

STOCK AND BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 15th May 2023 at 19.30 hrs.

- 3793 Present: Councillors Mr M Hadley (Chairman), Mr P Langham (Vice Chair) Mrs P Warren, Mrs N Davies, Mr C Burdett, Mrs N Willison, Mr S Banham
County Councillor Mr T Miller.
PC Sarah Clarke, PC Vicky Elliott.
4 Members of the Public.
Mr R Dean as Clerk.
- 3794 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN
Cllr Mrs N Davies proposed and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Warren and it was AGREED that Cllr Mr Chris Burdett would be Chairman for the coming year.
- 3795 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE BY CHAIRMAN.
This was signed by the Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk
- 3796 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.
- 3797 APOLOGIES:
District Councillor: Mr N Dawkes, this was accepted.
- 3798 REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION:
Cllr Mr C Burdett, regarding Item 15c, Roundhill solar farm and battery storage facility.
- 3799 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:
County Councillor Mr Tony Miller, Expressed his thanks to Cllr Mr M Hadley for his detailed dedication and service to the community over the past years as Chair of the PC, this was endorsed by all members of the PC.
He has reopened the investigation to reduce the speed limit in Stockwood Lane to Middle Lane.
The WCC elections will be held in 2025.
He always enjoyed reading the Chronicle which he thought was the best newsletter he received and believed it brought the community together, he asked the Clerk for the bank details in order that he could donate £200.
- 3800 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 essential, interesting and informative "Chronicle".
- 3801 APPOINTMENTS OF SBPC REPRESENTATIVES.
a. Mr Shaun Tame was confirmed as the Footpaths Office.
b. Mrs K Farmiloe was confirmed as the Editor of the Chronicle.
c. Mr Jim Hackett and Cllr Paul Langham were confirmed as the Nominative trustees of the Stock and Bradley Relief in Need Charity.
- 3802 CONFIRM BANK SIGNATORIES.
Cllr Mr M Hadley, Cllr P Langham and Cllr Mrs N Davies were confirmed as signatories.

3803 CONFIRM INTERNAL AUDITOR.

Mr Richard Fletcher, of Feckenham, was confirmed as the Internal Auditor.

3804 INSPECTION OF SAFEGUARDED DOCUMENTS.

None

3805 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.

3806 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

had been circulated. Cllr Mr S Banham 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 13th March 2024.

3807 Progress Reports

- a. **Police update (3733a)** – PC 21571 Sarah Clerk, said that a caravan had been stolen from Rush Farm, Cllr C Burdett said that the “team” had responded quickly, a workshop in BG had been broken into on the 25th March, items had been moved but nothing stolen, there had been a “door-to-door” sales person in Stock Green who was abusive to some residents who didn’t have a peddlers licence, anyone affected should call 101, there was car key burglary and car stolen in Crowle, the car was recovered.
- b. **Safer Roads - “Community Speed Watch” (3733b)** – The Clerk had been informed by Simon Campbell, Operations Manager, Road Safety Team, West Mercia Police, that he had organised the regular Bike Enforcement Team using various sites in the village, this had been witnessed by members of the PC, and one resident admitted receiving a conviction for 36 MPH.
- c. **Roundhill solar farm and battery storage facility, on behalf of JBM Solar Projects (UK) Ltd. (3733c)** – There was little to report apart as there was no indication as to when JBM were going to resubmit their amended application.
- d. **Issues re: Ongoing Disturbance Upper Priest Bridge Farm, Dark Lane, Bradley Green B96 6SN (3733ed)** -.
 - 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 met with and received a reply from Patrick White, Senior Public Rights of Way Officer, Public Rights of Way, WCC, who stated “we are looking at it and I will take over this in due course. Shirley Penn our enforcement officer leaves at the end of this month. I must stress this may seem to be a high priority to the parish but overall, in comparison to a lot of reports I have it is fairly low. As the Parish has been pursuing this for some time, I will endeavour to get some improvements done.
- e. **Painting Stock Green Phone Box (3733e)** – Cllr Mr M Hadley had been on contact with Harry Whitfield who had agreed to prepare the Phone Box for painting for the sum of £200 plus any equipment or parts, the Clerk to ask the Lengthsman to clear the vegetation around the phone box.
- f. **New VAS for Stock Green (3733f)** – Ordered and installed thanks to Chris Cooke (Lengthsman).
- g. **Litter Pick 6th April (3736e)** – 21 residents cleaned the whole of Stock & Bradley.

