

BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 317 of the Parish Council held at St Nicholas Church, Brockley on the 2nd of July 2019.

Present: Dr Julian Ridge (Chairman)
Marita Gonzga (Parish Clerk)
Michael Fishwick
Martin Jarvis
Dr Bryan Smith
Dr Antony Ridge
Tina Huckle-Mills (Village Agent from Rural Connections)
Residents x 2

1. Apologies for absence: Steve Hogg (District Councillor)

2. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations made of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

3. Representations from the public

Tina Huckle-Mills the Village Agent from Rural Connections attended. The Rural Connection is funded by the Lottery and is a charity based organisation. Tina is keen to get the local community to look at what they need and see how she can support getting this in place. Tina works 10 hours a week covering various Parish Councils, including Brockley. Tina is one of four Village Agents that cover North Somerset. Offering a **free service** that aims to tackle social isolations, through service user led participation. Tina will meet with clients on a 1:1 basis.

People can self-refer to the service, or can be referred by family members, friends or through the GP practice. However, the service user must consent to the service.

Things that have been set up in other villages include; monthly coffee mornings, crafts and knit festivals.

Tina can also help signpost to other services and refer to free smoke alarms with the Fire Service.

BS highlighted that once there are water facilities in the church that this could be a place to hold events for residents.

AR asked Tina whether she had made contact with the Arts festival, which Tina said she has but the service could do with more promoting.

JR spoke about as the service is independent to the Local Authority, that it should hopefully be more accepted by parishioners.

Action: MG to circulate information to residents on the email list.

MG to display leaflets on Brockley's noticeboards.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting: Meeting 315 (May 2019)

AR proposed and BS second the signing of previous minutes.

5. Matters arising

JR noted that from the previous meeting 315minute 10(d) -railway bridge weight restriction signage, that David Bailey from North Somerset Council advised that 7.5 tonne weight restriction goes from Brockley Lane to Netherton Wood Lane.

6. Meetings, Consultations and Correspondence

S G-M was not at the meeting and therefore envelope was unable to be circulated. BS has offered to contact S G-M to collect.

7. Police Report

JR advised that there has been no crime reported in April 2019 for Brockley.

8. Planning

a) The following Planning applications have been received since the last meeting:

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| 1 | 19/P/1062/TPO
Chesterby House
Chesterby House
1 Brockley Hall
Brockley Lane
Brockley
Bristol
BS48 4AL
Grid Ref: E 347146
N 166929: | <i>Beech T1 Reduce crown to previous points (Approx 1.5m from branches)</i> | Response from NSC due 5 July
Submitted a no objection |
| 2 | 19/P/1080/LBC
Brockley Elm House: | Replacement of 19 number timber windows , 12 sash windows and 7 casement windows. JR and AR both declared an interest due to the owner being their sister-in-law. | Response from NSC due 25 June.
No objection submitted. |
| 3 | 19/P/1028/FUL Land Adjacent To (South West Of) High Glebe Chelvey Batch
Brockley BS48 3AP
Grid Ref: E 347655
N 167196 | Change of use from agricultural land to residential land. | Response from NSC due 18 June
Objection submitted. |

ACTION: MG to update Parish Council on point 2 and 3 of the planning.

b) Consents, refusals and enforcement cases

1. *The following planning applications have been granted **consent / refused**:*

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| <i>19/P/1047/ELO Grass Verge, Main Road:</i>
Notification of proposed siting of a new switching station. | Consent granted 05.06.19 |
| <i>19/P/0969/FUH The Old Hall</i> Erection of a single storey | Registered |

2. *The following enforcement cases have been **opened** or are still **pending**:*

- Enforcement made against Solarsense for breach of planning permission.
Breach of planning permissions 11/P/1994/F and 17/P/2240/F.
Use of open areas for external storage, erection of new storage units, construction of hardstandings, enlarged entrance. Office building not in accordance with approved plans.
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3. *The following appeals have been **registered**:*

None

- c) Grove Farm, Backwell
No further update.
- d) Other
- Bristol Airport:

JR noted that J V-T has submitted the remained opposed view to the airport expansion.

JR advised that prior to leaving, J V-T advised that land Debbie Fortune is selling on Brockley Lane has planning permission for a conversion of shed to a 4 bed property.

