

**STOCK AND BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING**  
**held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 19.30 hrs.**

3680 Present: Councillors Mr P Langham (Vice Chair) Mrs P Warren, Mrs N Davies, Mrs N Willison, Mr C Burdett, Mr S Banham.  
County Councillor: Mr T Miller.  
District Councillor: Mr N Dawkes,  
7 Members of the Public.  
Mr R Dean as Clerk.

3681 APOLOGIES:  
Councillor Mr M Hadley (Chairman), PC 21571 Sarah Clerk, these were accepted.

3682 WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION:  
None.

3683 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

**County Councillor Mr Tony Miller**

CClr Mr Miller said he would donate £1,000 towards the new VAS for Earls Common Road. He also stated that he has instigated a new project to acquire 4 + (1 Free) Vehicle Recognition Cameras (VRC) which will be made available to Parish Councils on a regular basis (1 VRC per 10 parished). It is planned that the police will fund £20k and the CC £1k. These VRC will identify the speeding cars and the information will be passed on to the Police, at the moment it is unclear if prosecutions would follow, this project would require Highways agreement and approval. This is not a Safer Roads Partnership project.

CClr Mr Miller, was asked if the County Highways dept would consider reducing the speed limit from 60 mph along ECR from the Stock Green Sign through to the 30 mph signs just beyond Middle Lane?

**District Councillor Mr Nick Dawkes.**

DClr Mr Dawkes was welcomed as the newly elected member of WDC.

DClr Mr Dawkes stated that there was a Wychavon Rural Fund of £420K to help small businesses and Farmers, with grants ranging from £2k to £25k. There was also a £670k Rural fund to assist renovation works and building community activities, initial applications must be submitted by 14<sup>th</sup> August, the Clerk agreed to have this added to the August Chronicle.

DClr Mr Dawkes ask the councillors if the council had considered starting a Neighbourhood Plan? The councillors replied that they had previously considered this and had studied the "Pros & Cons". In view of the size of the parish and the time and expense required to complete this project they had decided that the "results did not justify the means" and therefore decided not to continue with this project.

3684 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
had been circulated.

3685 MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
had been circulated. Cllr Mrs N Davies, proposed and seconded by Cllr Mr P Langham and it was AGREED to approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

3686 Progress Reports

- a. **Police update (3673a)** – PC Warren Edmunds had moved to another department and has been replaced by PC 21571 Sarah Clerk, who apologised for not attending the meeting and said there was nothing to report.
- b. **Safer Roads - “Community Speed Watch” (3673b)** – Bob Haynes, Senior Traffic Management Advisor, Road Safety, West Mercia Police and Simon Campbell, Operations Manager, Road Safety Team, West Mercia Police, are considering siting a Speed Enforcement Van at the upper entrance to the church. The Clerk also asked if they could arrange for a similar speed data survey to be conducted in Earls Common Road together with siting a motorbike speed check on a regular basis 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. **(3673c)** – please see the report under planning applications below.
- d. **Issues re: Ongoing Disturbance** Upper Priest Bridge Farm, Dark Lane, Bradley Green B96 6SN **(3673d)** -
  - a. **Unauthorised Residential Units:** As this is within FPC land, the Clerk had written to Steven Edden, Principal Planning Officer, Development Management, Planning & Regeneration Services; Redditch Borough Council and Bromsgrove District Council, who replied “I’m afraid I have no further updates for you at this time. This matter remains under investigation”.
  - b. **Footpath 692 obstructions/blocks:** The Clerk had received a reply from Patrick White, Senior Public Rights of Way Officer, Public Rights of Way, WCC, who stated “I will schedule some time next week to look at it again for myself and see what needs doing. Before I talk to the landowner”.
- e. **Lulworth Cottage, Church Road (3673e)** –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 (3679a Bench)** – It was suggested that a bench be positioned by the tree in the Queens Garden at Priest Bridge, however, after a discussion it was agreed that on this occasion the PC would not proceed with this. It was agreed to erect a small wooden 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 £150.60 for materials and time, this was accepted and approved by the Council.
- g. **Painting Stock Green Phone Box (3673g)** – the Clerk had asked Tom Manders, who had examined the box and reported that there was too much work involved for him, the Clerk to investigate further options.
- h. **New VAS for Earls Common Road (3676c)** – the Clerk had discovered a new type of VAS from Westcotec, which is a number plate recognition camera, and can be used for Community Speed Watch (CSW) support, it collects the vehicle Registration, date, time, speed, vehicle colour, manufacturer, it can be fixed to a post and solar powered and costs £3,845 + VAT. The Clerk to contact Bob Haynes, Senior Traffic Management Advisor, Road Safety, West Mercia Police and Simon Campbell, Operations Manager, Road Safety Team, West Mercia Police to see if this is acceptable for CSW purposes.
- i. **To Consider payment to the VH for Defib electricity (3679a)** – Cllr Mr P Langham, proposed and seconded by Cllr Mr S Banham and it was AGREED to approve the payment of £59.04 to the Village Hall.

