

BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting 318 of the Parish Council held at St. Nicholas Church, Brockley on the 3rd of September 2019.

Present: Dr. Julian Ridge (Chairman)
Marita Gonzga (Clerk)
Dr Antony Ridge
Dr Bryan Smith
Karen Shaw
Martin Jarvis
Michael Fishwick

1. Apologies for absence

District Councillor Steve Hogg, sent his apologies due to an urgent meeting regarding the Airport.

2. Declarations of Interest

This is the opportunity for Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. No interests were declared.

3. Representations from the public:

One member of the public. The member of public, wished to raise the issue about the green entering Chelvey Batch (side of Backwell). He feels the area is overgrown and looks unkept. JR advised that the area had previously been planned for a 'wild flower area'. NSC took that area off their schedule for cutting the grass. However, this idea was dropped due to the potential planning and change in the road structure, which would mean a possible roundabout would go through that area. Therefore, it was agreed that NSC needed to re-instate that area back into their work area to ensure the grass was cut back.

JR also advised that BPC plan to plant 300 daffodils in that spot, which will also improve the aesthetics.

Action: MG to contact NSC to get the green added back onto the schedule for grass cutting.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting: Meeting 317 (July 2019)

BS proposed, AR seconded the signing of the minutes.

5. Matters arising

Sian Gissing-McMeel resigned from the post as councillor on the 6 July. NSC was advised and an advert was placed for a co-opted seat. Karen Shaw has put herself forward as co-opted councillor, as she was the only applicant, she has been successful in being appointed.

There is now a vacancy for the Parish Council Airport Association (PCAA), following the resignation of S G-M. MF has put himself forward for this role.

Action: MG to advise PCCA.

6. Meetings, Consultations and Correspondence

Copy of Countryside Voice has been added for circulation.

Parish Council have been circulated information about:

Planning: Invite for consultation about the area of Nailsea being proposed for development of housing.

MG has submitted a response on behalf of BPC.

Local and National Council Association News: Notification of the ALCA AGM on 5th of October at Flax Bourton Village Hall.
NALC Chief Executive Bulletin circulated.

PCAA: information circulated and information circulated about crowdfunding.

Transport: information circulated about the opening of the Portishead Rail Link.

Roads and Highways: North Somerset Permit Scheme.

Town and Parish Digest has been circulated.

The previous envelope that had been circulated, is no longer in distribution. Therefore, collectively agreed by the Councillors to start a new circulation envelope.

KS would like information circulated on Transport, PCCA and Roads as did not receive these.

Action: MG to send the emails to KS.

7. Police Report

There has been one incident of criminal damage reported on 1st of June in Chelvey Batch.

MG advised the PC Faithful is the Beat Manager for the Parish and has requested the social media details for the Parish. AS BPC does not have social media, MG raised with BPC that the website could be used to share information with residents from the Police.

8. Planning

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

19/P/1643/NMA : Chelvey Boarding Kennels
Brockley Lane
Brockley

Application for: Non-material amendment to application 17/P/2240/F (Demolition of existing warehouses and the construction of 2 No. detached dwellings with associated access arrangements, parking provision and landscaping) to allow changes to window layout with addition of a new window at ground floor level, amendment to roof finish, amendments apply to the dwelling Type A (lot 1) only.

No comment submitted.

19/P/1573/LBC: St Nicholas Church
St Nicholas Way

Listed building consent for the installation of disabled access WC in north transept (organ Aisle) of church. Provision of external access path to the church.

Decision for the 14th of October

19/P/1574/FUL: St Nicholas Church
St Nicholas Way

Provision of external access path to the church.

Decision for the 14th of October

19/P/1968/FUH: Old Hall
Chelvey Road
Chelvey

Erection of a single storey timber garden room to replace existing conservatory

Decision for the 4th of October

b) Consents, refusals and enforcement cases

1. ***The following planning applications have been granted consent / refused: 19/P/1028/FUL: Land adjacent to SW of High Glebe Chelvey Batch***

North Somerset Council decided on the 9th of July to approve the application.

JR wrote to NS District Councillor Steve Hogg to get more information about the decision, as BPC has submitted an objection. However NSC did not mention the concerns in their decision making.

JR expressed how often NSC make decisions without reflecting on the comments submitted by the Parish Council.