The property description says that there is potential for further development.

AR raised that there had been a previous listing for the development of that property, as it is not on Green Belt.

BS noted that the exterior wall is falling down.

1. Streets, open spaces and public rights of way

BS noted that there have been several road signs taken down along stretches and wondered if North Somerset Council were planning to replace them.

- a) Action taken / still outstanding since the previous meeting

Location	Problem	NSC Action
Brockley Lane	Missing triangle post	JR providing a post – MG has re-reported to NSC ref 1397594 .
All lanes	Potholes and edge of carriageway deterioration	Pothole 10462909 reported on 20/05; email received from NSC will look into this.

Temporary road closures / speed amendments

JR spoke about the re-surfacing between 15 and 16th of June between 05:00-12:00 both days, alternate routes have been identified.

- JR spoke about Brockley Lane Closure 18th to 29th July. JR asked MG if the Parish Council had heard back regarding whether the road can be re-

opened over the weekend. MG advised that an email has been sent to both Biffa and Streetworks at North Somerset Council, asking this question. No response from either to date.

b) Condition of roads, pavements, verges, footpaths and gullies:

MG advised that an email has been received from a resident, concerned about the overgrown hedge which belongs to 'Red Walls', which is causing a safety issue as it is 'impeding their view' and conscious of the oncoming motorcyclists and cyclists that can't be seen. The resident has raised it with North Somerset Council, however believes it is the landowner that is responsible.

Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent to the owners of Red Walls, asking for the hedge to be cut.

AR noted that there is a pothole by Chelvey Lane on the left-hand side. **Action:** MG to report it to North Somerset Council.

BS raised that the hedges along the A 370, between Brockley Stores and Saint Nicholas' Way are overgrown and causing a safety issue. The signage is also being obscured.

Councillors agreed for a letter to be written to the owner.

Action: MG to write a letter to owners.

c) Speed limit on A370

1) Speedwatch: Email circulated amongst the councillors regarding Auto Speed Watch, which records driver's speed and vehicle's registration.

Councillors discussed this and JR commented that it is the issue of the speed itself that needs reducing, rather than the sporadic speeders. Councillors felt due to the cost and the unlikelihood that it could be shared with a neighbouring village, that it wasn't suitable at this time.

2) JR updated about his meeting with Backwell PC and Flax Bourton PC to look at the speed and potential increase of traffic in the future.

JR spoke about Backwell's desire to reduce the speed from 40 to 30 mph on a part of the road within Backwell. It was agreed at the consultation that Parish Councils need to have more of an active say in things such as speed, especially with the inevitable increase in traffic that will come as a result of the JSP.

Peter Soothill, Backwell's Parish Council Chairman together with the chairs of Brockley and Flax Bourton, have written a letter to Don Davis North Somerset Council Chief Executive, asking for more of an active say.

AR asked whether the reduction of the speed limit would be legally binding, JR clarified that if the speed could be reduced, this would be signed off by North Somerset Council and would therefore be legal.

d) Litter, Waste and Recycling

JR raised the matter of Dog Poo bins: The Parish Council, were contacted by the main contractors of emptying the poo bins. They enquired to whether the Parish Council wished to have any bins installed and maintained. However, it was collectively agreed by the councillors present that dog walkers tended to walk their dogs in open fields and therefore there wasn't a need for this.

MF and MJ raised that North Somerset Council have failed to collect the Green Bins for

Chelvey. **Action:** MG to email NSC.

MJ noted that residents didn't get the leaflets with the recycling and waste collections dates. Discussed that though it is available on the Internet, not everyone has access to the Internet. **Action:** MG to request leaflets for the residents.

e) Parish Maintenance & Footpaths

Resident SW was welcomed, she had previously sent the Parish Council an email raising concerns about Brockley Woods and the work being carried out by the new owners, in particular the impact on the wildlife there. SW was aware it is privately owned but wished to raise concern. JR thanked SW for attending and advised that he had spoken with one of the owners, who reassured JR that they are clearing the area that is overgrown. Their aim isn't to damage the wildlife areas but thinning the woodlands, will actually help and benefit the habitats and growth.

JR advised that the owners are regulated by a felling licence, which they do own.

