

BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 315 of the Parish Council held at St Bridget's Church, Chelvey
on 5 March 2019.

Present: Dr Julian Ridge (Chairman), Mike Fishwick, Martin Jarvis, Liz Lunn, Dr Bryan Smith and Joanna van Tonder (Clerk)
Deborah Yamanaka (District Councillor)
Residents x 2

Distribution: The Parish Councillors plus Deborah Yamanaka

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Antony Ridge.

2 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

3 Public Participation

There were no questions from the public.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting 314 – 8 January 2019

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.

5 Matters Arising

The following actions arising from the meeting of 8 January 2019 were still outstanding and / or not addressed elsewhere in the agenda:

- minute 10(c) – restoration of two signs of historic value – **Clerk to make enquiries**
- minute 10(d) – railway bridge weight restriction signage – **Clerk to request from NSC**

6 Meetings, Consultations & Correspondence

a) Town & Parish Forum (General) – 6 February 2019

Members noted the Clerk's report on the forum that covered i) NSC's Parks and Open Spaces contract and ii) Social Isolation and Loneliness.

It was agreed to invite i) Colin Russell and John Flannigan (NSC) to the next meeting in May to discuss the PC's role in shaping the contract specifications for tender next year, and ii) Tina Huckle-Mills (WERN Village Agent) to talk about how the PC could assist in reducing social isolation amongst its residents.

Action: Clerk to pass on invitations

b) Joint Local Transport Plan4 consultation – 20 March 2019

Members discussed the proposals as contained in the consultation documents, copies of which were handed out. Members noted the proposed car park at Nailsea & Backwell station and raised concerns that the current railway infrastructure could not facilitate an increase in capacity.

Similarly, it was agreed the proposed Park & Ride at J21 of the M5 would certainly increase the volume of both shuttle buses and general traffic to Bristol Airport; the concern being that Brockley Combe was wholly unsuitable for vehicles such as buses and coaches.

A number of the proposals within the Plan were considered highly premature in assuming the Bristol Airport expansion would be granted despite the planning application not yet having been decided.

Action: Councillors to circulate comments in advance of the deadline

DY reminded members that NSC had recently passed a motion recognising climate change as an emergency with a plan to be carbon-neutral by 2030.

- c) **Circulation envelope**
BS accepted the envelope.

7 Police Report

No incidents of crime had been reported in December 2018 and no information was available on the constabulary's website for January 2019 as at the time of the meeting.

8 Parish Council Elections – 2 May 2019

LL advised that she would not be standing for election again in May. On behalf of all on the Parish Council, JR expressed his sadness but thanked her for her service to the parish and wished her well.

It was agreed to encourage residents in the Chelvey area to consider standing in order to maintain the balance of representation that currently exists on the Council.

Councillors were reminded that the deadline for handing in nomination forms was 4pm on Wednesday, 3 April 2019.

9 Planning

a) Planning applications since the last meeting

The following planning applications had been **received**:

1	18/P/5081/MMA	Application to vary condition 4 attached to planning permission 17/P/5164/OUT (Outline application for 2 dwellings with access, layout and scale to be considered) to allow for amendment to application site area (reduction in site area) at Brockley Nurseries, Main Road, Brockley <u>Council comment</u> : no objection (retrospective)
2	19/P/0051/FUL	Application to remove condition 3 (use restricted to Motivation Charitable Trust only) on planning permission 95/2216 (change of use to office) to allow premises to be let to a new tenant at School House, Brockley Elm Farm, Brockley Lane, Brockley <u>Council comment</u> : no objection (retrospective)
3	19/P/0351/MMA	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans / documents) of permission 17/P/5384/FUL (Erection of 3no. polytunnels on land; replacement gate and access improvements with creation of hardstanding) to allow replacement of concrete slab with loose shingle and membrane at Five Acre Farm, Pit Lane, Backwell <u>Council comment</u> : no objection

b) Consents, Refusals and Enforcement cases since the last meeting

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

- 18/P/4314/FUL : Conversion of existing outbuilding to create residential dwelling at <i>Midgell Farm, Chelvey Road, Chelvey</i>	PERMISSION GRANTED 31/01/2019
- 18/P/4555/FUL : Erection of 3no. additional polytunnels (to give 6no. polytunnels on site in total) at <i>Five Acre Farm, Pit Lane, Backwell</i>	PERMISSION GRANTED 16/01/2019
- 18/P/4981/CQA : Prior Approval for the conversion of 2no. agricultural buildings to 2no. dwelling houses (Use Class C3) with operational development of replacement and new windows/doors, re-roofing of buildings and timber cladding. Removal of 2no. buildings at <i>Land And Buildings To The West Of Brockley Lane, Brockley</i>	PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED 08/02/2019

2. The following enforcement cases have been **opened** or are still **pending**:
No new enforcement cases have been opened.

3. The following appeals have been **registered**:
No new appeals have been registered.

c) Grove Farm, Backwell

BS reported he had attended the Backwell Residents Association's AGM the previous month where he heard further Grove Farm plans from the developers were still awaited. LL advised that Cllr Nigel Ashton (Leader of the Council, NSC) had met with the Housing Minister in an effort to negotiate a reduction in the number of houses needed for the District. The outcome of this meeting was, as yet, unknown.

d) Other

Bristol Airport

Members noted the PCAA had circulated an update to their comments objecting to the expansion of Bristol Airport. John Penrose MP (Weston-super-Mare) had written to the Secretary of State for Housing requesting The Rt Hon James Brokenshire call in the application for determination at government level. Dr Liam Fox MP (North Somerset) had also been asked to request a call-in.

