th</sup> June	£ 30.00
5.	Queen’s Jubilee Garden – Fence	£ 105.60
6.	Heart Internet – Annual web hosting	£ 71.86

7.	Atkinson & Co – Payroll fees	£ 66.00
8.	Village Hall – Defib Electricity	£ 59.04
9.	Hire of Village Hall – 12 <sup>th</sup> July	£ 30.00

Since the previous Ordinary Meeting, the following amounts have been received:  
Interest on deposit account £ 35.32

Invoices to pay:

1.	Parish Lengthsman – July	£ 136.25
2.	Parish Lengthsman - August	£ 114.60
3.	Land Registry search fees	£ 35.94
4.	Hire of Village Hall – 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	£ 30.00
5.	Hire of Village Hall – 13 <sup>th</sup> September	£ 30.00
6.	Clerk salary – 6 months	£2520.00
7.	Parish Expenses – 6 months	£ 242.09
8.	Uncontested election admin charge	£ 50.00

3699 Planning

1. Applications:

**W/23/01715/FUL - Site of Red Lion, Droitwich Road, Bradley Green, Mr Nicholas Rands**

Variation of Condition 3 to planning permission 14/00452/PN - canopy porches to Plots 1 & 2 and open porch to Plot 4.

**The Council had no objections.**

**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), The PC has submitted its objection, and it is registered on the RBC planning site under the “Statutory Consultee section.”

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 under the Statutory Consultee section. It is understood that JBM have been bought by the German Company RWE who will also now conduct the build of the Solar Farm should it be approved.

2. Approvals: None

3. Withdrawals: None

4. Refusal Notice: None

5. Appeals: None

6. Planning Contravention Notice.

**ENF/22/0154** Re: The Nest Land Adjacent to former Bird in Hand, Stockwood, Inkberrow, B96 6SX. Ongoing noise and disturbance. The PC had organised a progress meeting with the Police, WDC planning, WCC regulatory services and RSPCA to discuss these ongoing issues. It is also understood that the WDC planning enforcement is arraigning a visit to the site.

3700 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- a. It was agreed to establish a “task force” to create a “welcome booklet” for new residents to S&B village which would provide relevant information of what is available in the village and surrounding area, the Clerk was asked to co-ordinate this.
- b. The Village Litter Pick has been organised for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

3701 To confirm the dates for 2023/24 SBPC meetings:

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Annual Parish Council Meeting

3702 Date & Time of Next Meeting:

The date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting is proposed for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30 to be held in Bradley Green Village Hall.

3703 QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There were two opportunities for the public to speak, the first opened at 19.31 and closed at 19.33, and the second opened at 20.15 and closed at 20.20.

The following were raised: There were three drains in Dark Lane which had deteriorated and sunk which posed a threat to motorists, cyclists, and horse riders, the Clerk was asked to inform WCC Highways.

The meeting closed at 20.21.

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023