

**STOCK AND BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING**  
**held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 19.30 hrs.**

- 3615 Present: Councillors Mr M Hadley (Chairman), Mrs S Wallis, Mrs P Warren, Mrs N Davies, Mr M Bates, Mr P Langham, Mr C Burdett.  
County Councillor Mr T Miller.  
11 Members of the Public.  
Mr R Dean as Clerk.
- 3616 APOLOGIES:  
District Councillors: Mrs A Steel, Mr D Wilkinson, PC Warren Edmunds, PCSO Aiden Goundry, these were accepted.
- 3617 WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION:  
From Cllr Mr C Burdett, regarding item 7c, Roundhill Solar Farm – this was accepted & agreed.
- 3618 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:  
District Councillor Mr D Wilkinson had sent a report which was read by the Clerk on the following:
- a. **Right Waste, Right Place** – tells residents the best way to dispose of an item – visit [www.wychavon.gov.uk/recycling-serch](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/recycling-serch)
  - b. **Changes to referring to Adult Social Care Services** – the Worcestershire portal will become the only channel for professionals to raise referrals into Adult Social Care – visit [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/worcestershireadultsportal](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/worcestershireadultsportal)
  - c. **Evesham VeloPark now open to the public** – Anyone can book online – visit [www.bit.ly/3hqznWZ](http://www.bit.ly/3hqznWZ)
- County Councillor Mr Tony Miller – announced that he would be donating £500 towards the village Coronation celebrations, the Parish Councillors expressed their thanks.  
**Re: the Solar Farm:** when the application is submitted, the PC should ask WDC Cllr Mr D Wilkinson for a public meeting hosted by Wychavon, for all Residents and the 4 PCs, Cllr Mr D Wilkinson could chair the meeting accompanied by the relevant Planning Officers who would obviously remain impartial and unbiased.  
The PC should also ask what benefits the local community would receive if the application were approved – i.e. a yearly amount.
- 3619 Presentation by Patrick Connelly, Communities Officer, WDC  
Patrick focuses on promoting and implementing community projects such as:  
Young Mental Health, Supporting Youth Provision in Droitwich – Youth Outreach  
Day to day community experience – Assets  
Baby Bank – baby clothes  
Community Shop in Crowel  
Nature Trail  
Funding is available but it would have to be for certain aspects, such as to provide PC education sessions – at the VH Drop-in  
The Communities Dept provided the £15K donation to the Church for the Kitchen and Toilet
- 3620 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
had been circulated. Cllr Mrs N Davies, proposed and seconded by Cllr Mr M Bates and it was AGREED to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

3621 Progress Reports

- a. **Police update and Traffic Calming (3608a)** – PC Warren Edmunds reported that there had been no reports in the last month.
- b. **Safer Roads - “Community Speed Watch” (3608b)** – Several members of the Parish Council met with Paul Middlebrough, Assistant Police & Crime Commissioner, the police, Traffic Management team, Safer Roads and CSW to discuss the speeding in the village and what activities we can use to resolve this.  
Bob Haynes, Senior Traffic Management Advisor, Road Safety, West Mercia Police added that the low collision history and the “relative” low traffic volumes made it difficult to prioritise additional activities, however he would ask for police motor bike support (with speed cameras) to visit the village and the OP SNAP signs would be placed out. He also agreed install a speed monitoring box to accurately measure the traffic speed and this would determine if it would be possible to organise the Community Speed Watch (CSW) system which would allow residents to monitor traffic speeds and report offenders. PCSO Vicky Elliott stated that the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) are understaffed (a current vacancy exists) and are in high demand, however, she would ask enforcement officer PC Warren Edmunds, who is the only SNO officer operating in the area, if he would schedule a couple of monitoring visits to the village.  
Those attending were invited to come to the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 12th April 2023 to update the residents.
- c. **Roundhill solar farm** and battery storage facility, application on behalf of JBM Solar Projects (UK) Ltd. **(3608c)** – JBM will submit their application by the end of January the PC will organise an Extra Meeting to discuss this and the outcome will form a reply to WDC. David Wilkinson should be approached by the 4 Parish Councils to hold a joint meeting. WDC have informed JBM that they now require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to accompany their planning application,
- d. **Issues re: Ongoing Disturbance** and Planning Application at Upper Priest Bridge Farm, Dark Lane, Bradley Green B96 6SN **(3608d)** - As this is within FPC land, the Clerk had written to RBCllr Mr Matt Dormer and Mr Simon Jones, Principal Planning Officer, Bromsgrove & Redditch BC, at the time of the meeting he had not had a response from either, he had also copied the Feckenham Clerk. It was suggested that some councillors walk the footpath which runs through the property to see what was the current situation. If no response is received it was also suggested that the Chair and Clerk meet with Matt Dormer, Simon Jones and Kevin Dicks.
- e. **Lulworth Cottage, Church Road (3608e)** –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 wards its completion. She had also contacted Linda Write, Housing Strategy and Enabling Officer who is responsible for empty homes in Redditch, who replied that she has checked with Revenues and the council tax for Lulworth Cottage is regularly being paid and as such is not registered as an empty home, she will now monitor the situation.
- f. **Queen’s Jubilee Garden at Priest Bridge (3608f)** – The daffodil bulbs which CCllr Mr T Miller had generously donated had been planted. It was agreed to erect a small wire mesh fence around the tree to protect it from deer and provide a place for the plaque, the clerk to arrange this.
- g. **Clerk’s Contract (3608h)** – The Chair, Cllr Mr M Hadley agreed to create a Health & Safety Policy and an Equal Opportunities Policy.  
The Clerk confirmed that insurance was in place for when he was working or travelling on Parish Council business.
- h. **Defib/CPR training sessions for the residents (3608i)** – The clerk to organise CPR and Defib training dates with Tim Cronin, Community Response Project Manager, West Midlands Ambulance Service, this is planed for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February.

