

BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at St Bridget's Church, Chelvey
at 7:00pm on Monday 5 February 2024

1. Present

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

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Emma Folkes

3. Members of the Public

None

4. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

5. Minutes of the previous meeting – 15 January 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. Police Report

PCSO Nick Gough reports as follows:-

"The main focus for us at the moment is burglaries. We've seen an increase in North Somerset and have drafted in additional resources to deal with it.

We are making residents aware and have been pushing out messages on social media. (He attached a poster which I will post on Facebook and the Website)

Aside from that, the crime figures are steady and there aren't any other trends I'm worried about.

7. District Councillor's Report

District Cllr, Tom Daw advised that he is taking up a number of issues on our behalf relating primarily to highways, Grove Farm and as part of the Airport Consultative Committee.

8. Consultations and Meetings

TJ attended online meeting regarding the NSC Rural Strategy. Questions were raised regarding:-

- Poor communication and engagement between NSC and the Parish Councils.
- Transport strategy for rural areas where the first and last miles are crucial and impacted by dangerous roads to walk and cycle.

MF attended meeting of the PCAA:-

- Blagdon have left the group.
- We have confirmed that we responded to Bristol Airport's survey last year regarding the Surface Access Strategy.

9. Finance

a) Transactions since last meeting

Payments

Payments have been made as follows:-

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| 29/01/2024 | Andy Warren | £213.87 | Salary |
| 29/01/2024 | HMRC | £50.80 | Tax |
| 02/02/2024 | Bristol Airport Grant | £600.00 | Refund of duplicated payment |

Receipts

Receipts as follows:-

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| 17/01/2024 | Bristol Airport Grant | £600.00 | Grant for road markings – Duplicated |
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It was explained that we received a duplicated payment of Grant monies from Bristol Airport. This has been returned to them.

NSC have also confirmed our precept Request for 2024/25.

It was resolved to accept the Financial Report proposed by TJ and seconded by MF.

10. Highways, pavements, verges and footpaths

a) General update – highways

- Gregg Brake of NSC has confirmed that he has visited St Nicholas Way and issued a works instruction to fill in potholes as a priority job in next 28 days.
- We await update regarding the current issues with damage to verges and edges caused by the diverted traffic along with the flooding.

b) General update – footpaths

- In response to our query regarding the width of pavement between Brockley Stores and the Brockley Lights Rob Thomson of NSC advises as follows “The footway is 1.22 metres wide at its narrowest point (1.32m if you include the top of the kerbstone) - this exceeds the necessary standard which is 1.2m. The path is generally 1.3m to 1.4m wide. Typical wheelchairs and double-buggies are about 0.65m wide, so there is enough room. The previous path was narrower, albeit set-back from the road behind the verge. “

b) Public transport

- None other than ongoing BSIP work.

11. Planning

a) Planning Applications since the last meeting for comment

None

b) Consents and refusals since the last meeting

None

12. Proposed Development at Backwell

A comprehensive response is being prepared and collated from all Cllrs comments. This will then be submitted by TJ. Proposed by JR and seconded by BS.

13. Annual Litter Pick

This will take place on Saturday 6 April. MF to co-ordinate.

14. Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held in St Bridget's, Chelvey on Monday 22 April. Clerk to approach Alison Howell of Natural England to present a talk on bats.

Once date confirmed with St Bridget's and talk confirmed with Alison Clerk to arrange flyers for distribution.

15. Open forum for the Parish Council

Clerk advised that will be on annual leave at the time of the June meeting and asks that this be deferred by a week to Monday 10 June. This was confirmed by the meeting.

16. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be Monday 4 March 2024 at St Bridget's Chelvey.

Meeting concluded at 8.00 pm

Andy Warren
Clerk, Brockley Parish Council
6 February 2024