MG has sent an email to District Councillor Steve Hogg, chasing up the feedback and will circulate to Councillors the response, as and when she receives it.

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

None active

3. ***The following appeals have been registered:***

None active

c) Grove Farm, Backwell:

No update.

d) Other

Cleeve are holding a short talk by Pat Walmsley about her reasons why we need to be making a declaration about climate and emergency declarations. Councillors have been invited to attend the talk, which will take place at their October meeting (8th October at 7.30). MG has circulated this information to the councillors. AR has expressed his interest in attending.

Cleeve Parish Council Clerk is organising for the Parish Clerks of the neighbouring areas to do a tour of the Airport. MG will be attending on the 11 of October.

There have been several signs placed in Brockley. Debbie Fortune have replaced the For Sale sign on the crossroads and there is now a sold sign. MG notified the Councillors that she had requested its removal but has faced some resistance. However, BPC had contacted the company back in June, requesting the removal of the sign, once the property sold. JR advised that it is now advertising and needs removal.

Action: MG to continue to request its removal.

David James and Partners have also placed a sign on the crossroads, advertising a ploughing match in Wick St. Lawrence. The company have been contacted by MG to have the sign taken down as it has no relevance to the Parish.

9. **Streets, open spaces and public rights of way**

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

A letter was sent to a particular resident regarding the hedges and there has been on-going contact with the proprietors' assistant. There was some discrepancy on whether it was the landowner's responsibility or the local authority. Therefore, with the agreement of the owners, MG spoke with NSC to determine.

NSC confirmed on the 13 of August, that it is the landowner's responsibility to maintain the hedges. However hedges cannot be maintained during 1 March and 1 September due to nesting season. MG advised the proprietor assistant.

It was raised that the lower part of the hedge had been cut and the proprietor assistant, did not know by whom.

JR and MJ agreed that it would be done by NSC as part of their road hedge maintenance.

A letter was sent to the Old Rectory about the hedgerow obscuring pedestrians walking along the A370

1419750: Overgrown hedge raised at July Parish Council Meeting; NSC have issued a work order for the vegetation to be cut back in that location.

1472337: Makeshift car-parking of the area dug up by Gigaclear. NSC are looking into this.

1397594: Broken and missing post at Brockley Triangle. NSC previously agreed to replace with a new sleeper being held by JR but have now closed this file without explanation.
Action: MG to request this be reopened.

1373318: 7.5 tonne signs obscured by vegetation. NSC advise hedgerow will be dealt with after the 1st of September.

MG has displayed pamphlets in the Parish's noticeboards about the Village Agent service.

JR to make contact with BW about maintaining footpaths as identified and agreed at the July meeting.

Temporary road closures / speed amendments

There have been several road closures that have taken place including along Brockley Way to Brockley Lane for both Gigaclear work and also for Bristol Water. MG has notified Councillors about these and advised residents via the website and noticeboards.

- b) Condition of roads, pavements, verges, footpaths and gullies
A resident has raised concern about the poor maintenance of the green where the post box and noticeboard are located by Chelvey Batch. They would like for the area to reflect the signage area of Backwell, that is well kept and has flowers.
MG reported this to NSC on 16 July and the issue is closed as NSC have advised work that is adopted under the highway verge order has been maintained. However, resident would like a discussion around keeping the grass short and added some flowers.
The matter was also discussed earlier in the meeting, as the matter had also been raised by the member of public.
Action: MG to contact NSC Streets and Open Spaces to have the area re-instated on their grass cutting work order.
- c) Speed limit on A370
A resident has raised concerns about the hazardous driving of people along Chelvey Batch and would like to address whether restrictions could be put in place.
KS questioned whether the speed limit could be looked at. JR discussed that it is the National Speed limit, but that is not to state drivers are to drive at such speed.
KS raised concerns about the real safety issue of residents, particularly those whose driveways face directly onto the A370. KS highlighted that this has been an ongoing issue, raised many times at meetings. JR did say that NSC would likely only initiate a review if there were sufficient accidents to 'trigger' that. KS responded that she thought it was completely shocking that this was the approach and requested it to be minuted.
Discussions were had about getting NSC to look at speed limits, when faced with such difficulties around reducing the current speed limit along the A370.
There have been previous talks by the new Head of NSC about giving more control back to Parish Councils over decisions and how best to utilise this momentum, whilst still fresh. KS argued that BPC should be proactive in making this a reality, as there is a duty of care

towards the residents and their safety.

d) Litter, Waste and Recycling

There have been several residents raising the on-going issue about missed collections. These have been reported to NSC via their online missed collection link. However, MG was advised by a NSC advisor that if you put a complaint in, that this will be passed over to the waste management team who will look into this.

