

STOCK AND BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 19.30 hrs.

3629 Present: Councillors Mr M Hadley (Chairman), Mrs S Wallis, Mrs N Davies, Mr M Bates, Mr P Langham, Mr C Burdett.
County Councillor Mr T Miller.
6 Members of the Public.
Mr R Dean as Clerk.

3630 APOLOGIES:
District Councillors: Mrs A Steel, Mr D Wilkinson, Councillor Mrs P Warren, PC Warren Edmunds, PCSO Aiden Goundry, these were accepted.

3631 WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION:
From Cllr Mr C Burdett and Cllr Mr M Hadley, regarding item 6c, Roundhill Solar Farm – these were accepted & approved.

3632 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:
District Councillors Mr D Wilkinson and Mrs A Steel had sent a report which was read by the Clerk on the following:

- a. **Ukraine Support** provided by WDC to Hosts and guests
- b. **Energy Bills Support Scheme**
- c. **Wychavon Design Code consultation**
- d. **SWDP Review**

County Councillor Mr Tony Miller

Re: the Solar Farm:

The PC should ask what benefits the local community would receive if the application were approved – i.e. a yearly amount.

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had been circulated. Cllr Mr P Langham, 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 25th January 2023.

3634 Progress Reports

- a. **Police update and Traffic Calming (3621a)** – PC Warren Edmunds reported that there had been no reports in the last month.
- b. **Safer Roads - “Community Speed Watch” (3621b)** – Bob Haynes, Senior Traffic Management Advisor, Road Safety, West Mercia Police, advised that he had conducted a speed box check on Church Road from 18.01.23 to 25.01.23. The mean speed or average speed was 32mph and the 85th percentile speed (The speed at which 85% of the vehicles are travelling at or below) was 37mph.
As you are aware the 85th percentile speeds are above 34mph and therefore at this time are not suitable for the Community Speed Watch Programme.
I am liaising with Simon Campbell (Operations Manager and who attended the previous meeting) to discuss a way forward. I will update you ASAP when I know more.
Bob Haynes & Simon Campbell were invited to come to the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 12th April 2023 to update the residents, PC Warren Edmunds has agreed to attend the Annual Meeting as long as there are no emergency calls.
The Clerk was asked to request that a similar speed data survey is conducted in Earls Common Road as this is the other part of S&B.

- c. **Roundhill solar farm** and battery storage facility, application on behalf of JBM Solar Projects (UK) Ltd. **(3621c)** – JBM have submitted their application, the PC have organised an Extra Meeting on Friday 17th March just to discuss this, and the outcome will form a reply to WDC. The council had received a message from Megan Pritchard, Senior Account Exec, Meeting Place who are the PR & Communications Coy representing JBM, Megan had offered to present the findings of their recent survey of the residents of S&B and Inkberrow in a closed meeting with S&BPC, the PC replied saying that in view of their previous discussions and further detailed investigations they felt that there would be little further to be gained from a closed meeting.
Mr Sean Herbert Development Manager, WDC has agreed a “Teams” Conf Call for Friday 24th March with Council members of the affected PCs to discuss any questions they may have regarding planning issues.
- d. **Issues re: Ongoing Disturbance** Upper Priest Bridge Farm, Dark Lane, Bradley Green B96 6SN **(3621d)** -. On the 20th February the Vice Chair and Clerk found that we couldn't use the footpath 692 as the field had been “fenced off” into smaller plots – the Clerk informed Patrick White, Senior Public Rights of Way Officer, Public Rights of Way, WCC, who is currently addressing this and is investigating it. The Vice Chair and Clerk walked further through Upper Priest Bridge Farm and discovered more caravans and containers had arrived, the Clerk informed Simon Jones of the continuing situation with use of unauthorised residential units at UPBF, which the PC first reported 21st July 2021, however, this has not improved and in fact has increased, the council would therefore appreciate a plan of action/strategy to resolve this. 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.
- e. **Lulworth Cottage, Church Road (3621e)** –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 resolve the matter.
- f. **Queen’s Jubilee Garden at Priest Bridge (3621f)** – 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. Will Willison had quoted £68 + VAT for materials and £60 for time, this was accepted and approved by the Council.
- g. **Clerk’s Contract (3621g)** – The Chair and Clerk had produced a Health & Safety Policy and an Equal Opportunities Policy which were accepted and approved by the Council. 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 (3621h)** – The clerk reported that two successful training sessions had been organised on 7th & 8th February with over 40 residents attending, thanks were expressed to Tim Cronin, Community Response Project Manager, West Midlands Ambulance Service, for leading the training.
- i. **Painting Stock Green Phone Box (3621i)** – the Clerk had asked Tom Manders, who had agreed to consider this towards the end of May / June.
- j. **Prepare for PC elections Thursday 4th May 2023 (3625a)** – the Clerk had posted “Notice of Elections” and “Invitations to become a Councillor” on the notice Boards, the Chronicle, the PC web site and on the village WhatsApp. He produced a timetable of events and would send Nomination forms to those councillors who requested them.
- k. **Annual Litter Pick Saturday 11th March (3625b)** – Everything had been arranged and Cllr Mr C Burdett had agreed to pick up the bags in his trailer.
- l. **Coronation celebration plans (3625d)** – A planning meeting has been arranged for Monday 13th March to agree arrangements, attending would be representatives from the PC, PCC and VH. CC Cllr Mr T Miller had generously donated £500 to the PC to fund

their Coronation Celebrations the Clerk had also requested £200 from the WDC Coronation fund.

