

BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual Meeting of the Parish Council held remotely,
at 7:00pm on 5 January 2021

Present:	Cllrs Dr Julian Ridge (chair), Mike Fishwick, Tessa Jarman, Dr Antony Ridge, Dr Bryan Smith (late arrival) and Joanna van Tonder (Clerk)
	2x residents Andy Moore, Truespeed (late arrival)
Absent	Cllr Martin Jarvis
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

Cllrs Julian Ridge and Antony Ridge declared personal interests in agenda item 8(b): Main Road trees.

3 [Minutes of the previous meeting](#) – 3 November 2020

AR 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

Members were asked about the Council's submission in response to the NSC Local Plan 2038: Choices consultation. JR offered to forward a copy of the submitted answers to the resident and thanked her for her prior input.

It was agreed to consider agenda item 8(b): Main Road trees at this point.

8 Highways, pavements, verges and footpaths

b) Main Road trees

JR and AR had declared a personal interest in that there were some trees on their land.

Members were advised that the NSC Tree Officer had written to the landowner in question instructing him to address the trees on the boundary with Main Road. The landowner had advised the Council works would be undertaken in the near future.

JR and AR advised they too had surveyed the trees on their property and, whilst none were deemed dangerous, routine works identified on some were to be scheduled.

The Council was asked to follow up with the landowner regarding progress as a matter of urgency, as the resident present reported further precarious limbs on the Oak that had recently lost its branch causing the damage to the adjacent property.

Action: Clerk to write to landowner

5 Covid-19 Response

Members noted there had been no further calls for support since the start of the second full lockdown and that most residents appeared to be coping.

***Andy Moore, Truespeed joined the meeting
It was agreed to consider agenda item 11: Broadband update at this point.***

11 Broadband update

Andy Moore updated members on progress, advising Flax Bourton and Congresbury had been connected with Kingston Seymour and Kenn about to go live. In response to a question as to when Truespeed would be likely to move into Brockley, the ongoing Gigaclear roll out in the parish as well as the appetite for a second provider was discussed.

Andy advised that, while Truespeed had initially required a 30% sign-up rate in order to consider an area for inclusion on their programme, a change in their business model together with increased funding as a result of being awarded the Connecting Devon & Somerset contract meant they could choose where to go.

Andy advised a new suite of packages was on offer and the mostly likely time-frame for Truespeed in Brockley would be somewhere between 12 to 18 months,

It was generally agreed that having a choice of suppliers would be desirable.

7:27pm - Andy Moore, Truespeed left the meeting

6 Police Report

No incidents of crime had been reported during the month of October with one incident of criminal damage and arson on or near St Nicholas Way (under investigation) in November 2020.

7 Finance and Governance

a) Annual room hire charges

Members noted the Clerk's report, previously circulated, and it was agreed to recommend an annual sum of £150 and £60 be levied on the Council, in arrears, by St Bridget's and St Nicholas, respectively, for the unlimited use of the venues for meetings.

Action: Clerk to continue discussions with Church wardens and treasurers

7:37pm – BS joined the meeting

b) Budget 2021/22

The Clerk presented the draft budget as previously circulated and answered questions.

JR proposed, BS seconded and the [Budget 2021/22](#) (copy attached) was agreed.

c) Precept 2021/22

BS proposed, MF seconded and it was resolved that Brockley Parish Council would request a Precept of **£5,500** for the financial year ending 31 March 2022.

Action: Clerk to advise NSC of Precept requirement

d) 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:-

£218.79	Ms Joanna van Tonder / HMRC	Clerk's salary (November 2020)
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It was resolved to authorise the following **payments** to be made:-

£40.00	Information Commissioner	Annual data registration fee
£60.00	Avon Local Councils Association	Essential Councillor training (T Jarman)

The Clerk's [financial report](#) was noted.

7:45pm – AR left the meeting (technical difficulties)

8 Highways, pavements, verges and footpaths

a) General update

The following report was received:

- Brockley Way – extensive potholes on the edge of the carriageway
- Brockley Way (in the vicinity of Littlewood Lane) – ditches and drains blocked resulting in flooding of the road

Action: Clerk to report on Council Connect

Members discussed the poor state of the ground around a number of the parish footpaths' stiles and gates. With a greater number of walkers enjoying the footpath network and despite responsibility for the paths' upkeep resting with NSC, it was agreed the Council might need to consider providing woodchip or similar in the future,

8:05pm – AR rejoined the meeting

9 Consultations and Meetings

a) NS Local Plan 2038: Choices for the Future

Members noted the Council's comments had been submitted in advance of the deadline.

b) Bristol Airport additional information (20/P/2896/APPCON)

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c) NSC Draft Active Travel consultation

The Clerk advised the deadline for submission of comments on this consultation had been extended to 15th January affording members a further opportunity to review the draft strategy covering the ten year period to 2030.

Action: Councillors to circulate comments

10 Planning

a) Planning applications since the last meeting

The following planning applications were received since the last meeting:

1	20/P/2260/LBC	Listed building consent for installation of broadband cable from a Gigaclear POT on the driveway to the house over the outside wall. Works include drilling a 12mm access hole in the wall and painting black cable to match exterior at Chesterby House, 1 Brockley Hall, Brockley Lane, Brockley <u>Council comment:</u> no objection (retrospective)
2	20/P/2445/TPO	T1 – Cedar of Lebanon – remove overhanging limbs back to suitable growth point in line with guttering of property. End weight reduction of laterals extended over roof by approximately 2m at Brockley Court Cottage, Main Road, Brockley <u>Council comment:</u> no objection (retrospective)

3	20/P/2906/FUL	<p>Demolition of existing structures and erection of 2no. Dwellings at <i>Brockley Nurseries, Main Road, Brockley</i></p> <p><u>Council comment:</u> object on the grounds that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. original planning consent for housing on the site stipulated single storey dwellings only, and 2. double storey dwellings would interfere with the openness of the green belt
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Members were advised of an additional planning application received since the publication of the agenda:

20/P/2988/FUH – First floor side extension and single storey rear extension at ***Old Barton, Chelvey Road, Chelvey***

Action: Councillors to circulate comments

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

The following planning applications were decided since the last meeting:

20/P/1953/LDP – High Glebe, Chelvey Batch	Approved (lawful) 12/11/2020
20/P/2217/FUL – Five Acre Farm, Pit Lane, Backwell	Consent granted 15/12/2020
20/P/2260/LBC – Chesterby House, 1 Brockley Hall, Brockley Lane, Brockley	Consent granted 16/12/2020
20/P/2295/LDP – Chelvey Hollow, Chelvey Batch	Approved (lawful) 20/11/2020

12 Open Forum for the Parish Council

JR reported a small quantity of local wildflower seeds had been sown along the meadow verge at the bottom of Chelvey Batch and should germinate with any luck.

13 Dates of the next meetings

Dates of the next meetings: 2 February and 2 March 2021

Meeting concluded at 8:30pm.