MF has also been in correspondence with AP from the waste management team.

Chelvey Lane: MF advised is okay at present.

Chelvey Batch: MJ advised is okay at present.

St. Nicholas: KS advised ongoing missed green collection, but some progress is being made. KS told the Councillors that the contractors had 'ticked off' the area as being done, when residents have been going without collection for some time.

e) Parish Maintenance & Footpaths

JR has spoken with BW about maintaining the footpaths earlier in the year (early July) and on a regular basis.

Discussion about Brockley Woods and the potential to move the entrance by Cleeve.

However, some issues around planning permission.

BS proposed the owner write some updates about the woods to put residents' and walkers' minds at ease in the clearing of areas. Agreed that this could feature in 'Brock News'. It was noted that the owner does have a genuine passion for wildlife.

KS raised concerns that had mirrored those received by MG by a resident, about the glass on the Bridle Way in the woods. NSC have put up some signs advising of the notice of closure. However, the actual areas aren't blocked off.

Huge concerns were raised about the choice of rubble, as it was deemed to be builders rubble; containing glass and ceramics. Concerns about the safety of walkers, children and animals.

Action: JR to contact the owners to discuss.

10. **Broadband**

No update.

11. **Facilities at Brockley Church**

KS wished to personally thank AR for all of his hard work and the success that St. Nicholas Church now has water. There had been some issues with the chlorination but the issue has been dealt with and KS advised that by Friday the 6th of September there would be water at the church.

12. **Training**

A doodle poll had been put up with a choice of three dates; 24 and 26 September and the 2nd of October for **Good Councillors training**. This is open to all Councillors and also Clerks. It has been confirmed that training will take place on the 2nd of October.

MG, MJ and KS have noted their attendance.

13. **Finance**

Receipts and Payments:

Money owing: A fee of £45 is due for the Parish Council elections. Cheque signed by JR and MF cheque number 72.

Money Requested: A request for a donation has been requested by Weston and North Somerset Disability Information and Advice Line.

Collectively agreed to decline a donation as the Parish Council have a small amount of funds and try to support things within their own community.

Balance on Brockley Parish Account: 1 July to 1 August bank statement, shows the Parish Council's balance stands at £4,204.89

Money taken between 1 July-1 August:

Cheque 000070 £7.96 (signed at July's meeting for Brockley's share in Good Councillor books).

Cheque 000071 £50.00 (signed at July's meeting for Brockley's subscription to PCAA).

Standing Order for Parish Clerk's salary

Standing Order for JvT salary- JvT has returned the amount (£401.74) back to the account and has contacted Natwest again, cancelling the standing order.

JR had spoken at the July meeting about Backwell residents crowdfunding for the legal representation at the JSP inspector's hearing but this has been suspended as the later hearing has been cancelled.

Signatures: A paper application has now been submitted to Natwest, adding Councillors MJ, AR and BS and removing previous councillor LL and previous parish clerk JvT.

MG Updated the Councillors that Natwest has sent out a new form, that they have requested is completed in order for the signatures to be added and removed.

14. BPC website

Town and Parish Digest has been added to circulate news in North Somerset to the residents.

Road closures have been added.

Village Agent information have been added following Tina's visit at the previous parish meeting.

Brockley Stores had previously agreed to put up a noticeboard specifically for BPC. JR has asked MG to find the agreed picture that the previous clerk JvT had sent the owner of Brockley Stores.

MF raised a query about the third noticeboard and asked whether MG had the key, which she does not.

Action: MG to contact previous clerk to enquire about the key.

15. Dates of future meetings

5 of November St Bridget Church Chelvey

7 of January 2020 St Bridget Church Chelvey

3 of March 2020 St Bridget Church Chelvey

5 of May St Nicholas Church Brockley