

STOCK AND BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 19.30 hrs.

- 3509 Present: Councillors Mr M Hadley (Chairman), Mrs S Wallis (Vice-Chairman), Mrs P Warren, Mrs N Davies, Mr P Langham, Mr C Burdett.
County Councillor Mr Tony Miller
13 Members of the Public.
Mr R Dean as Clerk.
- 3510 APOLOGIES:
District Councillors Mrs A Steel, Mr D Wilkinson, Parish Councillor Mr M Bates, PC Warren Edmunds, PCSO Aiden Goundry, Mrs C Heart, these were accepted
- 3511 DECLARATIONS OF A PECUNIARY OR OTHER DISCLOSABLE INTEREST:
None.
- 3512 WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION
None.
- 3513 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:
County Councillor Mr Tony Miller reported that:
The VAS sign had been ordered and would be delivered soon.
WCC are sitting on Thursday 13th January, and it is proposed to increase the band “D” Council Tax by £1 per week, 70% of the budget is spent on the care for the elderly & Children 30% on Roads and Infrastructure – Street lighting, refuse services.
A question was raised – has an audit been published on the cost-effective aspects of recycling various items of refuse i.e., grey plastic, soiled plastic? C Cllr Mr Miller stated he would make enquiries.
- 3514 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
had been circulated. Cllr Mrs S Wallis, 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 10th November 2021.
- 3515 PROGRESS REPORTS
- a. **Police update and Traffic Calming (3502a)** – PCSO Vicky Elliott reported that there had been only one crime reported, it was on the 6th November – a shed/outbuilding was entered and a lawn mower taken.
Traffic Calming - the “Safer Roads Partnership” (3502a) – Mr. Marc Watts from the Safer Roads Partnership (which would allow residents to monitor speeds through the village) reported that an itemised plan for data collection for 2022 is being drawn up in order to allocate resources as the West Mercia area is large.
 - b. **Roundhill solar farm** and battery storage facility, Worcestershire, on behalf of JBM Solar Projects (UK) Ltd. (3502b) – 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 Brendon O’Brian MD of JBM and confirmed that the application was still active, and that they are preparing to start planning for a public consultation.
 - c. **Issues re: Ongoing Disturbance** and Planning Application at Upper Priest Bridge Farm, Dark Lane, Bradley Green B96 6SN (3502c) - As this is within FPC land, the Clerk asked the Feckenham Clerk, RB Cllr Mr Matt Dormer and Mr Simon Jones if there is anything more to

report from our previous PC meeting, they all reported that “there is no further news at this point, other to confirm that this is remains an open investigation”

- d. **Community Legacy Grant Application** for a grant to install a toilet and a kitchen in the church (3502d) – 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. Mrs Cook confirmed the funds are available and ready to be transferred as soon as the work starts.
- e. **21/01582/FUL, Mr & Mrs R Wofford, Tibbetts Farm**, Church Road, Bradley Green, B966RN Mixed agricultural / equestrian building, new driveway and manage (3502g) - Ms Charlotte Barry, WDC Planning Dept, confirmed that the application is on hold, Ms Barry stated they were in the process of agreeing a condition relating to access to the site, to ensure that the existing access (which is currently affecting the integrity of the listed building when being used by large vehicles & machinery) is closed up prior to the new access being utilised. This would address the Heritage Officer’s concerns and we will then hopefully be in a position to determine the application. As usual, given the local parish council objections we will need to take this case to committee but we’re not in a position to do so right now. All relevant parties will be informed when the case is opened again.
- f. **Lulworth Cottage, Church Road (3505b)** – as this property is in Feckenham Parish, Cllr Mr Matt Dormer Redditch BC, reported that the council is in contact with the owner and the officers have been informed that he has lost interest and after the “lockdown” he intends to sell the property, they will keep a watch and see if he intends to carry out the actions he has said.
- g. **S&B Services Working Party (3505c)** – Cllr M Hadley stated that the S&BSWP had met on 1st December and said the aims of the working party are:
- i) Establish what existing services there are.
 - ii) Investigate whether any of the existing services are under threat.
 - iii) Research new services we would like to see in the parish.
 - iv) Recommend as to what the parish council could do to ensure the continuation of any existing services deemed to be under threat and also what actions the parish council could take to encourage the creation of the new services recommended.
- Tasked were allocated and they agreed to meet again on Tuesday 18th January.
- h. **Investigating Bradley Green main sewer (3508a)** – Cllr M Hadley said he had made enquiries with Mr Simon Wiles, head of Worcestershire Regulatory Services, who replied saying for the application to succeed they need a large number resident(s) whose septic tank draining systems are not functioning. This is usually due to a high-water table and heavy clay, there are some properties affected but insufficient number for the application to succeed. Cllr Mr M Hadley added that WDC are not able to assist.

