

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at St Bridget's Church, Chelvey,
at 7:00pm on Monday 1 November 2021

1. Present

Cllrs Dr Julian Ridge (Chair), Mike Fishwick, Tessa Jarman, Dr Bryan Smith, and Andy Warren (Clerk)

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Martin Jarvis and Karen Bailey and District Cllr Steve Hogg

3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

4. Minutes of the previous meeting – 4 October 2021

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

5. Confirmation of position of Parish Clerk

It was resolved to confirm Andy Warren as Parish Clerk for Brockley after completion of an interim period of 6 months. Contract will be drawn up. Proposed by JR and seconded by BS

6. Police Report

None received

7. District Councillors Report

District Councillor Steve Hogg submitted the following Report via email.

Climate Action North Somerset

Climate Action North Somerset (www.facebook.com/groups/climateactionns) is a new Facebook group to help everyone in North Somerset reduce their carbon emissions and do their bit to tackle the climate emergency. The group is a safe space for people who are concerned about climate change to share positive stories, ask for help and offer advice on any tips and initiatives to reduce our carbon emissions in North Somerset. If you're on Facebook why not join the group, post any helpful tips or climate questions you might have, and encourage your local friends and family to join too.

Covid

Residents are being urged to keep themselves and those around them safe as coronavirus case rates rise locally and across the region. North Somerset's infection rate has risen sharply following the recent identification of false negative PCR tests. The latest seven day case data indicates that North Somerset's infection rate currently stands above both the regional and national average. The South West has the highest infection rate of any English

region currently. First and second dose vaccinations and booster vaccinations can be booked online at www.nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccination which also has details of walk-in vaccination sites. Lateral flow test kits can be ordered online through the gov.uk website and are also available locally from pharmacies with a list at <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>. The North Somerset mobile testing van continues to visit sites across North Somerset seven days a week for assisted tests or collection of home testing kits. The dates and locations are available on the council's website at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/rapidtesting. The latest test kits available give a result in 15 minutes and only require nasal swabs to be collected.

Brockley Stores

Western Power Distribution were going to cut power to Brockley Stores for a number of days which would have seriously impacted trade. I was asked to help, and between us all WPD has now managed to provide backup generator power for the shop.

8. Consultations and Meetings

The following meetings will be attended:-

- TJ and AW will attend NSC Town & Parish Forum on Budget setting to be held via Zoom on 23 November 2021.
- MF will attend Bristol Airport Stage 2 Engagement Presentation via Zoom on 9th or 10th November 2021.
- BS will be attending Friends of Brockley Church forthcoming series of meetings.

9. Finance

a) Receipts and Payments

Payments

Payments have been made as follows:-

28/10/21	£169.37	A Warren	Clerk's salary to end October
29/10/21	£42.40	HMRC for A Warren	Tax on salary

Payments have been made from the new Unity Bank Account via Standing Order and Automatic Payment.

Authorisation required

Clerk's Expenses

07/07/2021	£1.83	Postage of documents sent to Unity Bank
20/10/2021	£95.88	(VAT 15.98 to be reclaimed) Renewal of Dropbox subscription for Brockley PC
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Both items paid by clerk. Refund requested of £97.71 to A Warren.

It was agreed to accept the financial report and to approve the payment to A Warren. Proposed by JR and seconded by MF.

10. Highways, pavements, verges and footpaths

a) General update – highways

AW reported that NSC have reviewed Brockley Lane where we reported potholes and rutting. These areas have been marked for maintenance action.

BS asks that we seek clarification regarding the areas marked as 3 potential issues between Brockley Elm and Helios House do not appear to have been marked.

b) General update – footpaths

MF reported that path on Brockley Combe side of A370 going through the woods from the new gateway opposite St Nicholas Church would benefit from cutting back. Clerk to report to NSC Rights of Way for attention.

11. Planning

a) Planning Applications since last meeting

21/P2734/FUL	Helios House Brockley Lane Brockley BS48 4AH	Change of use from office to single residential dwelling with annexe landscaping and refuse storage
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It was resolved that there are no objections to this application. A reduction in traffic in and out of their present site if Helios House does change to a domestic property stand is seen as a positive. Proposed JR seconded MF.

b) Consents and refusals since last meeting

None

c) Update on Bristol Airport appeal Inquiry

The Inquiry has concluded and the Report will now be prepared with decision expected by the end of January 2022.

12. 20's Plenty

Clerk reported that discussion had been held with David Bailey of NSC Highways regarding warning signs, policy etc. Before approval for speed activated signs is given all other appropriate steps need to have taken place and investigated such as standard signage.

This being the case JR is to consider a list areas where signage could be amended for further discussion with a view to approaching David Bailey for his input/assistance.

13. Revisal of Speed Limit on part of A370.

The proposed change intends to introduce a short 40mph speed limit to act as a buffer between the existing 50mph between Cleeve and Backwell, and the 30mph through Backwell village. This is hoped to increase compliance with the 30mph speed limit where there have been several loss-of-control accidents as traffic enters Backwell – to work in conjunction with some physical changes which will be implemented during forthcoming maintenance works.

It was resolved that we have no objection to the proposal but would have preferred that the limit was extended at 40mph from Backwell to the traffic lights at Brockley Combe.

Proposed by JR and seconded by BS. Clerk to submit comment.

14. The Queen's Green Canopy

We have had communication from NSC regarding the Local Authority Treescapes Fund Scheme which is offering tree planting and aftercare funding to Parish Councils. Under the scheme we are able to secure a standard Oak tree which can be used for the Queen's Green Canopy scheme.

It was resolved that we request allocation of a suitable tree.

Proposed by BS and seconded by TJ

15. Open Forum for the Parish Council

BS reported that the tyre and inner tube dumped in the layby immediately after the entrance to Brockley Hall is still there. Clerk confirmed that NSC have been advised and reminded that this requires attention.

16. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held on Monday 10 January 2022 in St Bridget's Church, Chelvey

Meeting concluded at 8.10

Andy Warren

Clerk, Brockley Parish Council

4 November 2021