#### 3687 Finance

- a. Annual accounting statements & associated documents 2022/23, had been delivered to, and approved by the external Auditor.
- b. Confirm New Bank Signatories – Ex Councillors Mrs S Wallace and Mr M Bates are to be removed PC’s Santander bank account and Cllr Mr P Langham & Cllr Mrs N Davies to

be added. Cllr Mr S Banham proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs P Warren and it was agreed for the Clerk to complete the transfer with Santander Bank.

- c. To receive and approve the financial statement and approve payments, Cllr Mr S Banham proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs N Davis and it was AGREED to approve the statement and payments below:

On 6th July 2023, the Council's assets were £11,481.20  
Current A/c: £4,095.07 + Deposit A/c: £7,386.13

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

1.	Parish Lengthsman – April	£ 197.16
2.	WCALC annual membership	£ 238.60
3.	Annual Parish meeting expenses	£ 141.35
4.	Annual Insurance	£ 623.66
5.	nPower Phone box electricity supply	£ 66.40
6.	Printer Cartridges	£ 69.30
7.	Donation to Feckenham Horse show	£ 200.00
8.	Dog Poo bags refill replacement	£ 40.14
9.	Hire of Village Hall – 12th April 2023	£ 30.00
10.	Coronation celebration expenses	£ 576.81
11.	Hire of Village Hall – 7th May	£ 45.00
12.	Hire of Village Hall – 17th May	£ 30.00
13.	Internal Auditor fees	£ 100.00

Since the previous Ordinary Meeting, the following amounts have been received:  
None

Invoices to pay:

1.	Parish Lengthsman – May	£ 112.26
2.	Parish Lengthsman - June	£ 172.50
3.	Hire of Village Hall – 7th & 8th February (defib Training)	£ 60.00
4.	Hire of Village Hall – 28th June	£ 30.00
5.	Hire of Village Hall – 12th July	£ 30.00
6.	Queen's Jubilee Garden – Fence	£ 105.60
7.	Heart Internet – Annual web hosting	£ 71.86
8.	Atkinson & Co – Payroll fees	£ 66.00
9.	ElanCity – New VAS - <i>Pending depending on (3686h)</i>	£2169.00
10	Village Hall – Defib Electricity	£ 59.04

## 3688 Planning

### 1. Applications:

#### **23/00192/FUL - 01QE EIA Developments**

Cross Boundary application accompanied by an Environmental Statement (ES).

Cable Connection to existing National Grid Electricity Distribution Feckenham Substation, The Saltway, Feckenham, Redditch. (Redditch Borough Council), The PC has submitted its objection and it is registered on the RBC planning site under the "Statutory Consultee section."

Associated with and connected to:

#### **W/23/00270/FUL)**

For the Construction of a Solar Farm and battery energy storage system (BESS) facility together with all associated works, equipment, and necessary infrastructure (Land to the east of Stock Green adjacent to Roundhill Wood (Wychavon District Council

The PC has liaised with FPC, IPC and DPC and have submitted their objection to WDC for the solar panel application under the Statutory Consultee section., .

2. Approvals:  
None
3. Withdrawals: None
4. Refusal Notice: None
5. Appeals: None
6. Planning Contravention Notice.

**ENF/22/0154** Re: Land Adjacent to former Bird in Hand, Stockwood, B96 6SX (The Nest)  
Ongoing noise and disturbance. The Clerk was asked to convene a progress meeting with the police, WDC planning, WCC regulatory services and RSPCA to discuss these ongoing issues.

3689 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- a. It was agreed that there would be an informal meeting on the Monday before each PC meeting at 2pm.

3690 To confirm the dates for 2023/24 SBPC meetings:

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Annual Parish Meeting  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Annual Parish Council Meeting

3691 Date & Time of Next Meeting:

The date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting is proposed for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30 to be held in Bradley Green Village Hall.

3692 QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There were two opportunities for the public to speak, the first opened at 19.31 and closed at 19.32, and the second opened at 20.54 and closed at 20.55.

The following were raised: ENF/22/0154 Re: Land Adjacent to former Bird in Hand – please see 3688 section 6.

The meeting closed at 20.56.

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023