

**STOCK AND BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING**  
**held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 19.30 hrs.**

- 3728 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  
District Councillor: Mr N Dawkes,  
8 Members of the Public.  
Mr R Dean as Clerk.
- 3729 APOLOGIES:  
PC 21571 Sarah Clarke, PC Vicky.Elliott: These were accepted by the Council.
- 3730 WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR THE COUNCIL TO GRANT A DISPENSATION:  
Cllr Mr C Burdett, regarding Item 6c, Roundhill solar farm and battery storage facility.
- 3731 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:  
**County Councillor Mr Tony Miller**  
Mr Miller stated that the council tax would increase by 4.9%, Care responsibilities accounted for 73%, there would be redundancies and reducing staff hours, there were 2,000 broken gullies that need repair.  
**District Councillor Mr Nick Dawkes**  
Mr Dawkes stated that WDC Council Tax was increasing for the first time in 6 years, and efficiency savings would also be made.
- 3732 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
had been circulated. Cllr Mrs P Warren, proposed and seconded by Cllr Mr S Banham and it was AGREED to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- 3733 Progress Reports
- a. **Police update (3721a)** - PC 21571 Sarah Clerk, apologised for not attending the meeting and said there was nothing to report.
  - b. **Safer Roads - "Community Speed Watch" (3721b)** – The Clerk had been informed by Simon Campbell, Operations Manager, Road Safety Team, West Mercia Police, that he had organised a Bike Enforcement Team site using various sites in the village.  
With regards to the Automatic Speed Watch Camera (ASWC) scheme the effectiveness has been reviewed and there has been no discernible impact on drivers' behaviour. As such we have elected to change the approach to using the information obtained from the device. There will be no contact made with any drivers going forward, instead the information will be monitored by the camera owners and when a particular issue relating to speed is identified then that information used to target specific times of day etc for full roadside enforcement if required.
  - c. **Roundhill solar farm** and battery storage facility, application on behalf of JBM/RWE Solar Projects (UK) Ltd. **(3721c)** – there was little to report apart that 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.  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March was the theoretical deadline for comments on JBM/RWE's alternative cable route into the Feckenham substation. S&BPC and Feckenham Parish Council were able to submit excellent objections before the deadline:

- d. **Issues re: Ongoing Disturbance** Upper Priest Bridge Farm, Dark Lane, Bradley Green B96 6SN (3721d) -.
- 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 (Shirley Penn) who is looking into this. There are so many issues with the same landowner it will take time. There is only one enforcement officer covering the whole county and therefore the workload is prioritised.
- e. **Painting Stock Green K6 Phone Box (3721f)** – the Clerk Had contacted a voluntary group based in Inkberrow who confirmed that they would undertake to paint the box when the weather improves, but would not be able to “strip the original paint and sand it down”, Clerk to find someone who would do this i.e. advertising in the Chronicle and ask the Lengthsman.
- f. **New VAS for Earls Common Road (3721g)** – The Clerk had applied for a grant of £2,580 from the Police and Crime Commissioner for a new VAS, we will be informed at the beginning of April if we are successful.
- g. **S&B Information Pack” Ideally, for new residents to S&B village (3721h)** – the Clerk reported that he had completed the first draft and had sent this to several S&B groups for comment. It was suggested that this could be printed on the centre pages of the Chronicle and could then be removed and kept for future reference.

3734 Finance

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

On 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024, the Council’s assets were £14,154.43  
 Current A/c: £6,742.98 + Deposit A/c: £7,421.45.

