



Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council

Tuesday, 19th April 2022

Present: Councillors Adam Dack (Chair), Councillors Peter Coles, Ben Eastwood, Roger Frost, Joe Green, John Stewart and Pam Vincent.

Others: Steve Watson (Clerk), Borough Councillor Gordon Lishman, County Councillor Cosima Towneley, Irene Nutter (Allotment Society), plus 19 residents.

Councillor Dack opened the Parish Council Meeting and welcomed everyone.

<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Actions by Clerk</u>	<u>Cllr Support</u>
<u>Parish Council Agenda</u>		
21/22/126 Apologies for absence		
Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Nik Higham whose son had tested positive for Covid and Simon Dack who had an unexpected visitor.		
RESOLVED: That the apology and reason given is accepted.		
21/22/127 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct		
There were no declarations of interest.		
21/22/128 Formally adjourn the meeting to allow for public participation		
RESOLVED: That the meeting is adjourned to allow for Public Participation.		
(a) Police Report		
The written Police report is attached. The Police were thanked for their report.		
(b) Public Questions		
The Public questions submitted and there responses are attached.		

(c) County Council Report		
The County Councillor agreed to take on the road and speeding issues, other than that it had been a quiet month. She advised people to put in bids for Jubilee grants and member grants. Queen Street Mill is open again.		
(d) Borough Council Report		
Borough Councillor Gordon Lishman read out a report which is attached.		
Registration numbers are needed of speeding cars and on-going problems with flooding should be reported. There is a serious issue of cat poisoning and anyone with information must come forward. Burnley is now the third in the country for issuing dog fouling fines. Caden are about to do some gas mains work. The retiring Parish Councillors were thanked for all the work done over the last 4 years.		
It was suggested that tipping on the bottom car park, the allotments and garages are getting worse.		
(e) Allotment Society		
The Allotment Society had a good meeting Sunday and there is a new active Committee. The Society skip is due.		
(f) Other Organisations		
There were no organisation reports. The Community Centre bookings are increasing and there is a new rota for users, a new booking form has been provided. The Centre will not need any financial assistance from the Council this year.		
21/22/129 Formally reconvene the Parish Council Meeting		
RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally reconvened for Parish Council Business		
21/22/130 Finance		
1. Accounts to be approved for payment. Additional bills included.		
5.1.1 Clerk Salary April	£457.82 SO	Paid
5.1.2 Petty Cash	£179.60 #001667	Paid
5.1.3 Whitehouse Garage replacement	£159.18 #001668	Paid
5.1.4 Allotment Letters	£150.00 #001669	Paid
5.1.5 Affordable Skips	£576.00 #001670	Paid
5.1.6 Affordable Skips	£192.00 #001671	Paid
5.1.7 HMRC	£114.44 #001672	
5.1.9 G.S.A. Contractor	£tbc #001673	
5.1.10 LALC	£708.72 #001674	
5.1.11 Scribe	£561.60 #001675	
5.1.12 Community Centre	£32.00 #001676	
5.1.13 Croftowns Ltd	£50.00 #001677	
RESOLVED: The bills outlined above are paid.		

2.	Income Received		
5.2	Income		
5.2.1	Council Owned garages	£654.40	
5.2.2	Bank Interest	£0.12	
5.2.3	Allotment Rent	£60.00	
3.	Bank Balances		
5.3.	Bank Balances		
▪	Current a/c –	£ 9,023.87	
▪	Reserves a/c –	£13,935.03	
▪	Petty Cash -	£ 459.66 (£275.00 Landrover Tax)	
▪	Garages -	£ 3,011.81	
	Total	£26,430.37	
RESOLVED: That the bank balances, budget monitoring report, petty cash report and bank reconciliations are noted.			
21/22/131 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting			
To approve, as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 22 nd March 2022. Councillor Frost requested the phrase ‘though there is no record of this’ is removed from Minute 21/22/117 as he had done newsletter articles in the past.			
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council meeting, on the 22nd March 2022 as amended are approved as a correct record.			
21/22/132 Matters outstanding from the minutes			
Additional grit costs will be considered in the Autumn, one building supplier has been approached for a price. The Book Stop needs to hold a meeting and the Council is waiting to hear back from the Gas Board. The Woodland Walk information board proof has been received and a background colour change has been requested. The Parish Council sold the land for trees to the County Council, who will need to be asked for permissions.			
21/22/133 Clerk’s Report including Administration – for information only			
The correspondence was noted.			
21/22/134 Updates and Reports (for information only)			
Members of the Council			
Access hole covers on Duke Street have been reported. The Jubilee Bench isn’t available at the moment, however the other benches are to be asked to be delivered. Grass cutting has commenced and the summer flowers have been ordered. The contractor will tidy the edges on Duke Street garden and the water spilling onto the field is to be chased.			
21/22/135 To receive reports from Committees and consider the Recommendations			
1.	<i>Planning Committee</i>		
The following Planning applications were considered.			

