



Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council

Virtual meeting held over Zoom due to Government Restrictions

Tuesday, 21st July 2020

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

Others: Steve Watson (Clerk), County Councillor Cosima Towneley and 3 residents.

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>		
20/21/027 Apologies for absence		
Apologies were given by Councillor Simon Dack who was working and Councillors Roger Frost and John Stewart who weren't able to access remote technologies.		
RESOLVED: That above apologies and reasons given are approved.		
20/21/028 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct		
There were no Declarations of Interest.		
20/21/029 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.		

(b) Calico Proposals Royal Court		
The Calico written report was read out and is attached.		
Parishioner contacted Chair with increasing concern regarding fence removal issue. Further discussion is to be sought with and in response to Burnley Planning's reply.		
(c) Public Questions		
There were no Public Questions submitted in advance.		
(d) County Council Report		
The County Councillor reported that there is to be a joint rural Parish meeting to discuss the Landrover. There have been tipping incidents at Thursden and residents have raised issues of dropped kerbs and speeding. The chimney at Queen Street Mill is nearly finished and the scaffolding should be removed soon. Problems continue with motorbikes. And residents are being asked to report potholes online, the Chair of Worsthorne is to be contacted for dates. Lancashire County Council is running a new campaign from 13 July 2020 to help raise public perception works undertaken by the highways service. PC will publish links on our website and Facebook to help promote the campaign lancashire.gov.uk/roads	Contact WPC Chair	Clerk RH
(e) Borough Council Report		
The Borough Councillor Report was read out and is attached.		
Everyone was thanked for their reports.		
20/21/030 Formally reconvene the Parish Council Meeting		
RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally reconvened for Parish Council Business		
20/21/031 Finance		
1. Accounts to be approved for payment. Additional bills included.		
1.1 Clerk Salary	£432.88	SO Paid
1.2 HMRC	£108.22	#001562.
1.3 GSA Gardening (hedge and potholes)	£360.00	#001563
1.4 BPRCVS	£15.00	#001564
1.5 Thompson-Morgan (P. Vincent)	£155.89	#001568
1.6 GSA Gardening (grass cutting)	£360.00	#001566
1.7 GSA Gardening (hedge, bush and grass)	£250.00	#001567
RESOLVED: The bills outlined above are paid.		
2. Income Received		
2.1 Garage rents		£567.72
2.2 Allotment Rents and deposits		£2,479.06
2.3 Bank Interest		£0.03

<p>3. <i>Bank Balances</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current a/c – £23,751.83 ▪ Deposit a/c – £ 2,932.34 ▪ Petty Cash - £ 70.66 ▪ Facebook Boost - £ 100.00 ▪ Garages - £14,091.73 ▪ Total £40,946.56 <p>The budget monitoring report, petty cash report and bank reconciliations were circulated.</p>		
<p>RESOLVED: That the bank balances, budget monitoring report, petty cash report and bank reconciliations are noted.</p>		
<p>It was agreed to subscribe to Zoom Pro at a cost of £11.99 plus VAT per month whilst the Council holds virtual meeting.</p>		
<p>20/21/032 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting</p>		
<p>To approve, as a correct record the minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 16th June 2020.</p>		
<p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council meeting, on the 16th June 2020 are approved as a correct record and will be signed as such once Government restrictions are lifted.</p>		
<p>20/21/033 Matters outstanding from the minutes</p>		
<p>7.1 Policies – Councillor Higham reported that all Policies have been formally completed and standardized and a link to the files will be sent.</p> <p>7.2 Calico Site Visit – Completed and had results</p> <p>7.3 Letter of thanks to Mayor Anne Kelly - sent</p> <p>7.4 Proposed Livery Tenancy – sent but no response</p> <p>7.5 Blakey’s incident – was an accidental error</p> <p>7.6 Allotment Rent letters - sent</p>		<p>NH</p>
<p>20/21/034 Clerk’s Report including Administration – for information only</p>		
<p>The correspondence was noted. The Waterplus account was taken from a meter reading last bill and an estimate this bill but is still in credit.</p>		
<p>20/21/035 Updates and Reports (for information only)</p>		
<p>Members of the Council</p>		
<p>The Chair reported that Briercliffe Football Club have requested a start-up grant. The Council paid for the legal fees for the lease and provided an initial rent break. The Club have done a lot of work in the background to get the club back up and running and security is the top priority. It was proposed that a grant of £500 is provided.</p>		
<p>RESOLVED: That a £500 start-up grant is given to Briercliffe Football Club.</p>		

