



Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council

Virtual meeting held over Zoom due to Government Restrictions

Tuesday, 15th June 2021

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

Others: Borough Councillor Anne Kelly, County Councillor Cosima Towneley (attended later) 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>
Parish Council Agenda		
21/22/022 Apologies for absence		
There were no apologies for absence.		
21/22/023 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct		
There were no Declarations of Interest.		
21/22/024 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. It was noted that Anti-Social Behaviour has been reduced, although this may be down to less people reporting incidents. The Youth problem has been replaced by adults walking home from the pub from 11:00pm to 3:00am being really noisy on the main road.		

(b) Public Questions		
Several Public Questions were read out and responded to and are attached.		
(c) County Council Report		
The County Councillor attended later.		
(d) Borough Council Report		
Councillors provided a written report that is attached. The Borough Councillor had submitted a request for funding for Lane Bottom Park. The park is a disgrace, the play equipment is over 31 years old. The grassed area is a separate issue from the play area and a grant is being applied for to address the drainage problems. The Borough Council have agreed some funding for the play area, though more funding is needed to do the job properly.		
The Community Centre report is attached, there are no plans to reopen with the restriction extension and the posters are to be taken off the website. Borough Councillor Anne Kelly was thanked for her attendance and report.		
21/22/025 Formally reconvene the Parish Council Meeting		
RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally reconvened for Parish Council Business		
21/22/026 Finance		
1. Accounts to be approved for payment. Additional bills included.		
1.1 Clerk Salary	£457.82	SO Paid
1.2 HMRC	£114.44	#001624
1.3 G.S.A.	£730.00	#001625
1.4 Scribe	£561.60	#001626
1.5 BHIB	£501.98	#001627
1.6 Latham Brothers	£168.00	#001628
1.7 BPRCVS	£15.00	#001629
The grant request for Lane Bottom Park was considered and it was agreed to support this with £3,000.		
RESOLVED: The bills outlined above are paid and a grant is awarded for the improvements to Lane Bottom Park of £3,000.		
2. Income Received		
2.1 Allotment Rents		£2,298.88
2.2 Council Owned garages		£567.72
2.3 Bank Interest		£0.14
3. Bank balances		
▪ Current a/c –		£30,103.34
▪ Reserves a/c –		£18,933.59
▪ Petty Cash -		£ 3.28
▪ Garages -		£ 6,315.65
Total		£55,355.86

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 £96.72. #001631		
RESOLVED: That £6,000 is transferred from the Reserves to the Current Account if an election is held.		
RESOLVED: That Jennifer Isherwood is appointed as the Internal Auditor at a cost of £200.		
A quote has been received for Christmas decorations, as there are no other companies able to quote it was proposed that Standing Orders and Financial Regulations requiring 3 quotes are suspended.		
RESOLVED: That Standing Orders and Financial Regulations are suspended.		
RESOLVED: That £3,108 plus VAT is approved for the Christmas Decoration repairs, new display, installation and storage.		
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.		
County Councillor Cosima Towneley attended the meeting and reported that the Landrover is back in the garage with problems with the ECU. The problem is still being investigated and it was suggested that it may cost £600 plus VAT to identify the problem, the County Councillor was asked to check if the price included the repairs. The County Councillor will check the Talbot Street question, though it is likely it did not meet the criteria. The County Councillor Cabinet Member has attended a site meeting for Todmorden Road and it is planned for a resurface from the crossing to the bridge, although it was considered this needed to go further around the corner.	Landrover Talbot Street	CC CT CC CT
21/22/027 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting		
To approve, as a correct record the minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 18 th May 2021.		
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council meeting, on the 18th May 2021 are approved as a correct record and will be signed as such once Government restrictions are lifted.		
21/22/028 Matters outstanding from the minutes		
There were no matters outstanding.		
21/22/029 Clerk's Report including Administration – for information only		
The correspondence was noted.		

