



## Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council

### Virtual meeting held over Zoom

**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Present:** Councillor Adam Dack (in the Chair), Councillors Simon Dack, Ben Eastwood, Nik Higham and John Stewart.

**Others:** Borough Councillor Gordon Lishman, County Councillor Cosima Towneley (attended later), PCSO Jody Hudson and Steve Watson (Clerk).

Councillor Adam Dack opened the Parish Council Meeting and welcomed everyone.

<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Actions by Clerk</u>	<u>Cllr Support</u>
<b><u>Parish Council Agenda</u></b>		
<b>21/22/035 Apologies for absence</b>		
Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Pam Vincent who was unwell.		
<b>RESOLVED: That the apology and reason given is accepted.</b>		
<b>21/22/036 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct</b>		
There were no Declarations of Interest.		
<b>21/22/037 Formally adjourn the meeting to allow for public participation</b>		
<b>RESOLVED: That the meeting is adjourned to allow for Public Participation.</b>		
<b>(a) Police Report</b>		
The written Police report is attached. PCSO Jody Hudson explained the Police Report later in the meeting and residents have been spoken to about parking issues. Jody was thanked for her report and attendance.		

<b>(b) Public Questions</b>			
Several Public Questions were read out and responded to and are attached.			
<b>(d) Borough Council Report</b>			
Councillors provided a written report that is attached. Calico are to be contacted with regards to the land at the Commercial. The area is actually part of Reedley Parish Council which is in Pendle Borough			
<b>(c) County Council Report</b>			
The County Councillor joined the meeting and reported that Briercliffe's rural Landrover used by the Police across 3 Parishes is still off the road. The Chair had confirmed Briercliffe's intension to repair it and agreed to resend the confirmation. The Queen Street Mill boiler has been lit and Cosi demonstrated the large match used to symbolize this. It will take 2 to 3 weeks to reach full capacity and will be up and running by September. Various works have been carried out on highways and a site visit with the new portfolio holder has been held. The Borough has invested in 2 large speed camera devises that also issue speeding tickets. The Gala is going ahead and work to reopen the library is on-going. General climate change European directives may impact on the Queen Street Mill boilers, though heritage groups are challenging this. Todmorden Road has been repaired and is much better than it was. County Councillor Cosima Towneley was thanked for her report.			
<b>21/22/038 Formally reconvene the Parish Council Meeting</b>			
<b>RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally reconvened for Parish Council Business</b>			
<b>21/22/039 Finance</b>			
1. Accounts to be approved for payment. Additional bills included.			
1.1	Clerk Salary	£457.82	SO Paid
1.2	HMRC x 2	£228.88	#001631
1.3	G.S.A.	£1,484.00	#001632
1.4	J. Sutcliffe Internal Audit	£200.00	#001633
1.5	Garden Competition	£223.20	#001634
It was also agreed to get a new noticeboard following 3 quotes at £1,170.00 plus VAT and £620.00 for installation. The Internal Audit identified a duplicate payment of £229.30 to G.S.A. which is to be deducted from this months payment. The amount for the Christmas decorations was corrected at £3,863.00.			
<b>RESOLVED: The bills outlined above are paid and a noticeboard is ordered.</b>			
2. Income Received			
2.1	Council Owned garages	£567.72	
2.2	Bank Interest	£0.17	
3. Bank balances			
▪	Current a/c –	£27,087.50	
▪	Reserves a/c –	£18,933.59	
▪	Petty Cash -	£ -83.10	
▪	Garages -	£ 6,883.37	
	Total	£46,626.36	

<b>RESOLVED: That the bank balances, budget monitoring report, petty cash report and bank reconciliations are noted and Petty Cash is returned to £100.00 with £183.10. #001635</b>		
<b>RESOLVED: That the updated Annual Return and Governance statement and Internal Report are approved.</b>		
<b>RESOLVED: That £3,863 plus VAT is approved for the Christmas Decoration repairs, new display, installation and storage.</b>		
The Bowling Club are to be asked again who trimmed the trees and damaged the Christmas Decorations so the Council may pursue a claim against their insurance.		
<b>21/22/040 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting</b>		
To approve, as a correct record the minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2021.		
<b>RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council meeting, on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 are approved as a correct record and will be signed as such once physical meeting recommence.</b>		
<b>21/22/041 Matters outstanding from the minutes</b>		
There were no matters outstanding.		
<b>21/22/042 Clerk's Report including Administration – for information only</b>		
The correspondence was noted. The Waterplus Allotment account is in credit and the Queen Platinum Jubilee Beacon scheme was noted.		
<b>21/22/043 Updates and Reports (for information only)</b>		
<b>Members of the Council</b>		
The Chair had nothing further to report that was not already covered on the agenda.		
The Contractor is working his way around the Ginnels and lanes that need trimming.		
<b>Community Centre Update</b>		
Anne Kelly is away and will provide a Community Center report on her return.		
<b>21/22/044 To receive reports from Committees and consider the Recommendations</b>		
<b>2. Planning Committee</b>		
The following applications were considered.		

