

STOCK AND BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 19.30 hrs.

- 3496 Present: Councillors Mr M Hadley (Chairman), Mrs S Wallis (Vice-Chairman), Mrs P Warren, Mr M Bates, Mrs N Davies,
County Councillors Mr Tony Miller & Mathew Dormer (also Head of RBC)
11 Members of the Public.
Mr R Dean as Clerk.
- 3497 APOLOGIES:
District Councillors Mrs A Steel, Mr D Wilkinson, Parish Councillors Mr P Langham, Mr C Burdett.,
PC Warren Edmunds, PCSO Aiden Goundry, these were accepted
- 3498 DECLARATIONS OF A PECUNIARY OR OTHER DISCLOSABLE INTEREST:
None.
- 3499 WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION
None.
- 3500 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:
County Councillor Mr Tony Miller reported that:
WCC are revising the Lengthsman scheme, they are looking at an implementation timeframe of
April 2022.
CC Mr T Miller has funding available to help prevent speeding, the Clerk agreed to make enquiries
as to the cost of a VAS as we already have the post and solar panel and send Cllr Mr Miller
details.
- 3501 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
had been circulated. Cllr Mr M Bates proposed and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Wallis, and it was
AGREED to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 22nd
September 2021
- 3502 PROGRESS REPORTS
- a. Police update and Traffic Calming (3492a) – PCSO Aiden Goundry stated that there was nothing
to report. PC Joe Brooks reported that they had an impromptu speed check session on 10th
October, the speeds of 50 cars were noted and two were stopped and spoken to for speed
under 40mph. the overall average speed was 27.734mph.
Traffic Calming - the “Safer Roads Partnership” (3492a & 3498a) – The clerk has started the
process applying to Mr. Marc Watts from the Safer Roads Partnership (which would allow
residents to monitor speeds through the village) who will organise the installation of speed
monitoring equipment in the village, to verify the maximum and minimum speeds, which is
needed to proceed with this activity.
 - b. Roundhill solar farm and battery storage facility, Worcestershire, on behalf of JBM Solar Projects
(UK) Ltd. (3492b) – the Clerk had contacted Inkberrow PC (as this land is within their parish)
who stated that they have not heard anything and have taken it off their agenda. Council Chair
Mr M Hadley reported that he had contacted JBM and they confirmed that the application was
still active, if it does proceed, the next step would be for JBM to organise a public consultation.
 - c. Issues re: Ongoing Disturbance and Planning Application at Upper Priest Bridge Farm, Dark
Lane, Bradley Green B96 6SN (3492c) - As this is in FPC the Clerk asked the Feckenham Clerk
for an update – they were holding a PC meeting on the following day (Thursday 23rd September),

Cllr Mr P Langham & Cllr N Davies attended the FPC meeting and met with Cllr Mathew Dormer who is Head of RBC and discussed the current situation.

At their request Cllr Mathew Dormer agreed to attend our meeting on the 10th November and made the following statement: "This is a current and live Planning Application and is therefore, a constantly changing situation due to amended drawings being received, however, RBC planning are aware of the situation and have visited the site regarding the compositing noise and advised that the machinery needs to be moved into the barn, Worcester Regulatory Services are also involved".

The Clerk had also contacted Simon Jones, Principal Planning Officer, Bromsgrove District Council and Redditch Borough Council who also confirmed that this remained an open investigation, however, he clarified that there are, to his knowledge, up to 4 separate 'units' in unauthorised residential occupation at the location.

- d. Community Legacy Grant Application for a grant to install a toilet and a kitchen in the church (3492d) – Cllr Mr P Lanham reported that the funds had been allocated and we are ready to start, Mrs C Heart, Cllr Mr P Lanham and the Clerk met with Maureen Cook, PA support to Director of Housing and Communities, Strategy & Communications Support Officer, WDC, who wanted to view the site and assess the application.
- e. Traffic Calming - the "Safer Roads Partnership" (3492a & 3498a) – please see 3502a above
- f. Mowing the Church Grounds (3498c) – it was discovered (for various reasons) that no grass cuttings can be left in the church grounds, it was therefore agreed that the churchyard maintenance would be left to the existing contractors.
- g. 21/01582/FUL, Mr & Mrs R Wofford, Tibbetts Farm, Church Road, Bradley Green, B966RN Mixed agricultural / equestrian building, new driveway and manage (3498)
The PC had submitted an objection to this application and posted it on WDC - also comments made in the public question period (3496) were noted, Ms Charlotte Barry, WDC Planning Dept, confirmed that the application is on hold, all relevant parties will be informed when the case is opened again.
- h. Hedge in Flying Horse Lane (3498d) – This has now been cut back.