It was commented that some residents reported smelling aviation fuel that would indicate air pollution not consistent with NSC's commitment to address climate change.

Housing developments in Nailsea

Members were reminded that the Youngwood Lane developers were appealing against NSC's failure to make a decision on planning application 16/P/1677/OT2 within the appropriate period. The appeal hearing was scheduled for 3 September 2019.

10 Streets, Open Spaces and Public Rights of Way

a) Action taken by North Somerset Council since the last meeting

Location	Problem	NSC Action
Brockley Lane	Missing triangle post	JR providing post, Clerk awaiting response from NSC to install Action: Clerk to follow up with NSC
Chelvey Road	Pothole at edge of church car park	Clerk inspected; does not meet required dimensions for NSC action Action: Clerk to monitor
All lanes	Potholes and edge of carriageway deterioration	Reported; awaiting action

Temporary road closures / speed amendments

- Chelvey Road - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

- effective from **11 February 2019** (for a max. of 18 months) – anticipated **15 days**
- Reason for closure: Gigaclear installation of fibre optic equipment

LL reported the Chelvey Road temporary road closure had overrun and had been extremely disruptive with no communication on the occasion when the road was completely closed on both ends, effectively blocking residents in.

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

No reports were received.

c) Speed limit on A370

Members heard that, when asked when the next speed limit review was due on the A370, Cllr Elfan Ap Rees (Deputy Leader of the Council) stated a review would only take place in the

event of either an increase in the number of traffic accidents along that stretch or a significant increase in housing density.

Members and residents discussed the welfare concerns posed to both the residents of the properties along the A370 and members of the public by the speed of the traffic.

It was agreed to set up a working group to organise the collection of Speedwatch data, collate incident reports, consider options and communicate with NSC. It was suggested residents parish-wide could be asked to share their experiences of the traffic along the A370 including around Brockley Stores.

Action: Clerk to liaise with residents and arrange a working group meeting

Action: Clerk to include a piece in Brock's News and local parish magazines

d) Litter, Waste and Recycling

LL reported Chelvey Road had not had any recycling collections for three weeks and, despite numerous calls to NSC reporting the missed collections and promises to remedy, the situation remained unchanged. LL went on to report that the response she had received from Council Connect had, on occasions, been wholly inappropriate citing one example where it had been suggested she should have called more often.

Action: Clerk to report to Colin Russell

Members noted that Brockley Combe had recently been cleared of litter. It was agreed to send Martin P a letter of thanks if he was found to have been responsible for the litter pick once again.

e) Parish Maintenance & Footpaths

JR reported Adrian Woolacott (NSC) had arranged for a group of volunteers to install the last of the gates along footpaths LA4/4 and LA4/11. The Clerk confirmed a letter of thanks had been sent to Adrian.

It was agreed to include a piece on this in Brock's News; JR offered to provide a photograph.

11 Facilities at Brockley Church

Members noted AR's report wherein he confirmed that digging of the trench was scheduled to begin the following day, Wednesday, 6 March.

12 Broadband

Residents reported there was a concerted effort being made within the parish to achieve Truespeed's required 30% take-up.

BS advised that Gigaclear were scheduled to visit Brockley Hall in the near future to decide where the "pots" would be located on each property and to advise on activation dates.

13 Clerk's resignation and recruitment of successor

JR confirmed he had received the Clerk's resignation and that she would be vacating her post on 31 May 2019.

The Clerk advised the vacancy was being advertised online and the decision to place a joint advertisement with Barrow Gurney Parish Council in North Somerset Times at a cost to Brockley PC of £60.25 + VAT was ratified.

Members noted the deadline for applications was 22 March and interviews would be held during the week of 1 - 5 April 2019.

14 Finance

a) Internal Audit 2019

The Clerk advised the Internal Audit was scheduled to take place between 8 – 19 April 2019.

b) Receipts and Payments

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

BS proposed, MF seconded and it was resolved to ratify the following **payments** made since the last meeting:-

£200.87 Ms Joanna van Tonder / HMRC

Clerk's salary (January 2019)

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BS proposed, MF seconded and it was resolved to authorise the following **payments** to be made:-

£100.00	Friends of Brockley Church	Churchyard maintenance grant
£205.00	Chelvey & Brockley PCC	Churchyard maintenance grant and venue hire for (November 2018, January & March 2019)
£636.00	Parish Noticeboard Company	Balance owing on noticeboard
£133.56	Ms Joanna van Tonder	Clerk's expenses (October 2018 – March 2019)
£72.30	Archant	50% of recruitment advertisement

The Clerk reported the bank balance prior to the authorisation of the cheques was £4,551.15. Following the payment of the cheques amounting to £1,146.86, the available balance would be **£3,404.29**.

She advised there would be a surplus to reserves at year end in the region of £900 and went on to answer residents' questions regarding the PC's level of reserves.

15 Annual Parish Meeting and Brock's News

The Clerk advised that invitations had been extended to Avon Bat Group and Mr Geoff Billington, the consultant originally involved in the Brockley Hall Stables bat survey, to talk at the Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 26 March at St Bridget's Church. It was agreed to provide fruit juice and biscuits / cakes.

Clerk's Note: Avon Bat Group has confirmed they will be sending a representative/s to give a presentation to the meeting.

Members were reminded that the Clerk was looking for contributions to Brock's News. BS agreed to forward a piece with new information that had come to light about the life of the Smyth-Pygot family.

16 Date of next meeting

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

The meeting closed at approximately 8:10 pm.