

BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at St Bridget's Church, Chelvey
at 7:00pm on Monday 13 January 2025

1. Present

CLLrs Dr Julian Ridge (Vice-Chair), Stephen Parsons and Emma Folkes, Andy Warren (Clerk) and District
CLLr Tom Daw (for part of meeting only)

2. Apologies for Absence

CLLrs Tessa Jarman, Dr Bryan Smith and Mike Fishwick

3. Members of the Public

None

4. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

5. Minutes of the previous meeting – 4 November 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 EF and seconded by SP. Signed by JR.

6. Traffic Issues in Brockley

Update on progress:-

- The scarecrow "policeman" and "20's" Plenty" signs have now been deployed and appear to
have had a positive impact. Clerk to prepare letter/email of thanks to those involved.
- The Highway Improvement Programme applications have been prepared and circulated.
These will now be submitted seeking revised limits (on the basis of the most likely best
result) for Chelvey Road, Chelvey Lane and Chelvey Batch. A further application will cover the
area around Chelvey Church.
Proposed by JR and seconded by SP. Clerk to liaise with JR regarding submission.

7. Planning

a) Planning Applications since the last meeting for comment

24/P/2580/FUH Red Walls, Chelvey Batch. Retrospective application for use of existing detached
pool-house as ancillary accommodation.

It was resolved that an objection be submitted as no reasonable reason is put forward in the
application. It does not provide a reason to justify granting retrospective permission. Insufficient
evidence provided as to residential occupation. Proposed by JR and seconded by SP. Clerk to
submit.

24/P/2652/AOC Brockley Nurseries. Request to discharge condition no.3 (Lighting Strategy) on
application 20/P/2906/FUL

After discussion it was resolved that no comment can be made as insufficient evidence is provided
to do so. Proposed by SP and seconded by EF

b) Consents and refusals since the last meeting

None

It has been noted that a large sign has been erected on the area next to the Council Noticeboard at the
Chelvey Batch/A370 junction. As this is NSC land it was resolved to request that the agents, David Plaister, be
asked to remove the sign. Proposed by EF and seconded by SP. Clerk to action.

8. Police Report

PCSO Nick Gough reports that crime figures are stable and there are no current concerns. He has issued a reminder to keep doors and windows closed, secure any garages and outbuildings and ensure any high value items are secured/bolted to the floor with a good quality chain.

9. District Councillor's Report

District Cllr Tom Daw attended briefly on his way to another meeting. Much of his work at the moment is dominated by Airport issues.

10. Consultations and Meetings

Consultation regarding the Bristol Airport Master Plan has been submitted by MF in accordance with guidance from the PCAA.

11. Finance

Receipts and Payments

Payments

Payments have been made as follows:-

25/11/2024	BACS	Clerk Expenses	£95.88
27/11/2024	BACS	Salary and tax	£369.16
30/11/2024	BACS	Bank Charges	£6.00
19/12/2024	BACS	B M Whiteway	£100.00
23/12/2024	BACS	ICO (Data Control)	£35.00
24/12/2024	BACS	JHP Ridge (Refund posts)	£31.08
27/12/2024	BACS	Salary and tax	£280.67
31/12/2024	BACS	Bank Charges	£6.00

Receipts

31/12/2024	BACS	Credit Interest	£116.89
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Bank Reconciliation as at 31 December 2024

Reconciliation completed and circulated ahead of approval and signing.

It was resolved that this be accepted and signed. Proposed by JR and seconded by EF and signed by them.

Budget for 2025/26 and agreement of Precept request

Budget having been circulated was discussed.

Following the NSC "Delivering Together" exercise we are being asked to cover a £500 contribution towards the salary of a Public Rights Of Way Officer.

This needs to added to our Precept request and has been added accordingly.

A small increase in wages and salaries to cover likely ongoing pay reviews has been included.

The Increase for 2025/26 requested will be 10% (which equates to £45.68 per annum for a band D property – up from £41.53) taking our request to £6,482.

It was resolved to accept the proposed Budget. Proposed by JR and seconded by SP. Clerk to submit request to NSC.

12. CIL Monies

As discussed at November meeting JR has researched the cost of replacement wooden posts at the Elm triangle. The posts are to be sourced from Shopland's at £429.00 plus VAT and Mike Watts has been approached to carry out the work.

It was resolved that JR will take this forward with a budget of £2,000.

Proposed by SP and seconded by EF.

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. A large pot hole near the Old Hall and Chelvey Court to be reported.
- **General Update – footpaths**
No updates. Brian Whiteway has submitted invoice for work completed at £100.00.
- **Public Transport**
No further news on bus stops. Clerk will seek update following meeting with the BSIP team on 21 January.

14. Open forum for the Parish Council

The Annual Parish meeting needs to be arranged and Clerk will investigate Wednesday 23 April as target date. To be held in Chelvey Church.
Councillors to consider ideas for a speaker.

15. Next Meeting

Next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 3 March 2025 in St Bridget's Church, Chelvey.
There will be no February meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.20 pm.

Andy Warren
Clerk, Brockley Parish Council
14 January 2025