<p><b>HOU/2021/0409</b> - Rear extension and alterations, and increased parking area with extended footpath vehicular crossing 6 Stirling Court Briercliffe Lancashire  <b>HOU/2021/0402</b> - Erection of raised rear patio area Ashdene 50 Stirling Court Briercliffe  <b>TIC/2021/0383</b> - Works to 11 trees within Harle Syke Conservation Area. St James Church, Church Street Briercliffe</p> <p>There were no comments on the applications.</p>		
<p><b>21/22/045 To receive reports from Working Groups – for information only</b></p>		
<p>1. Allotment Working group</p>		
<p>There were 3 new applications and the waiting list has been updated. There are currently just 2 empty plots and 2 unusable plots due to asbestos. 3 quotes for fencing materials have been received, however only 1 quote has been obtained for the labour. Further quotes are proving difficult to obtain. A second quote is being chased. 16 new plots can be created and it was proposed to suspend Standing Orders and Financial Regulations requiring 3 quotes and accept 2 quotes for the labour. The decision to go ahead is to be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Full Council with a majority email response.</p>	<p>Quote</p>	<p>BE</p>
<p><b>RESOLVED: That Standing Orders and Financial Regulations requiring 3 quotes are suspended and accept 2 quotes for the allotment labour work. The decision to accept the quotes is delegated to the Clerk in consultation with Full Council and a majority email decision.</b></p>		
<p>It was noted that there have been 25 Garden Competition entries and Councillors Vincent, A. Dack and Higham will do the judging next week weather permitting.</p>		
<p><b>21/22/046 Matters identified for future consideration</b></p>		
<p>There were no matters identified.</p>		
<p><b>21/22/047 It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September.</b></p>		
<p><b>The Chair thanked everyone for attending.</b></p>		

BRIERCLIFFE AREA 14 <sup>th</sup> June – 19 <sup>th</sup> July			
INCIDENTS REPORTED - 115			
NO	TYPE OF INCIDENT	LOCATION	DETAILS
6	Burglary	Burnley Road, Briercliffe Todmorden Road, Briercliffe Widow Hill Road X2 Duke street Todmorden Road, Briercliffe	3 Males have gained entry via the roof. One suspect arrested. Diesel theft Diesel theft Unit at rear of property has been broken into and items stolen. Barn broken into and items stolen
0	Criminal damage		
2	Theft	Standenhall Drive Church Street, Briercliffe	Theft of phone Theft of lead
4	Vehicle crime	Jubilee Street Cross Street Holgate Street Standenhall drive	Ladders taken from the roof of a vehicle Taxi kicked by offender causing damage Isolated incident Youth jumped on vehicle causing damage
13	Nuisance	Halifax Road Talbot street/Lydgate Briercliffe	Vehicles causing a nuisance Escooters Covid breaches

This month has shown an increase in burglaries.

ASB is still low from what it has previously been.

Escooters are becoming a nuisance to many residents, I have sent out a Lancashire Talking message re this and also spoken to a number of people on the street.

Please may I ask that "**Lancashire talking**" is mentioned to residents. Lancashire talking is a great way for us to get messages and information to people about what's currently going on in the Briercliffe area, the more information people have the better.

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

### Public Questions

Q. Thought I'd raise a question on how or what can be done to combat the constant speeding of vehicles on the corner outside the commercial.

I live near enough opposite at 166 Burnley Road, and like most people, I have a car. Its been hit 3 times this year when parked safe and legally through peoples constant disregard for speed and taking chances when passing traffic on the other side of the road.

Last year I'd been done at least 4 times. Many people locally are thinking the exact same thing.

I'd suggest maybe a speed bump on or before the Road is marked as slow.

I believe its a matter of time before someone gets hurt on the road, whether it be a child or a car accident.

A. Both the Parish and Borough Councils have been campaigning for speed reduction measures for years. This is actually a County and Police matter and further pressure will be put on these organisations for some measures.

