



Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council

Virtual meeting held over Zoom due to Government Restrictions

Tuesday, 16th February 2021

Present: Councillor Russell Hawkes (in the Chair), Councillors Adam Dack, Ben Eastwood, Nik Higham, Duncan Maclver and Pam Vincent.

Others: Inspector Damian Pemberton, County Councillor Cosima Towneley, Borough Councillor Anne Kelly and Steve Watson (Clerk).

Councillor Hawkes 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>		
20/21/091 Apologies for absence		
Apologies were given by Councillors Simon Dack who was unwell, Roger Frost and John Stewart who weren't able to access remote technologies.		
RESOLVED: That above apologies and reasons given are approved.		
20/21/092 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct		
There were no initial Declarations of Interest.		
20/21/093 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 was read out and is attached. It was noted that the nuisance moped has been caught on CCTV.		
The Chair welcomed Inspector Pemberton to the meeting. He outlined that a couple of meetings had been held that outlined defined things areas in common and how to move forward working together. He explained that he wished to manage expectations as things have moved on over a number of years. He Inspector Pemberton said he would answer any questions and explained the resources and staffing he is working with:.		
There are currently 5 Response Teams throughout Burnley and Padiham and Neighbourhood Policing teams covering 15 neighbourhood areas. There used to be a Community Beat Manager (CBM) and between one and three Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) for each area. There are now 8 CBMs and 20 PCSOs covering all 15 areas. Some areas are bigger and have 2 PCSOs, though each area has at least 1 PCSO. Some CBMs cover more than one neighbourhood area with some covering up to 3 areas. Staffing numbers are increasing, but it takes time to train new staff and there is a 2 year probation period. Staffing increases will start to be visible in the next 3 to 5 years.		
Community Policing is about forming relationships and Burnley is one of the busiest areas in the Division, the in which Police staff do a good job. Three Sergeants cover nights and one of the changes to Briercliffe's Policing Team will be There have been a number of changes in Briercliffe, there are 3 Sergeants covering nights and Sergeant Victoria Bromley who starts this Friday and who will be the new CBM for Briercliffe. PCSOs are essential to the job and Mark Hill and Jody Hudson cover Briercliffe. There is a review of dedicated PCs who managing more than 1 area.		
The main concerns in Briercliffe are Speeding, Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), speeding, and drugs, though this is reflected in most areas other neighbourhoods. There has been a national increase of ASB of 80%, though most of this is due to the pandemic and a lack of tolerance of the new rules.		
There will be a new emphasis on getting local people to reporting issues rather than posting on Social Media, where they can be overlooked. Briercliffe has been a local hot-spot for the Neighbourhood Policing Teams on at least 3 occasions and has received additional resources. There is also to be a more visible presence by the Police posting on Social Media to explain the incidents they are dealing with.		
It was noted that a lot of the ASB is by kids being dropped off or getting taxis from outside the area. Briercliffe is also targeted by youths as it is easy to escape from due to its geography. S34 of the Police and Criminal Justice Act does permit restrictions, but there are criteria that Briercliffe doesn't meet. Telephone numbers are being provided to make officers more accessible, though these should not be misused. Inspector Pemberton offered to attend future meetings if issues required it.		
Inspector Pemberton was thanked for attending and for his detailed update.		
(b) Calico Proposals Royal Court		
Fences have been installed and further works are hopefully going to be kept on track. Whilst the bad weather has hampered works, some fences have been installed.		

