

BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual Meeting of the Parish Council held remotely,
at 7:00pm on 6 October 2020

Present: Dr Julian Ridge (chair), Martin Jarvis, Dr Antony Ridge, Dr Bryan Smith and
Joanna van Tonder (Clerk)

Cllr Steve Hogg, Tessa Jarman

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

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Mike Fishwick (holiday).

2 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

There were no declarations of interest received.

3 [Minutes of the previous meeting – 15 September 2020](#)

BS proposed, AR 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 Casual Vacancy as a result of Councillor resignation

Members were informed that Cllr Karen Shaw had submitted her resignation from the Council on 17 September 2020 and that a casual vacancy had thus arisen.

The Monitoring Officer had been informed and the Notice of Vacancy issued.

5 Public Questions

There were no public questions.

6 Covid-19 Response

Members noted that, while the rate of infection throughout North Somerset was still low in comparison to the rest of England, the number of cases was increasing.

7 Police Report

The following incidents of crime were reported on the constabulary's website:

July 2020:

- 1 x violence and sexual offence on or near Brockley Lane (under investigation)

August 2020:

- 1 x other theft on or near Chelvey Road (under investigation)

Action: Clerk to invite PCSO to a council meeting on a date to suit

8 Finance and Governance

a) Website Accessibility Statement

The Clerk reported she had been unable to publish the Accessibility Statement on the Council's website in advance of the deadline and would work to completing the task as soon as possible.

Action: Clerk to draft and publish Accessibility Statement

b) Receipts and Payments

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

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

£218.79 Ms Joanna van Tonder / HMRC Clerk's salary (September 2020)

It was resolved to authorise the following **payments** to be made:-

£140.00	Parish Councils Airport Association	Contribution towards legal expenses (Bristol Airport appeal)
£36.00	CPRE	Annual subscription FYE 2021
£195.53	Ms Joanna van Tonder / HMRC	Clerk's expenses (01/04 – 06/10/2020)

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

9 Highways, pavements, verges and footpaths

Footpath clearance

JR reported Brian Whiteway had spent a great deal of time attempting to clear the path alongside a field of maize. There remained only a few more jobs left for Brian to complete this year. JR advised that, as a consequence of the additional time spent on the maize field, the final bill may exceed the £100 in the budget.

Reports to be submitted to NSC

- Pothole along a strip near the footings of the wall alongside Brockley Lane to the north of Brockley Elm

Action: Clerk to report to NSC

Fingerposts

AR reiterated a number of the parish's fingerposts were in need of repair and repainting. The clerk confirmed two located at the Brockley Lane / Chelvey Road junction and Brockley Lane / Brockley Way triangle respectively, had already been reported. It was agreed to audit the remaining fingerposts should NSC be willing to rejuvenate the signs.

10 Planning

a) Planning applications since the last meeting

There were no new planning applications since the last meeting.

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

No planning decisions had been made since the previous meeting.

Members noted that a decision had not yet been taken on planning application 20/P/1953/LDP – High Glebe, Chelvey Batch. Members were informed that construction works on an insulated, dual skin building were ongoing.

SH was asked to ensure the Planning Officer was made aware of this.

c) North Somerset Local Plan 2038: Call for Sites

Members agreed small, isolated sites in the parish and surrounds were preferable to larger-scale developments that would inevitably put exceptional pressure on the parish's roads and lanes.

Action: Clerk to draft and circulate a consultation response

d) National Planning consultations

SH confirmed that the final version of the North Somerset Independent Councillors' letter that had been forwarded to the PC for information had been submitted in response to the Changes to Planning consultation. Members thanked SH and his colleagues.

7:37pm - MJ left the meeting (connection failure)

1. Planning for the Future (deadline for comment: 29/10/2020)

It was agreed the Council would consider a short submission in response to this consultation.

Action: Clerk to recirculate links; Councillors to draft and circulate a response

2. Transparency and Competition (deadline for comment: 30/10/2020)

It was agreed the scope of this consultation fell beyond the remit and resources of the Parish Council.

7:39pm - MJ attempted to rejoin meeting without success (connection failure)

11 Rural Broadband roll-out

JR suggested Gigaclear's performance had been good in some aspects but less so in others with generally poor after-sales service.

The Clerk read from an e-mail received from Truespeed, updating the Council on progress. Homes in Barrow Gurney were in the process of being connected with Flax Bourton already live. A new cabinet in Cleeve was planned for the next few months that would support Truespeed's move into Brockley, where over 40% of residents are signed up.

Action: Clerk to invite Andy Moore, Truespeed to the next meeting

12 Open Forum for the Parish Council

a) ALCA AGM – 10 October 2020

The Clerk reminded members of the ALCA AGM to be held remotely on 10 October.

b) Other Councillor reports

SH reported the following:

- Biffa would be relinquishing the waste contract with effect April 2021 with NSC planning to bring services back in-house.
- The existing contract for the Churchill Leisure Centre had ended; the centre and pool would not be reopening for the foreseeable future.
- A Test & Trace support grant of £500 was being offered to anyone on low income required to self-isolate.
- Big drive to encourage people to take up the annual flu jab on offer.

JR thanked SH for his report and his attendance.

13 Dates of the next meetings

Dates of the next meetings: 3 November 2020, 5 January, 2 February and 2 March 2021

Meeting concluded at 7:52pm.