

STOCK AND BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th July 2022 at 19.30 hrs.

- 3566 Present: Councillors Mr M Hadley (Chairman), Mrs S Wallis, Mrs P Warren, Mrs N Davies, Mr C Burdett.
County Councillor Mr Tony Miller
20 Members of the Public.
Mr R Dean as Clerk.
- 3567 APOLOGIES:
District Councillors Mrs A Steel, Mr D Wilkinson, Councillors Mr M Bates, Mr P Langham. PC Warren Edmunds, PCSO Aiden Goundry, these were accepted.
- 3568 WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION:
Cllr Mr C Burdett, with regards to his farm tenancy re: the proposed Roundhill solar farm application; this was unanimously agreed by the councillors present.
- 3569 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:
County Councillor Mr Tony Miller commented on the Solar Panel Planning application these are noted below in 3571(b)
- 3570 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
had been circulated. Cllr Mrs S Wallis, proposed and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Warren and it was AGREED to approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2022.
- 3571 Progress Reports
- a. **Police update and Traffic Calming (3558a)** – PC Joe Brooks stated that there had been no crime reported in the area. The police had conducted several speed checks in the village.
The Clerk had informed PC Brooks that several youths had been seen wandering onto properties and peering in through house windows in the area – police had been called and attended with a dog and had a look around. Also, a group of youths were walking in the road in Bradley Green, didn't move out of the way and forced the lady to stop, she had to wait until they walked around her; youths' who matched the description the of the above events were seen at Priest Bridge. Several other reports of a drone which has been seen over some properties.
Traffic Calming - the "Safer Roads Partnership" (3528a) – Mr. Marc Watts, Community Speed Watch Coordinator (which would allow residents to monitor speeds through the village) reported that they had taken data from Bradley Green and that the mean average speed recoded (35 mph which is too high) makes it unsuitable for Community Speed Watch (CSW). This was questioned by the Chair Cllr Mr M Hadley who has sent Mr Watts the data from the VAS which indicates a lower mean average speed and asked what the parameters are, which would allow Community Speed Watch. Cllr Mr M Hadley and the Clerk spoke to David Parish, Operations Manager at CWS to discuss the variations in speed recording between the S&B Vas and the CSW data, Mr Parish suggested that the reason for the VAS recording lower speeds could be the way they were recorded and presented by the VAS software. Mr Parish did agree to install his recording devices again in both Stock & Bradley and agreed to discuss this further.
- b. **Roundhill solar farm** and battery storage facility, Worcestershire, on behalf of JBM Solar Projects (UK) Ltd. (3558b) – Cllr Mr M Hadley, Cllr Mr P Langham and the Clerk

has attended two Zoom meetings with the representatives from Kington & Dormston & Inkberrow PCs to agree a common way forward. Cllrs Mr M Hadley, Mr P Langham, Cllr Mrs N Davis and the Clerk had attended the JBM consultation "Open day" in Inkberrow; following this Cllr Mr M Hadley had written to Mr Connor McAllister, Senior Project Manager at JBM Solar with a series of questions. The public response period to JBM's Screening Application submitted to WDC had closed with 100 comments submitted, a response from WDC to JBM will now be submitted prior to the full application from JBM. CCllr Mt T Miller, when questioned, stated the only thing that the County will have an input on is the vehicle travel plan and any access onto the highway other than that this all falls under the umbrella of Wychavon District Council.