S WW noted that her concern and other dog-walkers, was how much has been cleared and there did not appear to be any planning signs or notices up in the area.

MF commented that a footpath that had previously been used, has since been blocked off. JR suggested that there are often set footpaths and bridle paths for use by the public. Others that aren't set ones don't require maintaining.

AR reiterated that ecologically there can be benefits to clearing areas to promote growth.

S WW thanked the Councillors for their feedback.

BS noted overgrown footpaths that needed cutting back. Councillors agreed for JR to contact Brian Whiteway to cut back the areas. BS will do a recky of other areas and notify JR if there are more areas needing trimming back.

Action: JR to contact Brian to get the work arranged.

- 10. Broadband
- TrueSpeed: Have advised that in Brockley they have now signed up around 29% of the properties in our potential build area. The two key areas that they are working on are around take up and access.

MG read out the email received by True Speed and its possible areas of gaining access to Brockley via neighbouring villages.

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2. 11. Facilities at Brockley Church
3. AR updated on the current status of the building work. Trenches have been dug and pipes have been laid. The wait is now on Bristol Water to give a connection date. Unfortunately, there has been some delay as Bristol Water have to sign off the work from photographs sent in by the architect. Bristol Water lost the first set of photos, but have since signed off the work after receiving another copy.
4. Before the connection date, AR needs to arrange for the pipes to be sterilised.
5. AR advised that he will standing down as the facilitator as he has been actively involved since the project started seven years ago, but hopes to see the connection of the water in place first. There is still a lot more work needing to be done including access within the church.
6. Karen Shaw is the new Chairperson for Friends of Brockley Church.
7. Karen would like the mailing list for the residents of the Parish to distribute information. Under GDPR no names will be given of residents. Karen would like to know simply how the Parish Council divides the mailing

between Councillors when distributing leaflets.

8. **Action:** MG to email Karen the master list.

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12. Training:

MG spoke about the training she has been on; 13 June ALCA Meeting and on the 20 June New Councillors and Clerk training at North Somerset Council. MG spoke about how she was able to listen to a talk by the new Chief Executive of North Somerset; Don Davis. Don talked about wanting to promote smaller business and encouraging residents to work in their communities, rather than going to the bigger cities.

He also spoke about wanting to tackle social isolations and giving Parish Councils more of a voice.

The Standards training, MG spoke about the roles and responsibilities Councillors have and adhering to practice within the laws.

13. Finance

Receipts and Payments

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| Received | - ALCA and NALCA annual subscription receipt received. |
| Owing | - PCAA Subscription sum of £50
Judith Hoskin passes on her gratitude for the Parish Council's support.
Cheque signed by JR and MF.
- Good Councillor guide x2; MG and S G-M for the sum of £19.90
MG advised it was split between Barrow Gurney and the cost is £7.96
Cheque signed by JR and MF. |

- Change of signatures are still outstanding from May Parish meeting.

MJ and AR brought their paperwork.

Action: MG to add and remove signatures as agreed in the May Parish Meeting.

1. BPC website:

2. advised that J V-T has added a new link added to BPC website to the Jobcentre

MG advised that a notice had been put on the website advising residents that they could see the Parish Council's expenditure within a set time frame.

- Notification of re-surfacing on roads.

15. A.O.B:

JR wanted to raise that Backwell Parish Council are currently spending significant money working with advisers responding to the the JSP. JR was conscious that this is a financial matter so can not be voted on at today's meeting. However, wished to advise

everyone that Backwell have a GoFund page, which is being used to help fund the work being done. As Brockley will benefit from the plans being put forward by Backwell, JR wanted people to take a look.

BS commented that you can join the Backwell Residents group (despite not living in Backwell).

BS noted that a resident had reported that a 'new layby' has been created following GigiClear digging up the verge on Brockley Lane. As a result people are now using this as a place to park. Concerns that the more people use this, the more it will become an actual parking area. Therefore JR proposed MG contacts North Somerset Council to ask for cones to be placed to prevent people parking and so encourage vegetation to grow back.

Councillors agreed.

Action: MG to contact North Somerset Council.

16 Dates of future meetings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
3 September 2019	St Nicholas, BROCKLEY
5 November 2019	St Bridget's Church, CHELVEY

Meeting concluded at 20:50pm.