Community Centre Update		
A Community Centre update was provided and read out, the report is attached.		
20/21/036 To receive reports from Committees and consider the Recommendations		
2. Planning Committee		
<p>10.1.1 Report back on Standen Hall Drive Application.</p> <p>10.1.2 HOU/2020/0275 – Proposed Three Storey Side Extension, Rear Dormer Extension and Internal Alterations, Kenmuir, Burnley Road.</p> <p>10.1.3 COU/2020/0239 – Change of use of land from open space to residential curtilage, at land to the rear of 31-39 Lydgate.</p> <p>10.1.4 Burnley Borough Council Draft Licensing Policy</p>		
<p>The Standen Hall Drive application was passed and information has been put on Facebook and the Website.</p> <p>0275 – The Council is to object on the size as the plan more than doubles the size of the property and is over dominant and may impact on the footpath. Work has stopped and conditions have been set. The main gas supply is exposed though the electricity has been cut off. The entrance to the quarry may be impacted and the land may not be stable.</p> <p>0239 – No comments</p> <p>An application for Long Hey House stable conversion has also been received and is to be objected to as a business in a rural area, parking and traffic although the car park has been provided. Concerns were raised that this was a “back door” application.</p> <p>(A late in application to convert a property to 2 apartments is to be considered though a back staircase precedent has already been set).</p>		
20/21/037 To receive reports from Working Groups – for information only		
1. Allotment Working group		
<p>There have been 5 new applications; 14 are waiting for a garden, 18 for a pen, 19 garages and 7 containers on the waiting list. Councillor Simon Dack was thanked for providing the large skip and the plainings for the pathways which volunteers have spread and our contractor has used to repair the roadway. Fencing is to be looked at with repairs to be made to boundary fences.</p> <p>A response about the asbestos removal has been requested and visit will be on Thursday this week.</p> <p>Works on Garage use and availability are to commence next week.</p>		<p>AD</p> <p>RH</p> <p>AD/PV</p>
The Self-Management proposal has not been responded to and it was agreed that if there is still no response by the September meeting it will be closed.		
There was confusion over the rent and water charges for the Allotment Society and it was confirmed that the agreement was for a peppercorn rent of £1.00 per year with no water charges.		
The new BAGS Hut tenancy is to be sent out. It was agreed that the transfer is dependent on the supply of the 2019 end of year accounts, stock list and constitution.		
A paid Allotment Manager proposal will be considered at the September meeting.		

20/21/038	Matters identified for future consideration		
There were no matters identified.			
20/21/039	It was agreed that the next virtual meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 15th September 2020.		
RESOLVED: It is proposed 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.			
Alternative for the land sale were discussed and the tenant is to be advised accordingly.			

BRIERCLIFFE AREA 13/06/20 - 21/07/20			
INCIDENTS REPORTED			
NO	TYPE OF INCIDENT	LOCATION	DETAILS
1	Vehicle crime	Lydgate -	Vehicle has been broken into and window smashed purse and handbag bank cards etc.
3	Thefts	Horning crescent – Clockhouse avenue - Talbot drive -	Push bike stolen. Theft of wallet that was mislaid and card has been used as such is a fraud. BBQ has been stolen from back garden was chained down but has had to be cut free.
2	Burglary's	Lydgate - Shore avenue -	X3 push bikes taken from garage that was left open. Attempt Burglary to garage.
28	ASB	Talbot drive Grassington drive Burnley road – Eastern delight Haggate church	Youths throwing eggs at address. Youths playing football in the road and near to vehicles. Youths throwing stones at the window of the take away and coming and in and out of the shop. Youths passing through on the land close to the church being abusive to the informant when asked to move.

		<p>Lydgate</p> <p>Burnley road – Spar shop</p> <p>Briercliffe bowling green</p> <p>Queen street -</p>	<p>Noise coming from the lydgate area or possibly in the Heasantford industrial estate.</p> <p>Youths on the bowling green.</p> <p>Motorbikes racing around the street.</p>
7	Criminal Damages	<p>X4 Burnley road</p> <p>Talbot drive</p> <p>Queen street</p> <p>Croasdale avenue</p>	<p>Damage caused to windows or an address.</p> <p>Damage to fence.</p> <p>Graffiti has been written on building near Queen street mill and playing area at the end of Queen street.</p> <p>Damage to fence panels.</p>
<p>Throughout the last month there has been a increase in ASB logs being reported for the area of Briercliffe. The main reports relate to ASB issues in the Talbot drive area where by youths have been throwing eggs and items at addresses and a couple of fences have been damaged.</p> <p>Also Reports of Motorbikes on Queen street racing around riders without helmets.</p> <p>Youth issues on Burnley road near to the spar and Eastern delight.</p> <p>Also made aware of Issues within the seating area of the Bowling green which has since been renovated and closed off so youths should no longer be able to get into the seating area which is a positive step.</p> <p>In terms of crime being reported it is similar to last month.</p> <p>Attention to be carried to the Picnic site on Halifax road Briercliffe and Haggate are as we have been made aware of speeding cars travelling though up to the picnic site.</p> <p>In relation to the Police Land rover it is currently back and being used most days now so the vehicle should be seen out and about most of the time and as much as possible.</p>			