- i. **Painting Stock Green Phone Box (3611a)** – it was suggested to ask Tom Manders and failing that Inkberrow Men’s Club, Clerk to organise.
- j. **Impact of solar farm on Flooding in Stock Green** – On Thursday 12th January, Chair S&BPC Cllr Mr M Hadley together with Vice Chair Cllr Mr P Langham and resident Mr R Hughes held a “Teams” mtg with Mr Sean Herbert, Development Manager, Planning Department and Andrew Fell, Drainage Engineer from WDC.

The purpose of the mtg was to raise the concerns of residents who live at the Eastern end of ECR regarding the potential impact upon flooding that would be caused by the proposed application to construct a large solar farm immediately adjacent to the south and east and south of Roundhill Wood. A summary of the history of flooding to the eastern end of Stock Green was given.

WDC confirmed to JBM that in their opinion an EIA would be required, however, JBM replied that the site is situated within Flood Zone 1. A Flood Risk Assessment will be required as a stand-alone document (in the application) to assess these impacts and how the development would not increase run off rates on site and impacting on adjacent land and water courses. JBM have been asked for an independent report on flooding, which they will not agree to. The following is the particular information which was asked of Wychavon’s representatives:

- i) Does Wychavon or other authorities have any information regarding the general impact upon water run-off rates/flooding of large developments of solar panels?

Answer:

Not as such but the applicants will be expected to supply information regarding current run off rates and anticipated run off rates after construction as part of their planning application. They will be expected to engineer (by controlling the run off rate) a run off rate after the development is complete such that it is no higher than it was prior to development.

Whilst no figures were mentioned, and run off rates are affected by many factors, Andrew Fell felt that solar panels do not significantly increase water run off rates.

- ii) Does Wychavon or other authorities hold any site-specific information about the impact of this proposed development on water run-off rates/flooding?

Answer:

This is really answered in i) above.

- iii) Would the proposed flood prevention works be enough to counter any increase in water run-off rates?

Answer:

Wychavon have received no specific information about the JBM’s proposed flood alleviation works but going through the list which JBM had passed to S & B PC Andrew Fell felt that they were all ‘good’, i.e. would be probably be effective in slowing the rate of water leaving the site and thus would probably reduce the risk of flooding in the eastern end of Stock Green, but because he has no specific information or calculations he could not guarantee that they would be effective.

- iv) If, for any reason, the developers tried to reduce or abandon the flood prevention works, would Wychavon be prepared to enforce them?

Answer:

Sean Herbert explained that they could only insist that the developers do not increase flood risk, however, if they did insert ‘betterment’ in the application that was eventually approved Wychavon would enforce any attempt to reduce the works. However if the developers appealed or applied again, Wychavon could only insist on any level of flood alleviation that would be necessary to maintain the run off rate/flood risk flood risk at the level it now is.