1.1	FUL/2022/0146: Change of use from C3 Dwellinghouse to C2 small children's residential care home, Arncliffe Cottage Halifax Road Briercliffe		
1.2	FUL/2022/0141: Proposed change of use from agricultural land to a dog walking meadow including 1.8m perimeter fencing, car parking area, dog play equipment and shelter. Resubmission of application FUL/2021/0734, Land To The South Of Granville Street Briercliffe		
Application 0146 is to be opposed on the grounds that the shared access and parking should be individual, the footpath is not shown on the plans, 2 parking spaces are not owned by the property, it impedes access to Hill End Farm, the garden is not suitable and there are heritage issues. The presence of a public right of way and the proximity to neighbours is a cause for concern with vulnerable youths. There are plans to connect Queen Street Mill and Helmshore Mill which will increase usage of the footpath. Agree to object		Object	RF & PV
There were no comments on application 0141.			
21/22/136 To receive reports from Working Groups – for information only			
1. Allotment Working group			
There were no new applications and the waiting list has been updated. Site inspections will commence shortly. Those on the waiting list will be contacted to see if they are still interested in an allotment.		Ring Around	AD
21/22/137 Matters identified for future consideration			
There were no matters arising.			
RESOLVED: That in view of the sensitive and confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.			
RESOLVED: That the Council does not recognise the illegal BAGS Hut meeting, however, the Council agrees to allow the sale of stock and the hut with the proceeds going to Pendleside Hospice. The Committee is to be asked to sell the stock and remove the hut within 14 days otherwise anything remaining will be deemed to have been abandoned.			
RESOLVED: That the Council approves the use of Emergency Powers due to time constrained for the termination of 3 allotment tenancies with 12 months notice.			
RESOLVED: That the Landrover would be MOT'd.			
21/22/138	It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 17 th May 2022 at the Community Center, Jubilee Street immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7:30pm.		
The Chair thanked everyone for attending.			

BRIERCLIFFE AREA 20 th March – 10 th April 2022			
INCIDENTS REPORTED - 60			
NO	TYPE OF INCIDENT	LOCATION	DETAILS
0	Burglary		
1	Criminal damage	Milton Street	Isolated incident.
1	Theft	Burnley Road	Isolated incident – item taken by known person
0	Vehicle crime		
0	Theft of vehicle/UTMV		
6	Nuisance	Hillingdon Road (Lanehead side) Hallam Street Church street x2 Halifax Road New Taylor Fold	Nuisance motorbike driving dangerously Seized by CBM PC 6805 Arif Isolated incident Isolated incident within the address Vehicle driving at excessive speed Neighbourhood issues
<p>Calls with regards to ASB within the local area are low especially with it being school holidays.</p> <p>Speed checks will continue these coming weeks.</p> <p>Many thanks Jody Hudson PCSO 7738.</p>			

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Borough Councillors' Report – March 2022**

Floods: The biggest problem of recent months has been the floods from the open culvert at the top of Holgate Street. Water has flooded down **Holgate Street**, across **Burnley Road** and down **Granville Street**. It washed out infill on roads and pavements which blocked the drains and it's dangerous. We have been pressing the County Council, United Utilities, both Burnley and Pendle Councils, Ringstones who built Maytree Close, Calico which own Ringstones, and the landowners. **No-one accepted responsibility!** We broke the logjam by getting Burnley Council's engineers to do an underground survey and call site meetings.

Ringstones/Calico have now agreed to act. The pipes at the top of the Maytree houses were not fully connected and the main pipe has been blocked. They promise to finish the necessary work by "end of March/early April 2022 but no later". The County has been unblocking drains and says they will put right the damaged roads and pavements.