3503 FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

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

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Item 7 - Financial Affairs.

On 1st November 2021, the Council's assets were £11,948.99

Current A/c: £4,565.60 + Deposit A/c: £7,383.39

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

1.	Parish Lengthsman – July	£ 190.00
2.	Parish Lengthsman – August	£ 60.00
4.	S&B Community event Raffle Prizes	£ 106.03
5.	Clerk Salary – April to September	£2034.00
6.	WCALC annual membership	£ 228.27

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	£ 180.00
2.	Parish Lengthsman – October	£ 185.00
3.	Atkinson & Co – PAYE fees	£ 37.80
4.	Village Hall fees	£ 66.00

- b. To receive and approve the Budget and Precept proposal for 2022/23, Cllr Mrs P Warren proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs N Davies, and it was AGREED to approve the Precept for 2022/23.

3504 Item 8 – Planning

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

3505 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- a. Funding for S&B village Drop-In-Centre
Mrs M Fish, Treasurer of the Drop-in-Centre confirmed that there was £1,249.59 in the accounts, the Clerk had contacted Emma Buckingham, Grants and Communications Officer, Community First, who confirmed that the initial Grant of £1,000 paid in 2007/8 does not have to be repaid, it was therefore agreed that there were sufficient funds for the Drop-in-Centre to continue for the foreseeable future. It was also suggested that all possible means should be used to publicise the meetings.
- b. The issue of Lulworth Cottage in Church Road was raised, nobody lives there, it is in a "run down" condition and is infested with Rats and other vermin, as this is in Feckenham Parish, Cllr Mathew Dormer, Head of RBC, confirmed that WCC Regulatory Services were involved and would follow up on this.
- c. Chair Mr M Hadley suggested that a S&B Services Working Party should be formed to investigate what products and services are available to residents and what others could be provided, it was agreed to report back its finding at the March meeting.

3506 To confirm the dates for 2022 SBPC meetings.

Wednesday 12th January 2022
Wednesday 9th March 2022
Wednesday 13th April 2022 Annual Parish Mtg
Wednesday 11th May 2022 Annual PC mtg
Wednesday 13th July 2022
Wednesday 21st September 2022 – Proposed & agreed
Wednesday 9th November 2022

3507 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING(s)

The date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting is proposed for Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7.30 to be held in Bradley Green Village Hall.

3508 QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There was an opportunity for the public to speak, it was opened at 20.09 which closed at 20.34. The following issues were raised:

- a. There are new regulations relating to septic tanks when selling properties, as Stock Green had received approval for a main sewer a few years ago, is there a possibility for Bradley Green to also qualify for this? County Cllr Mr T Miller stated that this would have to be on environmental grounds. Chair Mr M Hadley offered to investigate this and take it forward.
- b. Mr S Banham, stated that following the success of the summer event and due to demand, the community were planning a Christmas event which would involve Carols, mulled wine and mince pies in the Church followed by a bar, pop-up pig roast and other activities in the village hall, Chair Mr M Hadley proposed and seconded by Cllr Mr P Langham and it was AGREED that the PC would supply the mulled wine etc for the Church event up to a value of £200.

- c. The Village Hall committee needs new/additional members, The Village Hall should be more climate compliant, the boiler needs to be replaced with an Eco one and insulation in the loft space and to the external walls needs to be investigated. It has been agreed to plant a wildflower strip and trees at the back of the hall with bird boxes added. It was also suggested that the provision of outdoor exercise equipment could be investigated. The committee need to establish what funding is available and would appreciate the full co-operation of the village to ensure that future generations have the continued benefits.
County Councillor Mr Tony Miller said, he can also assist with an insulation assessment should the Village Hall committee wish to pursue this.

The meeting closed at 20.50

Signed:

Chairman

Date: 12th January 2022