(c) Public Questions		
There were no Public questions.		
(d) County Council Report		
The County Councillor reported that following the severe weather a number of grates need to be cleared, blocked drains can be reported on the County's App. The budget has been approved with more funds going into Adult Services. Holgate Street was flooded and the road surface has crumbled and is blocking the drains. Large lorries using Holgate Street are impacting on the road surface. Trade vehicles working on the Calico Development are misusing Holgate Street. Cross Street has been resurfaced. County Councillor Cosima Towneley was thanked for her report.		
(e) Borough Council Report		
The Borough Councillor Report was discussed and is attached. Councillor Anne Kelly reported that only a Mums and Toddlers Support Group is currently using the Community Centre. All the outstanding jobs have now been completed except for the shaling brickwork, quotes have been obtained but refer to different approaches to the problem. The Community Hub is providing an excellent service and anyone struggling is encouraged to contact them, the contact details are within the report. More volunteers are needed for the hub and anyone interested should get in touch.		
Borough Councillor Anne Kelly was thanked for their reports.		
20/21/094 Formally reconvene the Parish Council Meeting		
RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally reconvened for Parish Council Business		
20/21/095 Finance		
1. Accounts to be approved for payment. Additional bills included.		
1.1 G.S.A. Trees Project	£1,080.00	#001605 Paid
1.2 Clerk Salary December	£432.88	SO Paid
1.3 HMRC	£114.44	#001607
1.4 S. Watson Clerk Pay Rise	£24.94	#001608
1.5 G.S.A.	£858.968	#001609
1.6 LALC	£697.45	#001610
RESOLVED: The bills outlined above are paid.		
2. Income Received		
2.1 Council Owned garages		£567.72
2.2 HMRC VAT reclaim 2019-2020		£9,986.71
2.3 Natwest Bank Interest		£0.15
3. Bank balances		
▪ Current a/c –		£11,327.81
▪ Deposit a/c –		£18,932.98
▪ Petty Cash -		£ -44.47
▪ Garages -		£ 4,044.77
Total		£34,261.09

RESOLVED: That the bank balances, budget monitoring report, petty cash report and bank reconciliations are noted. Petty cash is to be returned to £100.00. #001611		
20/21/096 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting		
To approve, as a correct record the minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 19 th January 2021.		
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council meeting, on the 19th January 2021 are approved as a correct record and will be signed as such once Government restrictions are lifted.		
20/21/097 Matters outstanding from the minutes		
The list of farms has not yet been completed Councillor Kelly will provide a list for to be passed on to Rural PCSO Mark Hillthe Newsletters. A quote has been obtained for the allotment fencing but needs further clarification.	Farms	BC AK AD
20/21/098 Clerk's Report including Administration – for information only		
The correspondence was noted. The Allotment Society Magazine is to be sent to the Chair who will pass it on to Briercliffe Allotment Society. A consultation has been requested regarding of the development of a local Children's Homes (circulated) has been circulated.		
20/21/099 Updates and Reports (for information only)		
Members of the Council		
The Chair's report was circulated and is attached.		
An update was provided on the Tri-Parish Land Rover meeting, a usage agreement has been drafted and will be voted on by an email 'round robin' for approval. The Police contact details are to be put on the website, on Facebook and in noticeboards. and in lLocal shops are also to be approached.		
The allotment rent letters are due.	Letters	DM
There was a majority agreement to sell the Council's gritter as it is not a Parish Council responsibility to grit, nor do we have the mechanical infrastructure/ finances to do so.being used.		
The Police are to be asked if they made contact with Councillor Anne Kelly to identify youths in the CCTV.	Contact MH	RH
RESOLVED: That the gritter is sold for £200.		
Community Centre Update		
The Community Centre was dealt with earlier.		
20/21/100 To receive reports from Committees and consider the Recommendations		

2.	<i>Planning Committee</i>		
	There is an appeal outstanding and previous comments still stand.		
	The house on the hill is under review at Planning, there was a burst pipe which could not be shut off as it would cut off the neighbours supply.		
20/21/101	To receive reports from Working Groups – for information only		
1.	Allotment Working group		
	There was 1 new application and the waiting list has been updated: There are now 17 for gardens, 14 for pens, 20 for garages and 7 for containers. It was agreed that anyone failing to respond to an allotment offer will be removed from the waiting list.		
	An updated allotment Policy was circulated, there were a number of changes including fires must be extinguished by 9:00pm and pens must have an emergency supply of water in case of loss of the supply in bad weather. The Council owned garages are a separate item to addressed in a future specific policy. The amended Allotment pPolicy was approved. The A tap leak has been temporarily dealt with, and a complaint about an the increase in allotment deposits has been responded to. and ilt was agreed to lift and box the stop-taps to the surface.		
	RESOLVED: That the Allotment Policy as amended is approved and adopted, and that the water stop-taps are to be lifted to the surface and boxed. .		
	RESOLVED: That £1,000 is vired from the Allotment Material Budget heading to the Allotment Labour heading.		
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20/21/102	Matters identified for future consideration		
	There were no matters identified.		
20/21/103	It was agreed that the next virtual meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 16th March 2021.		
	The Chair thanked everyone for attending.		