21/22/030	Updates and Reports (for information only)		
Members of the Council			
The Chair had nothing further to report that was not already covered on the agenda.			
A quote has been received to replace the Community Centre noticeboard of £1,300.			
RESOLVED: That the decision on the noticeboard quotes is delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Council via email majority decision.			
The garden competition will go ahead with Councillors Vincent, Adam Dack and Higham plus a member of the public as judges. Judging will be in the 3 rd week of July and publicised on the website, Facebook and noticeboards and classes will be the same as previous years. Best allotment will be by application.			
The County Councillor was thanked for her attendance and left the meeting. The Borough Councillor had an interest in a Planning application and left the meeting.			
Community Centre Update			
This was covered earlier.			
21/22/031	To receive reports from Committees and consider the Recommendations		
2.	<i>Planning Committee</i>		
The following applications were considered.			
FUL/2021/0246 - SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION WITH ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING STEEL STAIRCASE, 124-126 Burnley Road Briercliffe Lancashire HOU/2021/0317 - A proposed part single storey part two storey domestic rear extension (re-submission of application HOU/2021/0112). 28 Tiverton Drive Briercliffe Lancashire HOU/2021/0256 - Proposed erection of decking, Lea Green 48 Stirling Court Briercliffe			
There were no comments on the applications. There was no further information on Proctor Court and Councillor Vincent will check on progress.		Check	PV
21/22/032	To receive reports from Working Groups – for information only		
1.	<i>Allotment Working group</i>		
There were 2 new applications and the waiting list will be updated. A plot has been handed back and another potentially will be. 2 quotes have been received for materials for the new plots and 1 for labour, further quotes are to be obtained.		Meet contractor	BE
A complaints has been received about rats and the Association is to be asked for advice, raised metal containers for feed were suggested. The Chair will speak to the Association.		Association	AD

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 a new contract for GSA Services from the 1st April 2022 is approved.		
RESOLVED:	That a new contract of employment for the Clerk is approved.		
RESOLVED:	That the 4 options available for allotment trees are agreed as the only options available and if the tenant disagrees they can leave.		
RESOLVED:	That the floor plan of the BAGS hut tenancy is for the Hut footprint and access area only and no other land.		
RESOLVED:	That a final request will be made to the BAGS Hut Committee for a copy of the 2020-21 signed, audited accounts, contact details for the auditor, priced stock list and minutes of the 2020-21 meetings and the last AGM of the Committee, to be received by 4:00pm on the 19th July otherwise the tenancy will be terminated.		
RESOLVED:	That a tenant giving up his plot will have his deposit and rent returned #001631		
21/22/033	Matters identified for future consideration		
There were no matters identified.			
21/22/034	It was agreed that the next virtual meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 20th July 2021.		
The Chair thanked everyone for attending.			

BRIERCLIFFE AREA 17th May – 14th June			
INCIDENTS REPORTED - 62			
NO	TYPE OF INCIDENT	LOCATION	DETAILS
1	Burglary	Tarvin Close	Offender gains access via unlocked front door.
0	Criminal damage		

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2	Theft	Parker Street Burnley Road, Briercliffe	Theft of bin Theft of purse (victim lives in Briercliffe but unsure where purse stolen from)
0	Vehicle crime		
5	Nuisance	Townley Street Church street Sandiway Drive Halifax Road Atkinson street	Appro 30 youths on the street running around. Youths bending car ariels Dirt bike racing around the area. Covid breach Covid breach
4	Other logs Suspicious circumstances	Cornholme Talbot Drive Halifax Road Horning Crescent	Suspicious vehicle in the area – recovered by Police section 165 no insurance Isolated incident Remenants of cannabis cultivation dumped to the side of the road. Youth using garden as a cut through Isolated incidents
10	Concern for safety	Different locations in Briercliffe	

This month has seen a dramatic drop in the reports of ASB within the area, I have spent a lot of time in the area in the evening times.

There has been an increase in the logs relating to concern for safety, these are mainly isolated incidents.

One burglary has been reported in the Tarvin Close

No vehicle crime reported.

I will be in the area this month hoping to sign people up to “Lancashire Talking”.

