

BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at St Bridget's Church, Chelvey
at 7:00pm on Monday 4 November 2024

1. Present

Cllrs Tessa Jarman (Chair), Dr Julian Ridge (Vice-Chair), Dr Bryan Smith, Mike Fishwick, Andy Warren (Clerk) and District Cllr Tom Daw

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Emma Folkes and Stephen Parsons,

3. Members of the Public

None

4. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

5. Minutes of the previous meeting – 7 October 2024

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting, having been circulated previously, be taken as a true and accurate record. Proposed by JR and seconded by BS. Signed by TJ.

6. Traffic Issues in Brockley

Update on progress:-

- The scarecrow "policeman" is ready to be deployed after the signs have been put in position.
- 10 "20's Plenty" signs have been ordered and are due to be delivered in the next couple of days. JR will source some posts to display these in prominent places off the highway.
- A leaflet has now been produced for distribution to all residents.
- It was resolved that Highway Improvement Programme applications will be prepared to seek revised limits (on the basis of the most likely best result) for Chelvey Road, Chelvey Lane and Chelvey Batch. TJ Proposed by JR and seconded by MF.

7. Planning

a) Planning Applications since the last meeting for comment

24/P/1927/FUH Robins Wood, Chelvey Batch. Proposed extension. No objections raised.

EPIC Planning application 23/P/2185/FU2 (Long Ashton). PCAA have supplied their objection which they have prepared on behalf of member Councils. It was resolved to support the PCAA submission. Proposed by TJ and seconded by MF.

b) Consents and refusals since the last meeting

None

8. Police Report

PCSO Nick Gough reports that crime figures are stable and there are no current concerns.

9. District Councillor's Report

District Cllr Tom Daw reported that he continues to deal with the following:-

- The financial shortfall facing NSC.
- Monitoring of flooding risks. NSEC, the new contractor for drain clearance, are working hard to catch up with the backlog of work. Currently there is a 2 week response time for clearing reported drain issues.
- Bristol Airport and the ongoing issues with dispensations for night flights.
- It is very likely that Bristol Airport will submit an application to expand next year. This will include runway expansion and new car park.
- Transport issues, including speed limits, and the continuing issues with BSIP. He has been trying for some time to engage with Hannah Young, Executive Lead for Highways and Transport, NSC but she has failed to respond to his emails to date.

10. Consultations and Meetings

TJ and Clerk attended a "Delivering Together" Teams meeting on the evening of 15th October but this was not well delivered and revealed no firm new information.

11. Finance

Receipts and Payments

Payments

Payments have been made as follows:-

28/10/2024	BACS	Salary and tax	£264.67
04/11/2024	BACS	Clerk Expenses	£22.50

Receipts

29/10/2024	BACS	NSC CIL Monies	£9,732.46
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2025/2026 Budget

Clerk will be preparing next year's budget ahead of the January meeting when Precept will be agreed. We still await contact from NSC regarding any issues they wish us to assist with. No additional expenditure has been highlighted at this stage.

2024/25 Salary Award

After agreement between the various unions NALC have confirmed the pay offer for 2024/25. £1,290, prorated for hours worked, will be added to the relevant paypoints between 2 and 43. (Clerk is on pay point 9). This is backdated to 1 April and increases the hourly rate from £13.06 to £13.73 per hour.

It was resolved to accept the Finance Report and confirm the payrise for 2024/25.

Proposed by JR and seconded by BS.

12. CIL Monies

As shown Finance report, we have received £9,732.46 in Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies which we are due in respect of a new development in the village. This is intended to support the costs of new and improved infrastructure.

We have 5 years to spend this allocation, and it could assist in a number of ways. It will be discussed at the Annual Meeting next year but in the meantime, JR will investigate costs of replacement posts at the Elm triangle.

13. Highways, pavements, verges and footpaths

I have been advised that our new temporary contact at NSC is Terry Bridgwood (terry.bridgwood@n-somerset.gov.uk)

- **General Update – Highways**
No Updates.

- **General Update – footpaths**
 - Residents of Brockley Cottage have confirmed that the overgrown vegetation on the Bus Stop outside their cottage on the A370 will be dealt with shortly.
 - David Holtby of NSC has confirmed that the footpath opposite St Nicholas Way will be cleared.

- **Public Transport**
NSC advise that they have spoken with our Parks & Open Spaces team who are responsible for the maintenance of the verges around the crossroads. They confirm that areas are intended to be grass which should be mown, i.e. no wild areas. They've asked their contractor to visit ASAP and will ensure that this is on the list for regular maintenance next season.

No further news on bus stops.

14. Dedicated emails for councillors

New email circulation list is now set up and operational.

15. Open forum for the Parish Council

No matters arising.

16. Next Meeting

Next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 13 January 2025 in St Bridget's Church, Chelvey.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm.

Andy Warren
Clerk, Brockley Parish Council
5 November 2024