- c. **Issues re: Ongoing Disturbance** and Planning Application at Upper Priest Bridge Farm, Dark Lane, Bradley Green B96 6SN (3558c) - As this is within FPC land, the Clerk asked the Feckenham Clerk and RB Cllr Mr Matt Dormer if there is anything more to report from our previous PC meeting, they reported that "there is no further news at this point, other to confirm that this remains an open investigation". Mr Simon Jones, Principal Planning Officer, Bromsgrove & Redditch BC replied stating "I can only confirm that this is now amongst a number of priority cases which we are dealing with".
- d. **Lulworth Cottage, Church Road (3558e)** – this building is unoccupied, derelict, detrimental to the village and is affecting neighbouring properties. As this is within FPC, the Clerk asked the Feckenham Clerk and RB Cllr Mr Matt Dormer if there is anything more to report from our previous PC meeting, Cllr Mr Matt Dormer replied that there was nothing new to report they will keep monitoring the situation and will advise as the situation develops. Cllr Mrs P Warren had contacted Kelly Scott, Planning Assistant (Enforcement), Bromsgrove & Redditch Councils and asked her to investigate this situation, Kelly Scott had contacted the owner to discuss the condition of the property and will arrange a site visit next month when she returns from vacation, the Clerk also agreed to contact Kelly Scott to progress this issue.
- e. **Queen's 70th Jubilee celebrations (3558e)** – the clerk informed the council that he had received a certificate in "grateful recognition" to S&BPC for supporting the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon and celebrations, this will be framed and hung in the Village Hall.
- f. **Queen's Jubilee Garden at Priest Bridge (3558f)** – Thanks were expressed to the Village Hall Committee for planting the Jubilee Oak Tree and maintaining the surrounding ground, the Clerk has asked the Lengthsman to maintain the plot as necessary from now on, the Clerk has received the plaque to attach to the tree fence when erected, CCllr Mr T Miller has undertaken to donate 100 daffodil bulbs to be planted around the site.
- g. **New web site sbpc.gov.uk (3563)** – the Clerk explained that this was taking longer than planned at the Web Site provider required a .gov email to proceed which is what we were applying for, the clerk has asked the Feckenham Clerk for advice as they have just applied for a .gov as well.

3572 Finance

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

Ordinary PC Meeting 13th July 2021 - Further details of matters to be considered:
Item 7 - Financial Affairs.

On 1st July 2022, the Council's assets were £12,308.38

Current A/c: £4,924.99 + Deposit A/c: £7,383.39

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

1.	Parish Lengthsman – March	£ 180.00
2.	Parish Lengthsman – April	£ 180.00
3.	Annual Parish meeting expenses	£ 109.00
4.	Queen Millennium tree plaque	£ 108.00
5.	Phone box electricity supply	£ 28.32
6.	VAS Expenses	£ 7.95
7.	Donation Feckenham Horse show (request by G Farmiloe)	£ 100.00
8.	WCALC annual membership subscription	£ 237.57
9.	Hire of Village Hall	£ 88.00

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

1.	Lengthsman Payment	£ 473.38
2.	Queen Jubilee Donation Cllr Mr T Miller	£ 200.00
3.	Queen Jubilee Grant from WDC	£ 100.00
4.	Contribution to the Annual Parish Meeting from JBM	£ 50.00

Invoices to pay:

1.	Parish Lengthsman – May	£ 185.00
2.	Parish Lengthsman – June	£ 125.00
3.	Queen Jubilee expenses	£ 541.08
4.	Queen Jubilee insurance	£ 47.60
5.	Annual PC Insurance	£ 620.67
6.	Donation to Hanbury Countryside Show	£ 250.00
7.	Hire of Village Hall	£ TBA

- b. To consider a donation of £75 to St Johns Church to support the public opening of new kitchen and toilet. Cllr Mrs N Davies proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Wallis and it was AGREED to approve the donation.
- c. The Certificate of Exemption has been sent to the External Auditors

3573 Item 8 – Planning

1. Applications:

W/22/01099/HP

The council had no objections

Mrs Michelle Kenth.

Stock House, Earls Common Road, Stock Green, Redditch, B96 6SY

Front and rear extensions and alterations

W/22/01269/FUL

R. Iwaniszewski

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

Proposed Parking and Retention of Storage Building (part retrospective application).

Mr Andrew Hancox & Mr David Shaw (neighbours to Sika Barn) attended the meeting and went to great lengths to say how the applicant Mr R Iwaniszewski (the owner of Sika Barn) has continuously ignored the enforcement notices he has been served by WDC planning dept, together with letters from Mr Hancox's solicitors stating there is a legal covenant which Mr Iwaniszewski signed when purchasing the property from Mr Hancox asserting he cannot erect any building without the approval of Mr Hancox.

In spite of the above Mr Iwaniszewski has now built a 3-car building without planning permission despite it being too high and too close to neighbouring properties and being instructed (during the build) to stop by WDC enforcement officers, however, he ignored this and completed the build.

The Clerk has been meeting and communicating with Mr Hancox and Mr Shaw on a regular basis over the past few months and corresponding with WDC planning department

on their behalf – WDC planners have a set of procedures which they must follow, and this has added to the frustration Mr Hancox and Mr Shaw. The chair pointed out that the planning system could only deal with planning issues, and it is likely to be a slow procedure.