BRIERCLIFFE AREA 12 th January 2021 – 14 th February 2021			
INCIDENTS REPORTED - 128			
NO	TYPE OF INCIDENT	LOCATION	DETAILS
8	Burglary	Sandiway Queen Street Horning Crescent Todmorden Road Briercliffe Burnley Rd Briercliffe Tiverton Drive Kimberley Close Talbot Drive	Shed broken into – no items taken. 2 nd Attempt break. Attempt shed break Outhouse broken into – Diesel stolen Container broken into – usually houses a quad. Attempt shed break Shed break – track bike taken Garage break – 3 bikes stolen
0	Criminal damage		
2	Theft	Talbot Street Queen Street	Isolated incident Isolated incident
2	Vehicle crime	Balderstone Lane Hallam Street	No Damage to vehicle – items taken Tyres damaged
24	Nuisance	Halifax Road Townley Street Briercliffe area	Cars racing/meeting up Group of youths A number of Covid breaches
<p>Within the Briercliffe area of Burnley there's been a number of attempt shed/garage breaks, a number of residents have kindly supplied CCTV which is being progressed. In the know messages sent out to residents who are signed up to make them aware of the shed breaks.</p> <p>We had a number of calls with regards to a vehicle driving dangerously, this vehicle was later seized by NHPT. Please could I ask all residents if you see something suspicious to report either 999 in emergency or 101 non emergency.</p> <p>If anyone would like to sign up to Lancashire talking (In The Know) please email myself with;</p> <p>Name Address</p>			

Email address.

Many thanks Jody Hudson PCSO 7738. Mobile number 07866781767 or email 7738@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Briercliffe Parish Council Borough Councillors' Report – February 2021

Youth Anti-social Behaviour continues to be a problem. **We ask residents to report any issues to the Police.** There are plenty of comments and complaints on social media, but the Police need reports directly to them - either ring 101 or by report via email. The Police are aware of the issues and have been regularly patrolling the area although the cold weather seems to have deterred some of the Anti-Social Behaviour and stopped the youth gatherings. As the Police report will show, there have been several burglaries locally and several reports of people being out during the night with doors and car doors being tried. One pair left footprints in the snow and had been round many streets but as they went down the road where there was less snow, the footprints disappeared! **Please make sure that all vehicles, doors, outhouses, garages and windows are locked.**

There have been several **fly tips in Thursden**. Fortunately, there were some addresses in the rubbish. Streetscene visited the addresses and discovered that people had paid to have their rubbish removed by a contractor. The contractor was traced and is being prosecuted.

One snowy morning, **refuse collections** were missed on some streets but were all collected the day after. The general rule is: if it's not collected, leave it out and they'll collect as soon as they can. Through the bad weather and the pandemic, the town's bin-men have worked bravely, hard and competently; it's a good idea to say thank you to them occasionally.

We have been asked to provide some more **grit bins** and have been making the case to the County Highways Department. People also contacted us about lack of gritting on some streets, so we looked at the routes and contacted LCC to add some to their list, including Harrison St and Royal Court. Tennyson St and Atkinson St (two of the steepest and iciest streets) couldn't be gritted because of parked cars on Duke St. The gritter lorry couldn't take the corners at the bottom which is understandable but unfortunate.

Cross Street must have been one of the worst roads in Burnley. It has been resurfaced at last and looks very good. We know that many other streets have patches and potholes that need attention. Please carry on letting us know which streets need attention and we'll add them to the list for the County Council.