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

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| 1. | Parish Lengthsman – November                      | £ 62.25  |
| 2. | Parish Lengthsman - December                      | £ 43.80  |
| 3. | SLCC annual fees                                  | £ 144.00 |
| 4. | Hire of Village Hall (Footpaths Officer) 30.11.23 | £ 30.00  |
| 5. | The Countryside alliance annual membership        | £ 60.00  |
| 6. | Donation to Bradley Green Village Hall            | £ 500.00 |

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

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| 1. | Lengthsman November | £ 77.25  |
| 2. | Lengthsman December | £ 51.50  |
| 3. | Lengthsman January  | £ 114.75 |

Invoices to pay:

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| 1. | Parish Lengthsman – January       | £ 119.70 |
| 2. | Parish Lengthsman - February      | £ 146.70 |
| 3. | Clerk’s Salary – 6 month          | £2520.00 |
| 4. | Parish expenses – 6 months        | £ 299.89 |
| 5. | Hire VH 30 <sup>th</sup> November | £ 30.00  |

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| 6. | Hire VH 10 <sup>th</sup> January        | £ 30.00 |
| 7. | Hire VH 13 <sup>th</sup> March (2 mtgs) | £ 60.00 |

3735 Planning

1. Applications:

**W/24/00097/FUL, Sika Barn, Droitwich Road, Bradley Green, B96 6QU**

Mr R Iwaniszewski

Retrospective application for storage building and change of use of land.

The council agreed to object to this application on the grounds that the property is being used for commercial purposes;- business vehicles and other forestry equipment are being stored in the above buildings which is directly against condition 5 of the previous planning approval dated 27th March 2023 which states: The development hereby approved shall only be used privately, incidental to the dwellinghouse known as Sika Barn, and shall not be used for any non-incidental trade, business or commercial enterprise.

**W/24/00447/FUL, Tibbetts Farm, Church Road, Bradley Green, Redditch, B96 6RN**

Mr and Mrs R. Wofford

Mixed agricultural / equestrian building, new driveway and menage (horse arena) Variation of conditions 2,4,5 and 6 to reference W/22/01059/FUL

No Objections

2. Approvals

**W23/02612/AGR, Bradley Gardens, Droitwich Road, Bradley Green, Redditch, B96 6QU**

Mr Steven Woodward

Prior notification for steel framed agricultural building

**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.

3. Withdrawals: None

4. Refusal Notice: None

5. Appeals: None

6. Enforcement: None

3736 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- a. Damage to Bradley Green VAS Solar panel: this was caused by whoever was hedge cutting around the VAS, the Lengthsman had agreed to change this with the spare solar panel in Stock Green and try and repair the damaged bracket.
- b. The Nest meeting this was held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm and a report has been produced.
- c. Hanbury Show sponsorship – The PC reviewed their predicted income and expenditure for the year 2024/25, and their current and future financial position / responsibilities and agreed to make a donation of £200.
- d. Jones & Collier, several questions were raised regarding rental fees and trustee membership, Cllr Mr P Langham said that he would endeavour to find the answers.
- e. Litter Pick had been arranged for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April.
- f. Annual Parish meeting agenda was discussed and agreed.

3737 To confirm the dates for 2024 SBPC meetings:

- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Annual Parish Meeting
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Annual Parish Council Meeting
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2004
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2004

3738 Date & Time of Next Meetings:

The Annual Parish Meeting is proposed for Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 7.30 to be held in Bradley Green Village Hall, the usual refreshments would be provided.

The date of the next Annual Parish Council Meeting is proposed for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.30 to be held in Bradley Green Village Hall.

3739 QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There were two opportunities for the public to speak, the first opened at 19.33 and closed at 19.39, and the second opened at 20.49 and closed at 21.00.

1. A question was raised regarding the £500 increase in the PC Precept? – The Councillors had reviewed the current EoY bank balance for 2023/24 and their predicted income and expenditure for the year 2024/25, and their future financial position / responsibilities and agreed that it was prudent to increase the precept by 6.47% the equivalent of £3.91 increase per month for a band D property.
2. A statement was made on behalf of the Village Hall Committee stating that they had a legal responsibility for road safety and had therefore introduced a “one way” system for entry and exit to the VH.
3. New doors are planned for the entrance to the VH and a “blue-tooth” door locking system would be introduced.
4. It was agreed that the PC should support the 80<sup>th</sup> “D-Day” Remembrance Day which is the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and it was recommended that a Village “open day” would be held at lunchtime on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June in the VH to commemorate this.

The meeting closed at 21.01.

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024