3808 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 2024.
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 2024.
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 2024.
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 2024.

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

Annual PC Meeting 15th May 2024 - Further details of matters to be considered:
Item 16e - Financial Affairs.

On 1st May 2024, the Council's assets were £17,788.39
Current A/c: £10,366.94 + Deposit A/c: £7,421.45

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

1.	Parish Lengthsman – January	£ 119.70
2.	Parish Lengthsman - February	£ 146.70
3.	Clerk's Salary – 6 month	£2520.00
4.	Parish expenses – 6 months	£ 299.89
5.	Hire VH 30 th November	£ 30.00
6.	Hire VH 10 th January	£ 30.00
7.	Hire VH 13 th March (2 mtgs)	£ 60.00

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

1.	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner – VAS Grant	£2580.00
2.	Lengthsman February	£ 137.25
3.	1 st Precept Payment	£4113.00

Invoices to pay:

1.	Parish Lengthsman – March	£ 83.70
2.	Parish Lengthsman – April	£ 101.70
3.	Annual Parish Meeting expenses	£ 131.44
4.	WCALC membership	£ 245.55
5.	Elan City – 4 th VAS	£2580.00
6.	Gallagher – Annual Insurance	£ 633.20
7.	Npower – Stock Green Defib	£ 106.13
8.	Sponsorship of Hanbury Countryside Show	£ 200.00
9.	Internal Audit Fees	£ 105.00
10	4 th VAS Lock	£ 24.99

3809 Item 17 – Planning

1. Applications: None
2. Approvals: None
3. Withdrawals: None
4. Refusal Notice: None
5. Appeals: None

3810 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

a. To consider the request for funding from the Village Hall Committee.

Following the above request the Councillors discussed this and suggested the following:

- The Councillors congratulated the VH Committee on their very commendable achievements of making significant improvements to the VH over the past 18 months.
- During the meeting, the Secretary of the VH Committee explained that the committee were focussing the majority of their time and efforts on applying for grants to fund their future projects as “fund raising in itself” would not generate the resources necessary to achieve these goals.
- In view of this the Councillors stressed that they were not opposed to providing funding to the VH as they had done in the past, and with this in mind they would like to suggest a “gofundme” or fundraiser project with a target of say £1,000, with a specific goal, the PC would start this with a donation of £250. It could be explored to ask other organisations if they would match fund or donate as well.
- They would be interested to hear of the anticipated future projects planned over the next 6 to 12 months and the approximate costs involved.
- This could take the form of a presentation at a future PC meeting.

The Clerk had also heard from the Feckenham Horse Show (29th June) and the Hanbury Countryside Show (6th July) and they have agreed that a banner promoting the S&B Village Hall can be shown at both events, I have passed on all the details (size etc) to the Secretary of the Village Hall.

b. To Consider the request for Sponsorship from Feckenham Horse Show.
It was agreed to donate £100.

c. To consider the request for funding from the PCC for a D-Day remembrance service.
Following a vote, the majority of Councillors agreed to donate £150 to the Church for the 9th of June remembrance service and refreshments.

3811 To confirm the dates for 2024/5 SBPC meetings:

Wednesday 10th July 2024

Wednesday 25th September 2024

Wednesday 13th November 2024

Wednesday 8th January 2025

Wednesday 12th March 2025

Wednesday 9th April 2025 Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 14th May 2025 Annual Parish Council Meeting

3812 Date & Time of Next Meeting:

The date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting is proposed for Wednesday 10th July 2024 at 7.30 to be held in Bradley Green Village Hall.

3813 QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There was an opportunity for the public to speak, this opened at 20.00 and closed at 20.06, 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.
- b. There was a “dropped drain” at the top of Dark Lane.
- c. There is an uneven footpath leading South from the old post box on the LHS of Church Road
- d. Cllr Mr M Hadley was presented with a gift from the Parish Councillors in appreciation for his contribution, dedication and support for the community while in his role as the Chair of the PC.

The meeting closed at 21.08.

Signed: Chairman

Date: 10th July 2024