

BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

1. Present

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

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mike Fishwick

3. Members of the Public

None

4. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

5. Minutes of the previous meeting – 2 September 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 EF. Signed by TJ.

6. NSC Community Response Officer

Subsequent apologies were received from the Community Response Officer who was unable to attend due to inclement weather warning. By way of further update, it transpires that she was leaving the role at the end of the week so felt there was no point in attending. A complaint has been registered with NSC.

7. Traffic Issues in Brockley

Following on from the September BPC meeting the following actions will be taken forward:-

- A resident is creating a scarecrow "policeman" which will be positioned in a prominent position off the highway.
- 7 "20's Plenty" signs will be sourced for display around the parish. These will make no reference to "limit" or "zone".
- Submissions will be prepared under the Highway Improvement Programme to seek revised limits (on the basis of the most likely best result) for Chelvey Road, Chelvey Lane and Chelvey Batch.
- A leaflet will also be prepared by TJ and will be printed for distribution to all residents.

8. Planning

a) Planning Applications since the last meeting for comment

None

b) Consents and refusals since the last meeting

None

9. Police Report

PCSO Nick Gough reports as follows:-

"The crime figures are encouragingly low, back to where they were before the last "spike".

He did also provide clarification that the increase in violent crime reported last month was down to a spike in domestic violence. Sadly, this often accompanies major football tournaments such as this year's Euros.

10. District Councillor's Report

District Cllr Tom Daw reported that he has been kept busy with a number of issues across NSC:-

- The financial shortfall facing NSC.
- Bristol Airport and the ongoing issues with dispensations for night flights. NSC intend to challenge the Airport on their record in this respect.
- Transport issues, including speed limits, and the continuing issues with BSIP. He has been trying for some time to engage with Hannah Young, Executive Lead for Highways and Transport, NSC but she has failed to respond to his emails to date.
- Planning – it is likely that the revised Local Plan is unlikely to be agreed until 2025/26.
- The EPIC healthcare technology company application to create a European HQ at Long Ashton. This would be a 90 acre “campus” and has received much local opposition regarding retention of green belt land and the potential for a 20% increase in air traffic at Bristol Airport.

11. Consultations and Meetings

No consultations this month although we have received an approach from NSC regarding possible “local delivery” of some services. No details provided but TJ is to have a discussion with Emma Diakou of NSC shortly.

There is also a “Delivering Together” Teams meeting on the evening of 15th October which will be attended by TJ and Clerk.

12. Finance

Receipts and Payments

Payments

Payments have been made as follows:-

27/09/2024	BACS	Salary and tax	£264.67
30/09/2024	BACS	Bank Charges	£18.00
01/10/2024	BACS	ALCA – Essential Councillor course	£45.00

Receipts

06/09/2024	BACS	NSC – 2 nd Half Precept	£2,946.50
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Bank Reconciliation as at 30 September 2024

Reconciliation prepared and circulated ahead of meeting.

It was resolved to confirm the Financial Report and that the Bank Reconciliation be signed by Cllrs Jarman and Ridge. Proposed by SP and seconded by EF.

13. Highways, pavements, verges and footpaths

Unfortunately, our contact at NSC Highways, Gregg Brake is no longer working for NSC. A replacement is being sought but unlikely to be in place for a couple of months.

- **General Update – Highways**

No Updates.

- **General Update – footpaths**

We have written to landowner regarding overgrowth between St Nicholas Way and Brockley Fruit Stores and have been advised landowner that arrangements to clear are in hand.

The pavement between Brockley lights and the Fruit Stores is also in need of pruning and Clerk to write to the landowner.

- **Public Transport**

Clerk to send further email in respect of phasing of lights at Brockley lights along with flooding in the ditch where old wiring was discovered and the maintenance of the “wildflower” area.

14. Dedicated emails for councillors

Review of progress discussed, TJ, JR, EF, MF and SP have set up new accounts. BS will carry on as existing.

New email circulation list now to be set up.

15. Open forum for the Parish Council

SP advised that Persimmon have started to cut back hedges on the boundary of one of their Backwell sites without approval.

16. Next Meeting

Next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 4 November 2024 in St Bridget’s Church, Chelvey.

The meeting concluded at 8.20 pm.

Andy Warren
Clerk, Brockley Parish Council
14 October 2024