### 3622 Finance

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

On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023, the Council's assets were £11,928.16

Current A/c: £4,542.03 + Deposit A/c: £7,386.13

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

1.	Parish Lengthsman – September	£ 125.00
2.	Parish Lengthsman – October	£ 180.00
3.	Registration of new web site	£ 273.46
4.	Tapcast re: new web site	£ 66.00
5.	Hire of Village Hall, 21.09.22, 2 hrs	£ 30.00

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

1.	Donation from CCllr Mr T Miller for the Queens Garden	£ 500.00
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#### Invoices to pay:

1.	Parish Lengthsman – November	£ 205.00
2.	Parish Lengthsman – December	£ 180.00
3.	SLCC membership	£ 101.00
4.	Bulbs for the Queen's Jubilee Garden	£ 48.00
5.	Hire of Village Hall, 09.11.22, 2 hrs	£ 30.00
6.	PAYE fees – Atkinson & Co	£ 132.00

- b. The budget precept for 2023/24 had been agreed and had been submitted with a 3% (£225) increase to £7,725.

### 3623 Planning

1. Applications:

#### **W/22/01269/FUL**

Mr Iwaniszewski, Sika Barn, Droitwich Road, Bradley Green, Worcestershire, B96 6QU  
Proposed Parking and Retention of Garage/Storage Building (part retrospective application)

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, which he ignored and completed the build.

A message to the PC has now been received from Jay Singh, Principal Planning Officer, WDC stating: "I appreciate this matter has been going on for some time now. By way of an update in order to bring this matter to a conclusion, we have asked the applicant to reduce the height of the outbuilding to a maximum of 2.5m otherwise it be refused (2.5m is the maximum height usually allowed under Permitted Development where outbuildings within 2m of a neighbours boundary) and, going forward, it should only be used for domestic use and not for any commercial purposes (which would require a change of use application)".

Mr A Hancox, whose property (The Willows) is adjacent to Sika Barn and is directly affected by the construction of the garage attended the PC meeting and stated that "the building is 3.11 mtrs in hight and is 0.50 mtrs from the boundary of the neighbouring property "The Willows", obviously this, contravenes the above Town & Country Planning regulations and should be removed. He also stated that "Sika barn is located next to Seeley Brook, the Environment Agency (EA) website shows that the proposed garage/storage building is currently within Flood Zones 2 & 3 which is a medium to high-risk area from fluvial flooding (and not zone 1 as stated in the application), in times of flood, the waters would therefore surround the building. The proposal would, therefore, not

comply with the Condition Q2 (d) of Class Q of Part 3 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015. The floods in 2000 and 2007 were the largest flood events since 1947. Mr Iwaniszewski had also claimed that the concrete base of the garage had been there for some time, Mr Hancox stated that this was not the case and a new concrete base had been laid". He also stated that the Garage is being used for commercial purposes.

**For these reasons S&BPC object to this Retrospective Application**

The council agreed that these issues should be raised with Jay Singh and Seb Ash in reply to their recent messages.

2. Approvals: None
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. No reply had been received to the PCN, which is a list of questions and is used to help ascertain whether a breach of planning control is occurring. It was agreed to convene a progress meeting to discuss ongoing issues (if any).

3624 To consider the acceptance of the following documents:

- a. Standing Orders
- b. Financial Regulations
- c. Code of Conduct
- d. Publication Scheme

Cllr Mrs S Wallis proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs N Davies and it was AGREED to approve the four documents listed above.

3625 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- a. **Prepare for PC elections 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023** – Clerk to start advertising for new councillors and election preparations.
- b. **Annual Litter Pick dates** – Agreed for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March & Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November, Clerk to advertise this.
- c. **Parish Plan** – As there is no legal obligation, it was agreed not to proceed with this.
- d. **Coronation Plans** – It was agreed to form a planning group from the VH, the PCC and PC.
- e. **Hanbury Show** – the PC has been asked to make a donation, this will be added to the next mtg agenda.

3626 To confirm the dates for 2023 SBPC meetings

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 Annual Parish Meeting  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Annual Parish Council Meeting Proposed & Agreed  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

3627 Date & Time of Next Meeting:

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

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting is proposed for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30 to be held in Bradley Green Village Hall.

3628 QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There were two opportunities for the public to speak, the first opened at 19.32 and closed at 19.38, the second opened at 21.07 and closed at 21.08.

The following issues were raised:

Issues were raised of the forthcoming Solar Farm application.

1. The planning application from JBM is expected within the next month.
2. The Daily Mail featured Evesham and theft of solar panels is the greatest risk to local residents.
3. Dorset council has rejected a solar farm application due to Flooding.
4. The risk of fire and the inability of local fire services to provide a rapid response and the ability to extinguish the fire are of great concern.
5. The transportation of panels during the building of the farm is almost impossible in any of the local road infrastructure.

The meeting closed at 21.09.

Signed: ..... Chairman

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