The **COVID 19 pandemic** continues to affect us all and we remind residents of the **Burnley Together Hub** which works with partners to give anybody any help they can. Support includes food parcels, meals on wheels, shopping, dog walking, preventing loneliness, financial and debt advice, and mental health support. If you need advice just telephone **(01282) 686402**. They are also looking for volunteers to help so if you can offer some time to help someone who needs it, give the Hub a ring. Thanks to everybody who follows the safety rules, our local infection rate is falling and thousands of Burnley people have had their first vaccination. There seems to be light at the end of the tunnel.

Please be careful and keep safe!

Councillors: Anne Kelly

Gordon Lishman

Maggie Lishman

Chair's Report

- Plumber fixing leaks Saturday 20th February
- Write-up January Meeting Cllr. discussed changes to the Allotment Policy, shared and discussed with AD (Lead Allotment Councillor) and sent to the Clerk for legalities check who then distributed to all Councillors.
- Plumber contacted through Contractor - coming to assess leaks early morning Tuesday 16th. I will switch on water for 30 mins from 10am to allow livestock to be tended to. 15/02/21
- FB and Website notices regarding water shut-off and planned works
- All Notice Boards updated with submitted Church info. and Allotment Board with water shut-off info.
- Contractor meeting (EA and later GA) re: water leaks positions and shut-off valves requiring repositioning for access – Comms (Cllr. BE/ AD/ PV)
- 8.33am Texts from Tenant (GM) – not happy about water being shut off – “If you are struggling to cope let me know. Am sure I can find a Plumber!”
- Comms Tenants GM re: two dead chickens seen – advised tenant to ring the RSPCA asking for collection and lab testing for Bird Flu – but didn't sound like he was going to... 14/02/21
- Comms Tenant IN/RW Parishioner DE and Cllr's BE/AD re: various water leaks – water is turned off – further actions necessary 14/02/21
- Posted “In The Know” alert for CCTV Tod Road on website/FB with reply link
- Attended online meeting with Inspector Pemberton Thursday 11th 1pm-2pm. He will be joining us at the February Parish Council Meeting to discuss Policing in Briercliffe.
- Contacted PCSO Mark Hill re: Land Rover FB Post
- Collated info. for meeting with Inspector Pemberton
- Contacted Inspector D. Pemberton – to set-up 1:1 about areas to address at next PC meeting which he has agreed to attend 08/02/2021
- Comms: SW/AD Allotment issue and next steps- inc. needed emails to all on Waiting List regarding deposit changes and whether applicants still wish to be considered for an allotment
- Collate GSA payments since July 2020 with invoices and supporting communications info. for corroboration with Contractor. Sorted...10/02/2021
- Created online article for FB and Website –Briercliffe WW Tree & Woodland Management Plan + Contractor works
- Attended online Land Rover meeting 2nd Feb
- Prep for Land Rover meeting – Cllr Eastwood *wants to attend – 2nd February 6pm*
- Comms - Returned Parishioner Phone Call – Re: required contact details of Borough Councillor/ Email to Councillors Re: items “surplus to requirements” is the offer made acceptable?
- Updated Waiting list – Dropbox and online 02/02/2021 (AD)
- Email to Parishioners (and Councillors/Clerk) regarding January Online Meeting video+ other related matters. (19/01/2021)
- Cross Street Resurfacing info relayed via Website and FB 28/01/2021
- ...Website – published Jan Meeting 25/01/21
- Edited Jan meeting video 22/01/21 and 25/01/21

Minutes of the online Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council Meeting 16th February 2021

- Cheques written, signatures collected / local cheques hand posted and others sent to the Clerk for distribution – Phone call with SW explaining what needs to be done with certain cheques and Email sent with updated record of cheques used/available in Current Account cheque book. (22/01/21 and 24/01/21)
- ...Draft Mins read/edited, (22/01/21) published by (SW)
- Website updated – dates/times next meeting/ Borough Councillor report for January
- Comms – Tenant (IN) regarding safety of horses due to needed drainage work in paddock
- Comms – BE & Contractor: Drain collapse located and repaired (20/01/21 – 21/01/21)