

## BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at St Bridget's Church, Chelvey  
at 7:00pm on Monday 15 January 2023

### 1. Present

Cllrs Tessa Jarman (Chair), Dr Julian Ridge, Emma Folkes, Dr Bryan Smith, Andy Warren (Clerk) and District Cllr Tom Daw

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mike Fishwick

### 3. Members of the Public

3 members of the public were in attendance.

2 members of the public raised the following concerns: -

- Issues arising from the Taylor Wimpey application in Backwell.
- Highway issues – recent spate of accidents and speed limits on rural roads.

1 member of the public raised further issues: -

- Following a meeting they had with Rt Hon Liam Fox and have raised a number of issues with him, in particular, the damage to highways and also the issue of the Chelvey conservation area relating to likely new traffic movements due to the pending Taylor Wimpey application.
- Graffiti on the railway bridge near St Bridget's Church. Responsibility for maintenance is likely to be with Network Rail. Clerk will check with them.
- Flood adjacent to the waterworks site.

Members of the public thanked for their contributions and advised that all these issues are being considered and referred to NSC where appropriate.

### 4. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

### 5. Minutes of the previous meeting – 6 November 2023

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 EF. Signed by TJ.

### 6. Police Report

PCSO Nick Gough advises that there have been a series of dwelling burglaries across Nailsea, Backwell, Long Ashton Failand and the wider area. Some guidance has been issued and patrols have been increased.

### 7. District Councillor's Report

We were pleased to welcome our new District Cllr, Tom Daw. Tom outlined some issues raised at the full NSC Council meeting on 9 January and has pledged to support Brockley in any way he can. He is already aware of highway and flooding issues and the threat of more development.

### 8. Consultations and Meetings

BPC's response to NSC Local Plan 2039 - Pre-submission Consultation. Comments have been prepared and circulated by TJ and JR. TJ will circulate final copy and submit on behalf of BPC. Our main concerns are the changes to Settlement Boundaries and Green Belt, of which we were not aware, and the removal of Bristol Airport from the Green Belt.

Proposed by JR and seconded by BS.

## 9. Finance

### a) Transactions since last meeting

#### Payments

27/11/2023	Andy Warren	£322.97	Salary inc. backpay
27/10/2023	HMRC	£78.20	Tax
12/12/2023	NSC	£559.97	Road Markings Contribution
14/12/2023	St Bridget's Church	£100.00	Grant for grass cutting
14/12/2023	St Nicholas Church	£100.00	Grant for grass cutting
22/12/2023	ICO	£35.00	Data Protection Registration
27/12/2023	Andy Warren	£213.57	Salary
27/12/2023	HMRC	£51.00	Tax
31/12/2023	Unity Bank	£18.00	Charges

#### Receipts

08/12/2023	Bristol Airport Grant	£600.00	Grant for road markings
31/12/2023	Unity Bank	£66.58	Credit Interest

### b) Bank Reconciliation as at 31 December 2023

Details circulated for signature by Cllrs Jarman and Ridge (in the absence of MF)

It was resolved to accept payments and receipts and confirm Bank Reconciliation. Proposed by EF and seconded by BS.

### c) Proposed Budget for 2024/25 and setting of Precept

Proposed Budget circulated together with impact of various increases.

After discussion it was resolved to accept the proposed budget and to seek a 3% rise in Precept for 2024/25. New Precept to be £5,893 which equates to £40.87 for a Band D property.

Clerk to submit request to NSC.

Proposed by TJ and seconded by JR.

## 10. Highways, pavements, verges and footpaths

### a) General update – highways

Gregg Brake of NSC advises that he has travelled around the Parish and acknowledges the various issues.

- The edges and verges on the roads throughout the Parish are being destroyed due to increased traffic caused by the diversions. At the time Gregg was visiting much of this was also under water. Having liaised with Phil Bush of NSC contact has also been made with James Padgham (BSIP) to request that this is rectified from BSIP budget.
- Various flooding issues have been caused following recent heavy rain and it is clear that ditches in certain areas require attention.
- Clerk to also raise issues with Rob Thomson and Head of BSIP Infrastructure with District Cllr Tom Daw to be copied in.

### b) General update – footpaths

- The width of the footpath running from Brockley lights to Brockley Fruit Stores raised as a concern. It appears that this will be at the edge of the carriageway, and it must be wide enough to safely allow double buggies and mobility scooters to safely use it. Clerk to raise with BSIP.

**c) Public transport**

- None other than ongoing BSIP work.

**11. Planning**

**a) Planning Applications since the last meeting for comment**

23/P/2722/MMA The Shingles, Chelvey Batch

23/P/2814/AOC Brockley Nurseries

23/P/2828/FUH Lynn Wood, Main Road

It was resolved that, there being no objections to any of these cases, no comment is required.  
Proposed by TJ and seconded by EF.

**b) Consents and refusals since the last meeting**

None

**12. Flooding – Chelvey Road and Chelvey Lane**

During recent heavy rain the following areas of flooding have arisen: -

- Chelvey Road. Around the area of the waterworks in particular. JR has photos and is also a risk to the new development.
- Chelvey Lane. Although not particularly deep water runs off into fields. There is an ongoing need to ditch clearance and 3 blocked drains also impact.
- Area around St Nicholas Church. Increasing frequency of flooding. Photos also available from St Nicholas News.

All these issues to be reported to NSC and copied to Tom Daw.

**13. Proposed Development at Backwell**

BPC will be making comment against this development. The case indicates a closing date of 9 February which will allow full discussion at our meeting on 5 February. Clerk to seek clarification on the closing date.

**14. Open forum for the Parish Council**

**15. Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be Monday 5 February 2024 at St Bridget's Chelvey.

Meeting concluded at 8.00 pm

Andy Warren  
Clerk, Brockley Parish Council  
16 January 2024