

## 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 2 September 2024

### 1. Present

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

### 2. Apologies for Absence

None

### 3. Members of the Public

7. A number of issues were raised regarding heightened concerns around the village relating to speed and inconsiderate driving. The contents of item 6 were also discussed.

### 4. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

### 5. Minutes of the previous meeting – 1 July 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 BS and seconded by JR. Signed by TJ.

### 6. Traffic Issues in Brockley

Following the increase in traffic, issues of speed, and difficulties for pedestrians a number of issues were discussed in order to seek ways to improve this for the village.

#### a) 20 mph limit

Government guidance regarding 20 mph limits targets these in urban and built-up areas and it would be unlikely that rural locations such as ours would be approved.

#### b) Road signs

It may be possible to place signs in certain places using sites on private property as would not be approved as "highway" signs. These could include warning of "pedestrians in road". It also maybe possible that warning signs could be placed when public footpaths exit onto the highway but pedestrians are forced onto the road when the next part of the path is not directly accessed across the highway.

#### c) Speed Watch

As we currently only have National Speed Limit through Brockley then Speed Watch would not be able to operate at this stage.

### 7. Planning

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

None

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

24/P/0820/AOC Lynn Wood, Main Road – Condition Discharge Approved 4/7/2024

24/P/0859/FUH Land at Chelvey Court – Retrospective Application Approved 12/7/2024

24/P/0721/FUH Robins Wood, Chelvey Batch – Refused 18/7/2024

## 8. Police Report

Report received from PCSO Nick Gough as follows:-

“The crime figures for your area are elevated, especially violent crime and theft. We often see spikes so I wouldn’t worry about it just yet.

Some general advice below for this time of year:-

As the evenings start to pull in, I would like to remind everyone about target hardening premises and outbuildings. Darkness is the criminal’s friend so think about installing additional lighting, video doorbells or CCTV as well as utilising timer switches to turn table lamps on and off to make it look like someone is home. You can get lots of crime prevention advice from our dedicated crime prevention website at: <https://www.aspolicestaysafe.co.uk>

Can you make sure people are aware of the Neighbourhood Policing Team Page at: <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/backwell-and-wrington> which has photos of all the officers, events, priorities, crime figures and a contact form.”

Clerk to seek further info regarding the violent crime from PCSO Nick Gough and will also publish the above information on website and Facebook.

## 9. District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Tom Daw reported that he has been kept busy with a number of issues across NSC – including Bristol Airport.

From a local perspective he is concerned that the BSIP issues are still not resolved and continues to lobby on our behalf

The Local Draft Plan has now been put back to 2025 in the light of the Government’s new National Planning Policy Framework. This could have serious implications for the Grove Farm application in particular as, although this may not go through the NSC committee, it will almost certainly go to Appeal and all comments made so far will need to be resubmitted.

## 10. Consultations and Meetings

Consultation for the Government’s new National Planning Policy Framework was circulated but no formal comments to be made.

## 11. Finance

### Receipts and Payments

#### Payments

Payments have been made as follows:-

26/07/2024	BACS	Salary and tax	£264.67
30/07/2024	BACS	OMMEC (Sign for tree)	£69.60
27/08/2024	BACS	Salary and tax	£264.67

#### Receipts

None

### Bank Reconciliation as at 30 June 2024

Reconciliation prepared and circulated with this report for signature by Cllrs Jarman and Fishwick. It was resolved to accept the Finance Report and for Cllrs Jarman and Fishwick to sign the Bank Reconciliation. Proposed by SP and seconded by JR

## **12. Highways, pavements, verges and footpaths**

### **a) General update – highways**

- Gregg Brake of NSC has been asked for an update but not received due to annual leave.

### **b) General update – footpaths**

- After a request to the landowner, work is being undertaken to clear undergrowth from the pathway bordering the A370 between the lights and Backwell.
- Pathway between Brockley Stores and St Nicholas Way remains overgrown and JR will supply contact details for clerk to write to owners.
- The vegetation at the bus stop opposite Brockley Stores also reported and we await confirmation of action.

### **b) Public transport**

- We continue to press the BSIP team for updates on ongoing issues at the Brockley lights. District Cllr Tom Daw also seeking answers.
- TJ has spoken with Jackie Lower of NSC who has responsibility for bus stops. A request for attention to the bus stops in the Parish has been made as we are concerned with the safety aspects. A meeting will be arranged for Jackie to look at the stops with a BPC representative.

## **13. Dedicated emails for councillors**

Review of progress discussed, TJ, JR, EF and MF have set up new accounts. BS will carry on as existing. SP to complete then a new email circulation list will be set up.

## **14. Changes to Meeting Dates**

Our January 2025 meeting will now be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

After discussion it was also resolved to reduce the number of annual meetings and, in future, there will be no meetings held in February, June, August and December.

Proposed by JR and seconded by EF.

## **15. Open forum for the Parish Council**

- a) We have received an approach from NSC regarding possible “local delivery” of some services. No detail provided but TJ is to have a discussion with Emma Diakou shortly.
- b) JR will approach Brian Westaway to complete the pathway maintenance.
- c) JR also advised that the new seat is showing signs of rust, and he will re-paint with BPC covering the cost of paint.

## **16. Next Meeting**

Next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 7 October 2024 in St Bridget’s Church, Chelvey.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm.

Andy Warren  
Clerk, Brockley Parish Council  
03 September 2024