In view of above the council agreed to recommend refusal of this application.

2. Approvals:

W/22/00963/HP

Mr and Mrs Oliver

Brushwood, Earls Common Road, Stock Green, Redditch, B96 6SY

Conversion of existing garage to annexe accommodation, replacement single storey garage, relocation of formal entrance, extension to first floor dormer window & single storey extensions to rear as approved under permission reference 21/01108/HP-variation of condition 2.

W/22/00698/FUL

Mr Nicholas Rands

Red Lion, Droitwich Road, Bradley Green, Redditch, B96 6RP

Demolition of existing public house and erection of new rural assisted living retirement complex comprising 10 residential units (2 one bedroom units and 8 two bedroom units) and communal facilities, conversion of existing outbuilding to ancillary storage/utility; parking, footpaths and landscaping as approved under planning reference W/14/00452/PN - variation of condition 3.

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.

3. Withdrawals: None

4. Refusal Notice: None

5. Appeals: None

6. Planning Contravention Notice / Enforcement Notice

ENF/22/0154 Re: Land Adjacent to former Bird in Hand, Stockwood, Inkberrow, B96 6SX
Ongoing noise and disturbance.

Neighbours Tom Peach and Pawel Pietrasiak (owner of the original “bird in Hand pub”) attended the meeting and stated how they are extremely concerned by the continual noise and disturbance being caused by the new occupiers of the site which they have tolerated for many months however, the disturbance has now dramatically increased and has reduced and affected the quality of their lives by this situation. It appears that the site is occupied by “individuals” other than the owners (3) of the property, there is no name on the gates and no post box, and the postman has never made a delivery to the property, this is, to say at the very least, very unusual and must raise questions as to who are living there and why? The occupiers have installed a static home (which is larger than the approved planning permission) and it would, therefore, give the impression to have no intention of starting the build. It would seem that they are carrying on a business of breeding (possibly illegal) dogs, the police have called on the site and were not allowed to enter. The occupiers have now created large, elevated decking in front of the mobile home, the level of the decking is high (as is the floor of the mobile home, and there is no permission for any of it) which now allows the occupiers and their visitors to stand on the decking and overlook the neighbours, they race quad bikes and have regular parties, with visitors until late night outside with loud music and large fires, the neighbours have no idea what is being burnt, it could be household refuse as there has never been a bin collection to the premises. Late one night there was a lot of noise, like something big being dragged or tipped on a hard surface, the neighbours believe this was a van being emptied of whatever was burnt. The neighbours work from home and the fire was still burning for a significant part of the next day. Given the current climate and that a large proportion of the area is either growing crops or mid hay making, there is the added risk of a fire starting.

The occupiers have installed powerful lights which point directly at the neighbour's properties.

WDC enforcement have been informed and are trying to "sort this out informally" but does not appear to be succeeding.

The Clerk had contacted WRS to ask what aspects of the above activities they are responsible for and can act on and what aspects the police should take action on.

3574 To consider distributing a survey to the residents of S&B to establish their opinion regarding the proposed Solar Panel Farm.

The Chair opened this up to the public, a heated and emotive debate followed with some members of the public deviating from the issue of a survey and getting passionately involved with various aspects of the solar application and the consequences if the survey resulted in favour of the solar application. The Chair called a halt to this and asked the Councillors to vote on whether a survey should be distributed to the residents of S&B - the result was 4 abstentions, the proposal was therefore not carried.

3575 To confirm the dates for 2022/23 SBPC meetings

Wednesday 21st September 2022 – Proposed & Agreed

Wednesday 9th November 2022

Wednesday 25th January 2023 – Proposed & Agreed

Wednesday 8th March 2023

Wednesday 12th April 2023 Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 17th May 2023 Annual Parish Council Meeting Proposed & Agreed

3576 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

a. None

3577 Date & Time of Next Meeting:

The date of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting is proposed for Wednesday 21st September 2022 at 7.30 to be held in Bradley Green Village Hall.

3578 QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There was an opportunity for the public to speak, it was opened at 20.59 which closed at 21.00.

The following issues were raised: None

The meeting closed at 21.01

Signed: Chairman

Date: 24th August 2022