Q. Why has the Parish Council agreed to allow people who live 3 miles outside the Parish become Councillors but not have an allotment, why are they making up their own rules that are unfair.

A. This is not a Parish Council decision, the 3 miles radius to be a Councillor is in the 1972 Local Government Act whereas the law allowing allotments to Parishioners only is within the Allotment Act 1908.

Q. The land behind the houses on the turning circle is very overgrown, again. I have had to get in touch with environmental health as there are rats living in there. I have rats coming into my garden which is not on as I am now afraid to sit out there and leave my door and windows open for fresh air.

The environmental health team are coming out on the 7th of July to hopefully get rid of the rats. Unfortunately they will not be able to get in to find out where they are nesting due to the state of your land. It needs clearing before they get here. I will leave this dilemma with you

A. Our new contractor has been asked to deal with this and he has advised that, rather than spend a lot of money just cutting this back every year, it should be weed killed and strimmed, saving the Council money in the future.

Q. I have written to my local MP and will be raising the issue with the local councillor and parish council at the earliest possible time . I would like clarity on parking on the back street as pcso 7738 tells me its illegal but they don't enforce it .i had been told previously by police that was not the case.

A. This is a Police enforcement issue as the offense is not the actual parking on a pavement but the obstruction of the Highway, we will pass this onto the Police for action.

Q. We have had a big parking problem for more than two years now but its got to the point where i get abuse from pedestrians that think just because a car is next to my home thats its mine ,then neighbor's constantly block the back street this has seen my rear gate broken and my partner sworn at by angry bin men.

Then the worst is the neighbor's that delibeately block access and egress from my property by parking so close to my gate.

I do have video evidence and phographs to show that it is a deliberate act as they do it even if the street is clear .

Lcc will not help and iam getting no support from the police.

Here are two examples i will forward the evidence i sent to lcc after this email

A. Again Parking is a County issue though the Parish will support you in getting these problems resolved.

Q. How do I report an abandoned car.

A. The best way is to visit the following website

<https://www.confused.com/on-the-road/driving-law/how-to-report-abandoned-car>

Q. I hope this email finds you well. I'm hoping you can help or advise someone that can. I live at a Rosegarth, burnley road, Briercliffe.

The trees that are above the bowling green are overgrown into our field. The majority of them are sycamore trees which are poisonous to horses ( I keep horses in the field) . Could we look at getting them trimmed back & thinned?

A. The Council will certainly look into this.

**Briercliffe Parish Council  
Borough Councillors' Report – July 2021**

We agree with the Parish Council that it may well be too early to go back to face-to-face meetings, but we recognise that the Council needs to act within the law as it stands.

It's the time of the year when trees, bushes and other vegetation are growing out and across footpaths. We are referring reports to the Borough Council's Streetscene recently including Hazel Grove, the path behind the Club and the ginnel between Ellerbeck Close and Oaken Bank. It would be helpful to know whether the Parish Council has any plans for work.

We continue to work with residents who are concerned about the impact of a proposed housing development behind Harrogate Crescent on the site of the ISACC Centre including its impact on places at St James's school.

We have again reported speeding cars in Lane Bottom and on Burnley Rd/ Briercliffe Road.

Anne's long-running campaign to improve Lane Bottom play area is succeeding! New equipment will be in place later this year. Council staff are organising a site meeting with a playground contractor. One idea is for trim trail equipment like at Barwise in Towneley Park along with climbing type apparatus and improved swings. They will cut back the vegetation, replenish the wood chip and recreate the boundary. Anne is also working on drainage for the playing field area takes longer.

All the cases of flytipping we have been told about were reported and rubbish removed. Issues about rubbish collection around Duke Street have been referred to Streetscene. It would be good to know if there are problems in other areas. We have taken up similar problems about untidy areas down by Sutton Avenue. It has been difficult to cope because of COVID problems amongst binmen and we continue to be very grateful for their work throughout the pandemic in very difficult circumstances.

Parishioners may be interested to see the events and activity programme available from Burnley Leisure which are advertised on their website.

We wish all the best for the Gala on August 21<sup>st</sup> and hope the good weather continues all the way through till then!

The councillors have seen all the usual planning items for individual houses; no new problems have been taken up with us.

We strongly urge everybody in Briercliffe to get vaccinated, not least to keep everyone else safe. With large numbers of new infections, there will be an increase in "long-COVID" which strikes younger people as well as older ones and people with underlying conditions. As we know from our own friends, it can be very serious and long-term.

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