

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

- 3704 Present: Councillors Mr M Hadley (Chairman), Mr P Langham (Vice Chair) Mrs P Warren, Mrs N Davies, Mr C Burdett, Mrs N Willison, Mr S Banham
County Councillor: Mr T Miller.
7 Members of the Public.
Mr R Dean as Clerk.
- 3705 APOLOGIES:
District Councillor: Mr N Dawkes, PC 21571 Sarah Clarke; these were accepted.
- 3706 WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION:
Cllr Mr S Banham, regarding Item 8, Planning application W/23/01779/CU
Cllr Mrs N Willison, regarding Item 9a, Request for funding from the Village Hall Committee.
These were accepted by the Council.
- 3707 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:
County Councillor Mr Tony Miller
Mr Miller, had passed the application and justification to reduce the speed limit from 60 mph along ECR from the Stock Green Sign (to the East of the village) through to the 30 mph signs just beyond Middle Lane, to WCC Highways Dept for consideration.
He confirmed that his donation of £1000 was in the process of being paid; he was thanked by the Councillors.
RAAC Concrete had been discovered in parts of County Hall and the top floor (including the council chamber) has been closed while an investigation is carried out, the departments affected have been moved to various other council buildings.
- 3708 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
had been circulated. Cllr Mrs N Davies, proposed and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Warren and it was AGREED to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2023.
- 3709 Progress Reports
- a. **Police update (3698a)** – PC 21571 Sarah Clerk, apologised for not attending the meeting and said there was nothing to report.
 - b. **Safer Roads - “Community Speed Watch” (3698b)** – The Clerk had been informed by Simon Campbell, Operations Manager, Road Safety Team, West Mercia Police, that he was planning to set up a Bike Enforcement Team site using the access to the village hall on a monthly basis, he requires the permission from the Village Hall committee.
The Clerk had applied for a grant to provide hard standing at the entrance to the Village Hall for the Bike Enforcement Team through the “West Mercia Police Procurement Department - Safer Roads open Grant Round initiative”, the decision for this is expected to be announced early December.
 - c. **Roundhill solar farm** and battery storage facility, application on behalf of JBM Solar Projects (UK) Ltd. **(3698c)** – The meeting was opened for a discussion with the public, 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. Herford & Worcester Fire and Rescue have submitted a list of recommendations and suggestions for the solar farm. There was no indication as to when JBM were going to resubmit their amended application.

- d. **Issues re: Ongoing Disturbance** Upper Priest Bridge Farm, Dark Lane, Bradley Green B96 6SN (3698d) -.
- 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 he has flagged it up with his Enforcement officer and because there are so many issues with the same landowner it will take time. We only have one enforcement officer covering the whole county and therefore the workload is prioritised.
- e. **Lulworth Cottage, Church Road (3698e)** –the Clerk had contacted Kelly Scott, Planning Assistant (Enforcement), Bromsgrove & Redditch Councils, and informed her that water was seen running out of the building during the recent heavy rainfall/storm, Ms Scott acknowledged the information and replied that there has been progression with the property, and she continues to work with the owner to resolve the matter.
- f. **Painting Stock Green K6 Phone Box (3698f)** – the Clerk agreed to establish the cost of repainting the box and obtain a reasonable sales value.
- g. **New VAS for Earls Common Road (3698g)** – 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. It was agreed to delay this decision until the trial conducted by Safer Roads Partnership was completed.
- h. **Welcome Information Pack” for new residents to S&B village (3700a)** – the Clerk reported that work has started with this project.
- i. **The Village Litter Pick (3700b)** - has been organised for Saturday 11th November.
- j. **Three drains in Dark Lane (3703)** – The Clerk reported that WCC Highways had inspected these and had stated that they were not considered to deep to warrant repair.

3710 Finance

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

On 1st November 2023, the Council’s assets were £10,809.26.

Current A/c: £3,387.81 + Deposit A/c: £7,421.45.

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

1.	Parish Lengthsman – July	£ 136.25
2.	Parish Lengthsman - August	£ 114.60
3.	Land Registry search fees	£ 35.94
4.	Hire of Village Hall – 23 rd August	£ 30.00
5.	Hire of Village Hall – 13 th September	£ 30.00
6.	Clerk salary – 6 months	£2520.00
7.	Parish expenses – 6 months	£ 242.09
8.	Uncontested election admin charge	£ 50.00

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

1.	Second Precept	£3862.00
2.	VAT repayment	£ 862.59

3.	Lengthsman Apr, May, Jun, Jul	£ 550.36
4.	Lengthsman Aug	£ 110.50

Invoices to pay:

1.	Parish Lengthsman – September	£ 105.60
2.	Parish Lengthsman - October	£ 136.25
3.	Atkinson & Co – PAYE fees	£ 50.40
4.	New E-mail & website hosting for 12 months	£ 216.00

- b. Consider budget proposal and precept for 2024/25 – The budget proposal for the 2024/25 precept was discussed and it was agreed to delay the decision until the January 10th PC meeting.

3711 Planning

1. Applications:

W/23/01903/CU- Site of Red Lion, Droitwich Road, Bradley Green, Mr Nicholas Rands

Convert existing outbuilding to a 3-bedroom house, including 2 storey side extension.

The Council had no objections.

W/23/01779/CU - Holly Trees, Flying Horse Lane, Bradley Green, Ms Emma Taylor

Conversion of existing stable to create 5 bedrooms with en-suite to be self-contained short term Airbnb holiday lets.

The Council had no objections.

W/23/01969/CU - Land Adjacent To Former Bird In Hand, Stockwood, Inkberrow, Mr S Sanghera

Change of use of public house (Use Class A3) to residential use class C3, and change of use of storage building to use Class C3 as approved under planning reference W/15/01462/CU - variation of condition 2 and 7.

The Council had no objections, however, it has submitted several constructive comments and statements which it feels should be seriously considered by WDC Planning Department.

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

3712 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- a. Request for funding from the Village Hall Committee, it was agreed to consider this in conjunction with 3710b above when agreeing the 2024/2025 precept.
 b. Worcestershire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, this was discussed, and it was agreed that the Chair Cllr Mr M Hadley would respond to this on behalf of the PC
 c. The Clerk has been informed by Heart.co.uk that from the end of December they are unable to host www.stockandbradley-pc.gov.uk the Clerk has found a new host.

3713 To confirm the dates for 2023/24 SBPC meetings:

- Wednesday 10th January 2024
 Wednesday 13th March 2024
 Wednesday 10th April 2024 Annual Parish Meeting
 Wednesday 15th May 2024 Annual Parish Council Meeting
 Wednesday 10th July 2024
 Wednesday 25th September 2004 (agreed)
 Wednesday 13th November 2004

3714 Date & Time of Next Meeting:

The date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting is proposed for Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7.30 to be held in Bradley Green Village Hall.

3715 QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There were two opportunities for the public to speak, the first opened at 19.36 and closed at 20.00, and the second opened at 21.19 and closed at 21.20.

Please see 3709c for details

The meeting closed at 21.21.

Signed: Chairman

Date: 10th January 2024