

BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual Meeting of the Parish Council held remotely,
at 7:00pm on 2 February 2021

Present: Cllrs Dr Julian Ridge (chair), Mike Fishwick, Tessa Jarman, Martin Jarvis, Dr Antony Ridge, Dr Bryan Smith and Joanna van Tonder (Clerk)

1x residents
District Cllr Steve Hogg

Distribution: The Parish Councillors plus District Councillor Steve Hogg

In line with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, this meeting was held remotely using the Zoom platform enabling both Council members and the public to hear and be heard.

1 Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence had been received.

2 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting – 5 January 2021

BS proposed, MF seconded and it was agreed the minutes of the last meeting having been circulated previously be taken as a true and accurate record. It was noted JR would sign a copy of the minutes and return signed copy to the Clerk.

4 Public Questions

There were no questions from the member of the public present.

5 Covid-19 Response

The Clerk advised anyone who was unable to work from home could access rapid testing at two locations, one in Portishead and the other in Weston-super-Mare. The person would not need to be showing symptoms to qualify for the covid test.

6 Police Report

The Clerk advised there had been one incident of violence and sexual assault on or near Chelvey Batch (under investigation) reported in December 2020.

7 Finance and Governance

a) Schedule of meetings to May 2021 and update on current legislation

The Clerk advised that the "Coronavirus Act" permitted the holding of virtual meetings until 6th May 2021. Thereafter, unless the regulations brought in to accommodate the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions on mixing with others was extended, legislation would revert back. This would necessitate face-to-face meetings once more.

JvT went on to advise that NALC was working hard to encourage the government to retain the law to allow remote meetings.

It was agreed to continue holding meetings virtually on a monthly basis and review again in May 2021.

b) Council Facebook page

Following discussion on the merits of increasing the Council's reach within the community, it was agreed the Facebook page as set up by the Clerk would continue. It was agreed the Clerk and Chairman would administer the page and would be the only contributors to the Facebook feed.

SH offered to assist in sharing the page.

c) Receipts and Payments

The Clerk reported no **receipts** had been received since the last meeting.

It was resolved to ratify the following **payments** made since the last meeting:-

£224.84	Ms Joanna van Tonder / HMRC	Clerk's salary (January 2021)
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It was resolved to authorise the following **payments** to be made:-

£150.00	Chelvey & Brockley PCC	Annual venue hire charge 2020/21 – St Bridget's
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The Clerk's [financial report](#) was noted.

8 Highways, pavements, verges and footpaths

a) General update

It was noted the pothole at the traffic lights had been filled and fly-tipped black bags removed from the Chelvey Lane verge.

The following report was received:

- St Nicholas Way – potholes

Action: Clerk to report on Council Connect

MJ reported severe flooding along approximately 30m of Chelvey Batch at its southern end. Members noted the verges were being eroded as a result of pedestrians not being able to walk in the lane.

Action: Clerk to report to NSC and copy SH in on correspondence

b) Main Road trees

JR reported the landowner had been in contact with WPD who had offered to assist with the problematic tree both financially and logistically.

c) Annual Litter pick

It was agreed an annual litter pick, under the current Covid circumstances would be inadvisable, however, residents would be encouraged to pick litter in their own areas independently.

Action: Clerk to publicise availability of litter picking equipment with MF as point of contact

The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to the two residents who had so kindly bagged up the litter along the length of Brockley Coombe again this year.

7:35pm – Zoom meeting ended and was restarted

9 Annual Parish Meeting

Members discussed options available for the holding of the Annual Parish Meeting, normally scheduled for March each year. It was agreed the assembly of residents would have to take place virtually.

It was agreed the style of the meeting would be changed this year and would take the form of a family quiz that would follow on from a short, introduction.

The date of the meeting would be Wednesday, 17 March 2021 at 7pm.

10 Planning

a) Planning applications since the last meeting

The following planning applications were received since the last meeting:

1	20/P/2988/FUH	First floor side extension and single storey rear extension at Old Barton, Chelvey Road, Chelvey The Chair invited the applicant to address the Council. <u>Council comment:</u> no objection
2	20/P/2942/FUL	Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian, erection of a stable block, manure clamp and hard standing at Hestia House, Brockley Lane, Brockley Action: Clerk to request any additional documents that have not yet been uploaded be made available

Members discussed the increasing prevalence of changes to land use away from agriculture,. SH suggested the Parish Council considered drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan.

b) Consents, refusals and enforcement cases since the last meeting

The following planning applications were decided since the last meeting:

20/P/2445/TPO – Brockley Court Cottage, Main Road, Brockley	Consent granted 25/01/2021
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Members noted that since the enforcement officer had been to High Glebe and found no breach in planning conditions, further works had been carried out on the outbuilding to turn it into a dwelling.

Action: Clerk to report to NSC Enforcement team

c) Update on Bristol Airport appeal

SH updated members on the Bristol Airport appeal, advising the enquiry would be held in July. MF reported the PCAA was asking residents and Councils to provide them with first-hand accounts and impact statements that could be used as part of their submission.

Action: MF to draft a response and circulate for approval

8:10pm – MJ left the meeting

11 Open Forum for the Parish Council

Members welcomed a report JR had received from a resident of St Nicholas Way stating that the recently refurbished bench was being well used. It was believed the lady in whose name the plaque is engraved may have been a resident of the old nursing home.

Members were reminded of the upcoming Health and Wellbeing workshop, hosted by NSC, on 24 February 2021. The Clerk advised she would be attending.

SH asked if his report, previously circulated to councillors, could be shared amongst parishioners.

Action: Clerk to circulate on parish e-mail, upload to website and share on Facebook page

12 Dates of the next meetings

Dates of the next meetings: 2 March, 6 April and 4 May 2021

Meeting concluded at 8:15pm.