There have also been problems with other blocked drains, including on **Duke and Harrison Streets** which have been reported to the County.

There's a general problem: climate change leads to more rain in heavier bursts which then runs off the fields into the village and the estates. At our request, Burnley's engineers have checked the new Standen Hall development plans to ensure the waste water plans can cope with flows from the fields and golf course.

Fly-tipping The number of cases of fly-tipping has gone down since lockdowns ended. There's still commercial waste dumping around Thursden and Cockden. The Council has allocated extra money next year for enforcement. As ever, it can be reported to StreetScene via the Council website or if people tell one of us, we pass the information on. The Council and the police have asked that people who discover dumping DON'T go through it for information about the dumper. That can make it difficult to ensure that evidence holds up in court.

Speeding traffic: thanks to the police who recently organised a speed check on Halifax Road. As we know, the worst problem is boy racers at unpredictable times and particularly at night, which makes it difficult to catch them.

Small grants for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on June 3rd are available from Burnley Council to support local community events. Apply to Burnley Council by the website: Burnley.gov.uk. One of us remembers the coronation!

Lane Bottom Park and Play Area: work is due to start any day now and will be in 2 stages. New playground equipment and picnic benches are paid for by Burnley Council with donations from the Parish Council. There will be new swings, seesaw, rockers and a huge climbing frame with slides similar to the one at Barwise, Towneley. The other big problem is with the broken drains on the grass area which has made playing impossible for the last few years. After heavy rain we have seen ducks swimming on there! That will be expensive, so we are applying for grant funding. The Parks department at the Council are advising.

Congratulations to the **Gala** Organisers for going ahead on 16 July. Good luck to them!

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Public Questions Received

I would like to ask if the council could put a speed restriction on the lane running down to Musty Haulgh farm. I know it's unlikely as it's a private road and LCC are responsible for highways but I think the increasing risk to pedestrians needs to be addressed and perhaps there are other things you can do.

The potholes do slow some cars down but they also cause the cars and many heavy goods vehicles to swerve in erratic ways.

The increase in traffic since the development of Bend Hill Farm has to be experienced to be believed.

Response given: Hi, unfortunately the Parish Council does not have the powers to put in a speed restriction sign, however they will pass this to the County Council for consideration.

I would like to raise the issue of pavement parking and also speeding in briercliffe.

I am aware that pcso says shes been out with speed camera and provided no evidence of an issue.

I messaged saying its more of an issue at night and all i got in return was a flippent remark . I would also add as my property is at significant risk as it has no footpath and my garden wall was struck .although this was an accident with vehicle miss judging the turn .it does highlight a need for a footpath

Proposed Response: Hi, whilst the Parish Council agrees with you and has put this issue forward previously, unfortunately the Parish Council does not have the powers to to address parking and speeding issues, however they will pass this to the County Council for consideration.

Please can the council inform me on the three quotes they got for doing the work at the end of Duke Street thank you

Proposed Response: Whilst this is not directly a question, the Council assumes you are asking for evidence of the 3 quotes. These were:

1. Moving Target Ltd £6,100
2. GSA £4,418
3. Red Rose Surfacing£7,760

Hi was wondering why there are so many empty allotments which look a mess . And how long do we have to wait to get one please . I have already applied and when i go up the empty ones are still empty . Thank you s ward

The waiting time for allotments can vary due to limited availability of plots that we do have. The council has begun constructing 16 new plots which will be available this growing season so this should lessen the waiting list. Regarding the time it takes to be offered a plot, you must take into consideration the amount of people that are ahead of you on the list. To be fair, we have to offer the tenancy to those first on the list before contacting the next person. Realistically we cannot expect people to reply instantly so we must allow a few days before we offer it to the next person. Allotment inspections are done twice a year, once at the beginning of the growing season and one during. The council fully understands that tenants need time at the beginning of the new growing season to get their plots in order hence the reason they are provided with skips

provided by Briercliffe Parish Council. Any plots that still appear to be unused or abandoned will mean the council will contact the tenant in order to investigate the reasons

Could I query the allotment report at the next meeting.

Response given – you can if you clarify what you wish to query.

At a small village called Otterburn, near Newcastle for a wedding.
Lamposts are trimmed in blue and yellow
Would be a nice gesture if Briercliffe adopted them.

Any ideas when a skip will be available at the allotments please.

Provided Saturday 9th April.