- m. **Hanbury Show, the PC has been invited to make a donation (3625e)**, the council agreed and approved a donation of £250.

3635 Finance.

To receive and approve the financial statement and approve payments, Cllr Mrs S Wallis proposed, seconded by Cllr Mr M Bates and it was AGREED to approve the statement and payments below:

On 1st March 2023, the Council's assets were £11,232.16

Current A/c: £3,846.03 + Deposit A/c: £7,386.13

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

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

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

1.	Funds from WDC towards Coronation	£ 200.00
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Invoices to pay:

1.	Parish Lengthsman – January	£ 180.00
2.	Parish Lengthsman – February	£ 300.00
3.	CPRE membership	£ 60.00
4.	CALC Training – Zoom preparing for the elections	£ 30.00
5.	Hire of Village Hall, 06.01.23 & 25.01.23 - 4 hrs	£ 60.00
6.	CPR & Defib training refreshments	£ 14.37
7.	Personal Speaker & Microphone	£ 37.57
8.	Parish Expenses	£ 204.00
9.	Clerk Salary – 6 months, 30 hours pm, £14 per hour	£2,520.00
10.	PAYE fees – Atkinson & Co	£ 48.00

3636 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.

The Clerk has written to Jay Singh, Principal Planning Officer, WDC, stating the following:
"Following the recent meeting of the PC please note the following:

It is difficult to understand that although Matt Bennion, Senior Planning Officer, Environment Agency West Midlands Area agrees the development is within Flood Zones 2 and 3 and not zone 1 as stated in Mr Iwaniszewski 's agent's Water Management Statement that you are still proposing to accept the retrospective application.

Would you also be good enough to confirm that that the building hight has been reduced to 2.5 metres.

Mr A Hancox, whose property (The Willows) is adjacent to Sika Barn and is directly affected by the construction of the garage attended the recent PC meeting and stated that “the Garage is being used for commercial purposes; commercial vehicles are left in the new garage every night and moved out the following morning” even though the commercial vehicles owner’s other vehicles are being left at his storage depot in Hanbury. We realise this is difficult for Sebastian Ash to verify this as this occurs outside normal working hours, but there must have been similar, other occasions when this has happened, and a solution can be achieved where this can be accurately verified.

Following our meeting, the Chair, Mt M Hadley has researched the history of this retrospective application and the original application and would like you to take into consideration the following:

“W/22/01269/FUL Mr. Iwaniszewski Sika Barn, Droitwich Road, Bradley Green, B96 6QU

The parish council has considered this application carefully.

Approval was originally granted to convert the barn and part of the adjacent farmland in 2020 to Residential (C3) under the GPDO Section Q.

Approval under this section would normally allow only the minimum works /alterations necessary for its future residential use plus a reasonable plot. This would indicate that no further alterations/garage additions will be allowed for the foreseeable future? This application not only applies to a new structure but a very large increase in plot size.”

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.

W/23/00270/FUL

Mr Conor McAllister, JBM Solar Projects (UK) Ltd.

Land At (Os 9911 5879), Earls Common Road, Stock Green

Construction of a Solar Farm and battery energy storage system (BESS) facility together with all associated works, equipment, and necessary infrastructure.

Please see item 3634c above.

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).

3637 COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- a. To consider a donation to Stock Green Baptist Church.
- b. Allen Farnsworth (the Lengthsman) is retiring and has tendered his resignation; the Clerk was asked to enquire if other local lengthsman would consider replacing him.

3638 To confirm the dates for 2023 SBPC meetings

Friday 17th March 2023 Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 12th April 2023 Annual Parish Meeting

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

Wednesday 12th July 2023

Wednesday 13th September 2023

Wednesday 8th November 2023

3639 Date & Time of Next Meeting:

The date of an Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting is proposed for Wednesday 17th March 2023 at 7.30 to be held in Bradley Green Village Hall.

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

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3640 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 19.34, the second opened at 20.30 and closed at 20.42.

The following issues were raised:

- a. It was noted that the police report 3634a above, stated that there was nothing to report, however, there had been two vehicles damaged in the village, it was suggested as these were minor and nothing was stolen, that these accidents were not reported to the police.
- b. Several comments were made regarding the Solar Farm and battery energy storage system, however, the Extra Meeting on the 17th March is dedicated solely to this, and any questions or comments would be dealt with then.

The meeting closed at 20.44.

Signed: Chairman

Date: 17th May 2023