

## **BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at St Nicholas Church, Brockley  
at 7:00pm on Monday 2 October 2023

### **1. Present**

Cllrs Tessa Jarman (Chair) Dr Julian Ridge (Vice Chair), Emma Folkes, Dr Bryan Smith, and Andy Warren (Clerk)

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Mike Fishwick

### **3. Members of the Public**

Seven members of the public were in attendance and a number of issues were raised: -

- Dangerous state of pavement on A370 between Brockley lights and Backwell.
- NSC vans driving on the pavement (road sweepers etc.) causing further damage in that area.
- Pedestrians having to walk in carriageway at that point.
- Increased traffic down Chelvey Road due to developments in Nailsea and also due to diverted traffic from the BSIP work.
- Inappropriate traffic speed down Chelvey Road, Chelvey Lane etc. where the National Limit applies.
- Danger to pedestrians with increased traffic means that it is too dangerous to walk.
- That little regard is given to the Conservation Area by NSC.
- Hannah Young was challenged to try to drive around the area to understand issues.
- Issues around the Long Ashton bypass for Brockley residents also raised and Hannah Young again challenged to use that route and experience the issues caused at the Gurney Roundabout where priority traffic from the South Bristol Link Road causes huge queues at the end of the bypass.
- Issues surrounding increased size of vehicles trying to use roads around Brockley.
- The very poor communication surrounding the BSIP plans and short time scale for consultation.

### **4. Cllr Hannah Young, Executive Lead for Highways and Transport North Somerset Council**

Cllr Young was invited to attend the meeting and was accompanied by James Padgham, Infrastructure Delivery Manager for the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)

Cllr Young initially offered her sincere apologies for the failure of the communication process regarding the BSIP work at Brockley Combe. She acknowledged that the process had been poor and understood the anger and frustration caused.

In the light of the objections submitted by Brockley Parish Council and local residents the specifics of the plan are being reconsidered. She also made a commitment to investigate the issues raised and to respond to the various objections.

James Padgham was asked to explain the process for Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTRO) and the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) works including the modelling and traffic flow processes used.

He acknowledged that the TTRO process was too close to work starting and that this actually caused more frustration with work commencing ahead of the date advised. The first 4 weeks of work are primarily to improve drainage ahead of the main work starting.

He also confirmed that the issue of banning a right turn into Brockley Lane from the Backwell direction will be reviewed to assess possible amendments.

Councillors reiterated that in the Consultation held in October 2022 there was no mention of any other plans aside from a bus lane. It was also emphasised that the impact on roads locally must also be re-considered.

TJ thanked Hannah and James for attending and we will await further feedback and details of amendments. Hannah Young, James Padgham and all members of the public left meeting at this point.

#### **5. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

None

#### **6. Minutes of the previous meeting – 4 September 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 BS and seconded by JR. Signed by TJ.

#### **7. Police Report**

PCSO Nick Gough advises that there have been no issues in the last few weeks.

They are currently promoting the StreetSafe scheme

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/streetsafe> and this has been publicised via Facebook and the Website.

#### **8. District Councillor's Report**

None received as we currently have no District Cllr.

#### **9. Consultations and Meetings**

- BPC's response to NSC Corporate Plan and Budget Engagement Consultation has been completed by TJ and circulated. It was resolved that this be submitted Proposed by JR and seconded by EF.
- JR attended Taylor Wimpey public meeting on 13 September in Backwell regarding their intentions at Grove Farm and Burnt House Farm.
- TJ attended Town and Parish Forum on 13 September.
- MF attended Bristol Airport update meeting on 12 September.

#### **10. Finance**

Transactions since last meeting

##### **Payments**

Payments have been made as follows:-

04/09/2023	Dr J Ridge	£224.88	Picnic refunds
27/09/2023	Andy Warren	£194.97	Salary
27/09/2023	HMRC	£46.20	Tax
30/09/2023	Unity Bank	£18.00	Charges

##### **Receipts**

Receipts as follows:-

06/09/2023	NSC	£2,916.50	2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Precept
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Unity Bank have confirmed that Cllr Folkes has been added as a signatory.

Bank Reconciliation as at 30 September 2023 completed to be signed by Cllrs Jarman and Ridge (In Cllr Fishwick's absence)

Resolved to accept Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation proposed by EF and seconded by BS

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

### **a) General update – highways**

- After a request from us NSC have agreed to NOT continue with the painted sign on the road near St Bridget's. The static sign will, however, remain in its current position.
- The "Slow" sign due to be painted outside Brockley Hall has yet to be completed. Clerk to chase David Bailey of NSC Highways
- The question of visibility being impaired from undergrowth on the A370 was raised with the owners responsible for the hedges. They have instructed a contractor to deal with this. Resident updated.
- The condition of the bus stop, wall, hedges and pavement on the A370 between Brockley and Backwell (Bristol bound) has, again, been reported and action is awaited. Much of this has been subject to restrictions due to badgers.
- The BSIP work has been the subject of much discussion, and we are grateful to Cllr Hannah Young for attending this evening's meeting.

### **b) General update – footpaths**

- Woodspring Ramblers have been contacted and they confirm that and our contact point is Paul Spears, Footpath Manager, 07484 116370 who will review with councillors if needed.

### **c) Public transport**

- The condition of bus stops in the Parish to be taken up with Carl Nicholson of NSC. Particularly the stop at Brockley Stores which continues to be dangerous.

## **12. Planning**

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

23/P/1773/FUL Land and building adj. to The Grain Barn, Midgell Farm  
Conversion of part of existing stable building to provide incidental residential accommodation to The Grain Barn; Change of use of agricultural land to use as extended domestic curtilage to The Grain Barn  
After discussion BPC have no objection to this application.

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

None

## **13. Coronation Commemorations**

As agreed at the last meeting a tree will be sourced shortly.  
A circular wrought iron seat has now been ordered by JR at a cost of £399 (inc. VAT).  
It was resolved to refund JR for the purchase. Proposed by TJ and seconded by EF.

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

The issue of updating the residents email list was raised and a flyer will be prepared to encourage participation.

## **15. Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be 6 November 2023 at St Bridget's Chelvey.

Meeting concluded at 8.45 pm

Andy Warren  
Clerk, Brockley Parish Council  
3 October 2023