3516 FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

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

Ordinary PC Meeting 12th January 2022 - Further details of matters to be considered: Item 7 - Financial Affairs.

On 1st January 2022, the Council’s assets were £12,829.44
Current A/c: £5,446.05 + Deposit A/c: £7,383.39

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

1.	Parish Lengthsman – September	£ 180.00
2.	Parish Lengthsman – October	£ 185.00
3.	Atkinson & Co – PAYE fees	£ 75.60
4.	Village Hall fees	£ 66.00

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

Lengthsman Fees – March to October 2021 £1387.05

Invoices to pay:

1.	Parish Lengthsman – November	£ 110.00
2.	Parish Lengthsman – December	£ 150.00
3.	E-on Electricity for Phone box	£ 93.70
4.	SLCC Membership	£ 98.00
5.	Church Christmas refreshments	£ 156.68

3517 Item 8 – Planning

1. Applications:

21/02884/HP

Mr & Mrs Castle, Corner Meadow, Middle Road, Stock Green, Redditch, B96 6TN

Demolition works, two storey extension, new vehicular access, erection of outbuilding

This house was built with an agricultural restriction (fish farming) which was lifted in 2004.

1) The extension comprises the demolition and rebuilding on a slightly different angle of a small single storey wing this timed with a first floor above it.

The PC can see no objection to that.

2) The proposed garage is a large two storey structure. Although large the PC have no objection subject to the comment that it would be very easy to fit out the first floor as a small flat and the whole building could be a separate dwelling. Whilst that would require specific planning approval, the site has already gone from an open field with no buildings on it, to a field with a caravan in it, to a dwelling with agricultural occupancy (round about late 1980's) to an unrestricted dwelling. All that in what is classified as 'open countryside' where it is normally very difficult indeed to obtain planning permission to build a new dwelling. We would not like to see another dwelling on the site.

3) Changes to access drive: We are surprised that this needs planning permission as it appears to be adjustment of the existing access. It will obviously need the approval of the Highway Authority (The County Council). Subject to that, we have no objection to it.

21/02929/AGR

Mr S Banham, Moat Farm, Stockwood, Inkberrow, Redditch, B96 6SX

Agricultural storage building

Approval is not necessary for this type of application – see Approvals below

DUMY77/0001 Dummy Application

Old Berrow Hill Farm Berrowhill Lane Feckenham Worcestershire

No information available as appears to be a test application.

2. Approvals:

21/02929/AGR

Mr S Banham, Moat Farm, Stockwood, Inkberrow, Redditch, B96 6SX

Agricultural storage building

3. Withdrawals: None

4. Refusal Notice: None

5. Appeals: None

6. Complaint:

About the barn conversion at Sika Barn which is at the back of Willow Cottage on the Droitwich Road, a Tree Services business is being operated from this residence, as well as other activities which is causing distress to the neighbours – WDC Planning Enforcement and Police have been informed as well as the residents affected who are now in direct communication with the planning enforcement officer, this is now an “active enforcement case”.

- a. The issue of the Jones & Collier charity was raised, in 1971 it was to help the Poor of the Parish in need of hardship or distress, currently gifts are distributed to residents over 80 at Christmas. As Cllr Mr P Langham is a member of the J&C Committee, he was asked to find out the number of residents receiving these gifts; as not all the residents of S&B are aware of this, it was also suggested that this could be promoted in the Chronicle.
- b. Plans are underway to celebrate the Queen's 70th Jubilee.
 - 1. A beacon will be lit on Kate & Gordon Farmiloe's hill on Thursday 2nd June.
 - 2. An afternoon tea, sandwiches, cake and fizz celebration will be held on Saturday 4th June at 3pm in the Village Hall – it was agreed that this will be funded by the Parish Council.
 - 3. This will be followed by an evening celebration featuring entertainment, Paying bar, bar-b-que and much, much more, in the Village Hall.
- c. The annual village litter pick will be organised on Saturday March 26th at 10 am, meet at the village hall or the phone box, Stock Green.

3519 To confirm the dates for 2022 SBPC meetings.

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

3520 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING(s)

The date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting is proposed for Wednesday 9th March 2022 at 7.30 to be held in Bradley Green Village Hall.

3521 QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There was an opportunity for the public to speak, it was opened at 20.10 which closed at 20.22.

The following issues were raised:

- a. The Village Hall AGM will be held on Tuesday 8th March at 7.30 in the village hall, Mrs Stella Wallis will be retiring as acting Chair and Treasurer after this meeting.
- b. Richard Tinmeny, Community First Village Hall adviser will be meeting the VH Committee on Monday 31st January to explain the issues regarding the responsibilities of trustees.

The meeting closed at 20.34

Signed:

Chairman

Date: 9th March 2022