

BROCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held at 8pm at St Bridget's Church, Chelvey on Tuesday, 27 April 2022.

Present: Kathie & Andrew Robb, Linda Elliott, Karen Bailey, Elizabeth Lunn, Jacqui Olvey, Martin Jarvis, Claire Whiteway, Mary & Geoffrey Hobbs, Gillian Rowcliffe, Alex Ammar, Alan Wilson, Dr Bryan Smith, Dr Julian Ridge (Chairman), Steve Hogg (District Councillor), and Andy Warren (Parish Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mike Fishwick, Tessa Jarman, Conny Ridge, and Liza Ridge.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting 126 – 26 March 2019

The minutes of the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting were read out and accepted. There were no matters arising.

3 Chairman's Report 2022

Because of Covid 19 there hasn't been an Annual Parish Meeting since March 2019, however we can now revert to face to face meetings again but need to be aware that the virus is still out there.

Your Parish Council.

Since 2019 there have been a number of changes to the Council.

Jo finally decided that she couldn't continue being Clerk from a distance and her very big shoes were filled by Andy Warren who is also Clerk to Cleeve Parish Council.

My brother Antony resigned in 2020 and Karen Bailey was coopted onto the Council. Antony joined the Council in 2005 and for the last few years was deputy chair. During his time on the Council he contributed a lot and his thoughtful approach and attention to detail was much appreciated. Sadly he died of lung cancer in January.

Karen Shaw also resigned in September 2020 and her place was filled by Tessa Jarman who now is also deputy chair.

Your council is therefore: Me, Bryan Smith, Karen Bailey, Martin Jarvis, Mike Fishwick and Tessa Jarman. Our Clerk is Andy Warren.

Our District Councillor for the Wrington Ward is Steve Hogg.

We try to keep parishioners informed of anything important and have a Facebook page in addition to our web site at brockleypc.org. The Clerk also has a short list of email addresses of people who have given permission for these to be used. Please let him know if you would like to be added to this list. Agendas and minutes of meetings are posted on the web site and on our main notice board at the Backwell end of Chelvey Batch.

Bristol Airport

Our local friend whom we love to hate has persisted in its attempt to get permission to increase passenger throughput from 10 mppa to 12 mppa. It appealed the rejection of its planning application and won despite many objections and a vigorous campaign by the PCAA.

The Bristol Airport Action Network Coordination Committee, BAANCC, has submitted an application under section 288 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for permission to appeal against the decision of the Planning Inspectors of February 2022.

The BAANCC's main points are 6 errors in law in the judgement covering such things as:

Interpretation of National Aviation Policy.

Discounting the impact in relation to local carbon budgets.

In determining that replacement habitat amounted to mitigation rather than compensation.

BAANCC is a group composed of various environmental organisations in the SW region as well as residents from local communities affected by the airport's expansion.

North Somerset Local Plan

The North Somerset Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation was published in March. It is a massive tome and your Council has responded.

The new Local plan is for the next 15 years and will replace the current development plan. It is an ambitious plan which attempts to combine the government's demand that an additional 20,085 new dwellings be provided by 2038 with minimal damage to the countryside and maximum improvement to living conditions and reduction in carbon emissions. A tall order which has, in our opinion, not been achieved. In particular, there is very little information on how the massively increased population proposed in Backwell and Nailsea will be accommodated without completely overloading the local roads and Brockley Lane and Chelvey Road in particular.

The development to the East of Backwell of 500 new homes will be built on what is at present green belt land and it is proposed that a new area be designated as green belt in compensation to the west of Backwell. This will provide a buffer between Backwell and Nailsea but much of the land designated is unsuitable for housing anyway.

Other matters

New Footpath gates have been installed to replace old wooden stiles. We are very grateful to North Somerset Council for doing this free of charge as part of the rights of way improvement plan funded by money obtained from Western Power Distribution as a result of work carried out in Nailsea for the new Hinckley Point power station inter-connector.

Queen's Green Canopy. As a celebration of Queen Elizabeth becoming monarch in February 1952 an oak tree has been planted in the grass triangle outside St. Nicholas church to join the other oaks celebrating various anniversaries with kind permission of the landowner, Roger Fortune.

Annual Litter Pick

The annual parish clean up took place on 2nd April and there was a magnificent turn out, lots of lovely black bags of litter were picked! Thank you to all who attended and to Mike Fishwick for organising it.

Speed reduction in Brockley

Your Council has wrestled with the ongoing problem of speeding traffic in our narrow lanes and have proposed to erect SLOW signs along with painted road signs near the three major entrances to the parish, namely, outside Brockley Hall, on the first bend in Chelvey Road after joining from the A370 and where the road narrows just south of Chelvey Church. We will apply for a grant from the airport Fund to pay for it and North Somerset Council will do the work next year.

Budget

Clerk reported that figures for the year ended 31 March 2022 are currently being audited but will be made available shortly.

Julian concluded his report by thanking St Bridget's Church for permitting the use of the venue.

4 Other Reports

District Councillor Steve Hogg was invited to address the meeting.

Steve observed that there were a number of recurring themes from the 2019 Chairman's Report.

1. Bristol Airport: Steve expressed his disappointment with regards to the Airport appeal decision and acknowledged that the decision had come down to perceived economic benefits overriding all other considerations. He also made reference to the additional 5000 car parking spaces in the Green Belt and pointed out that 2/3 of airport revenue comes from car parking.
2. Local Plan/ Joint Spatial Plan: The current consultation on the Local Plan up to 2038 was a necessary exercise in order to demonstrate to central government that the expected number of properties are being planned. Steve also acknowledged that it is very important to seek a balance to include Active Travel and Climate Emergency needs.

5 Public Questions

Q1: A resident raised the question of the threats posed by Airport expansion including issues on local roads including those relating to vehicles over weight restrictions.

Q2: A resident raised the question of potential issues arising from the creation of new car parks at the Airport and the pressure on existing drainage.

District Cllr Steve Hogg agreed that these issues need to be kept under review and also suggested that the traffic issues be considered alongside a proposed review being undertaken for Cleeve Parish Council.

Julian then introduced Dr Brian Smith who gave a thoroughly interesting talk on "Recent Research on the Smyth Piggott Family of Brockley" Brian gave an update on research completed by himself and his late wife over many years. A number of drawings, photos and a pewter plate were made available for review at the end of the talk.

Clerk, Andy Warren thanked Brian for his very informative talk and also thanked everyone for coming along.

The meeting concluded at approximately 9:25pm.