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

- Q1. Why did the Parish Council respond to a question submitted that was just ‘village gossip’, only. You should be sure of the facts before making comment about something you don’t know is fact or fiction.
- A1. The Council does not decide which questions it responds to, it responds to all questions. At no stage did the Council either confirm or deny what the questioner asked, it just gave the facts on the process.
- Q2. Why did the Vice Chairman not tell people that sending back nomination forms before the election is open would invalidate them.
- A2. The election is run by Burnley Borough Council, the Parish Council has no duties or responsibilities around the election, however it felt it should notify parishioners an election had been called. As nomination packs must be returned to the election officer in person, they would not have accepted early returns just to invalidate them. Another example of mis-information that the Council was acting against the people.
- Q3. I’m wondering if someone could please inform me as to who Trent Castle is. He seems like he considers himself a voice for all of us who live in Briercliffe. We all have our own voices and I don’t approve of negativity and trouble-making being done ‘on my behalf’. Is he an ex-council person.
- A3. In short we don’t know who he is, other than it has been stated by someone else that it is a fake profile and they are hiding their true identity. The Council would be interested to know who the person is, as comments include complete mis-information to downright lies and even threats to Councillors.
- Q4. How much does a Parish election cost and who pays for this.
- A4. The Borough Council has advised the Parish to budget £5,500 for the election and this is paid out of the Parish Precept.
- Q5. I notice the road surface on Talbot Street is being repaired again with only small areas being repaired. It is only 10 weeks since the other areas were repaired in a similar way, why cannot the whole street be fully refurbished surely this would be more cost effective and a lasting job. People

in that area are asking what has Cross Street got to get a full resurfacing when Talbot Street is equally as bad. Please submit my enquiry to your next meeting on the 15 of June. Thank you

Q6. The enquiry will be passed onto the County Councillor for a response.

Briercliffe Parish Council Borough Councillors' Report – June

We continue with the usual problems around road surfaces, dog fouling and fly tipping. We have asked yet again for more frequent patrols from the enforcement officers at times when dog owners are exercising their dogs – early morning and early evening. The state of the roads continues to be a problem and we have all contacted Lancashire County Council and our County Councillor asking for some urgent resurfacing work. Talbot St was recently patched but looks very little better! After frequent requests and complaints, Todmorden Rd has been marked out ready for improvements. The worst two places are in the dip before the blind summit and over Cockden bridge and round the corner. It's very bumpy in a car but dangerous for cyclists and motorbike riders. Fingers crossed the work is done soon.

Anne's local campaign to improve the Lane Bottom play area appears to be bearing fruit. Following a recent site visit with Borough Council representatives, it has been agreed that improvements will finally be undertaken and Anne has asked the Parish Council for support.

There have been posts on Facebook about youths driving motorbikes very fast on the streets. Again, we ask that these incidents are reported to the Police, either online or by ringing 101. We appreciate that sometimes there are issues around waiting times but please do inform the Police, using the website if necessary. If they don't know, then nothing will get done. The more reports the more chance there is of getting something done.

Burnley General Hospital has a walk-in Vaccination Centre. Anyone can go, just turn up between 8am and 7.30pm any day. The more people are vaccinated the safer we all are.

We've had a few comments about the difficulty in contacting the Borough Council and the Town Hall. People say they have to wait a long time to get through on the phone and can't always get through easily to the department they want. If you've had any issues, please let Maggie know.

We are in touch with residents who are concerned about the impact of a proposed housing development behind Harrogate Crescent and particularly its impact on places at St James's school.

Maggie is again a member of the Borough Council's Executive with wide-ranging responsibilities for health and wellbeing, leisure and green spaces, communication and engagement.

Burnley Borough Council has another Briercliffe Mayor. Our congratulations to Mark Townsend and his wife, Mayoress Kerry Townsend.

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Community Centre Report

The Community Centre has been fortunate to receive the Government Support Grant which has enabled us to do lots of improvements, repairs and updating. There is a newly refurbished kitchen, new oven, new sinks, new worktops, all new utensils and cutlery, new flooring in the kitchen and new curtains. We are having blinds fitted in the next couple of weeks. Maintenance work has included new light fittings, outside painting, repairs to toilets and new noticeboards inside. We are hoping to get the outside brickwork done soon as well as the annual tidy and cleaning of the grounds.

Two groups have returned to the Centre and we hope that after 21st June more will be able to return but we will still be monitoring numbers and providing hand sanitizer throughout the building.

We are booking children's parties from the beginning of July. If I send an advert please will you add it to the PC website and Facebook page?

Please let me know if and when the Parish Council will want to return.

Anne Kelly