Calico Report

1. **Landscape**

Following mine & Lisa Bell's (Development Manager) site visit last week: we referred back to Ring Stones regarding the landscape as we are not 100% satisfied with the "look" of the landscape to the banking area. Ring Stones have confirmed the landscape has been completed in line with approved planning drawings however accept Calico's discontent and are therefore issuing Calico with a new design, a proposal of what they can do to make the landscape to the banking look more attractive. Calico have asked the new redesign proposal to take into consideration the following:-

- a. The possibility of trees to be planted at the lower end of the banking behind Harrison Street
- b. Possibility of new/fresh topsoil import to assist with landscape growing better
- c. The possibility of additional shrubs/greenery at the top of the banking to make the area more attractive

2. **Levels/Gradient**

We have received confirmation from our Engineers that the levels and gradient to the banking area has been built in line with approved planning drawings. Calico have again referred this back to Ring Stones regarding the gradient of the banking, as we feel the gradient can be changed slightly to make it more attractive and pleasing to look at. Ring Stones accept Calico's discontent and are therefore issuing Calico with a new design, a proposal of what they can do to make the gradient of the banking look more attractive. Calico have asked the new redesign proposal to take into consideration the following:-

- a. The area behind Dawn & David Eastwood's properties, to try and improve the look from their side (*but not limited too*)

3. **Other**

In the interim, Calico's caretaking team will continue with their 2 weekly, landscape maintenance on Royal Court/Harrison Street.

We have asked Ring Stones to issue the two proposals and commence changes within the next 2-3 weeks (*weather dependant*).

We are confident the aesthetic changes to landscape and gradient of the banking will enhance the physical appearance of this area.

The proposals will remain within planning approved drawings/regulations as we are not making any major/building/structural/foundation amendments.

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Report from Burnley Borough councillors

Standen Hall Planning Application

This has been passed with conditions by the Borough's planning committee despite opposition from local councillors and a very strong performance from local residents and their spokesperson, David Waddington.

In addition, the house at the entrance to the site has been reported as unstable and is being monitored. The developer is being asked to take action.

Raves in the woods

This problem is starting up again and we are in dialogue with residents and the police about how to stop these events. The Covid 19 rules should allow the police to take more action.

Motorbike nuisance – Netherwood and by the river

This has been raised by residents and councillors have asked the Multi-agency Group to agree actions to stop the nuisance.

Noise issues on Heasandford Estate.

This is being closely monitored by residents and both the Borough and County Councils. Some actions have already been taken with the offenders.

Damage to the Bowling Green

The Borough Councillors gave the Bowling Club £1,000 in March towards the cost of repairs to their pavilion. Since then, they've had more vandalism. Unfortunately, we have no more money to give them although I know they need some to make their pavilion secure against vandals.

Graffiti at the Football Club site

The police are aware of this and Council officers should have cleaned this up.

Walshaw Lane

The hedgerows have now been cut back to allow an easier passage for residents' cars. We are pleased the Council workmen were very helpful.

COVID-19 and the Burnley Hub

The council, officers and councillors continue to work on the hub with voluntary groups, Council for Voluntary Service, Burnley FC in the Community, Calico and other local charities providing a wide range of support for residents across the borough. All contributions of help or food are gratefully received.

Last week's Council meeting saw councillors of all parties coming together to discuss a 10-point Plan for Burnley COVID Recovery.

Finally, the borough council is now functioning remotely like so many others of us. All meetings are held virtually and anyone wishing to view them can do so on YouTube.

Councillor Anne Kelly

Councillor Gordon Lishman

Councillor Maggie Lishman

Community Centre report July 2020

The Centre remains closed but it has given us the chance for some maintenance work. The inside of the Hall and the external doors have been painted. New flooring has been laid in the kitchen, the fans from the toilets have been replaced as they were broken and one had a bird's nest inside. We have had a big clean up outside and trees and shrubs cleared. The grass at the side is regularly cut.

We are still waiting for another estimate for the bricks on the gable wall.

We are hoping to open for our regular groups in August but they will be asked to sign that they will be responsible for social distancing and sanitising. There will be hand sanitiser at the entrance, in the kitchen and in the bathrooms. We have followed Government advice and will not be taking bookings for groups and parties at the moment.

Our insurance is due in August. We are looking at options before we make a decision. The premium is similar to last year but the broker is charging us £150 which seems excessive!

Anne Kelly

Chair of Briercliffe Community Centre