



Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council

Virtual meeting held over Zoom due to Government Restrictions

Tuesday, 16th March 2021

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

Others: 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>		
20/21/104 Apologies for absence		
Apologies were given by Councillors Roger Frost and John Stewart who weren't able to access remote technologies.		
RESOLVED: That above apologies and reasons given are approved.		
20/21/105 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct		
There were no initial Declarations of Interest.		
20/21/106 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. The Police contact details have been put online and will be put into Noticeboards and shops. A 21 st Birthday party in the woods left a lot of mess behind.		
(b) Public Questions		
There were no Public questions.		
(c) County Council Report		
The County Councillor attended later and provided a report. A pot-hole report has been sent to the County Councillor. It was noted that Todmorden Road from Higher Cockden Farm is full of pot-holes and is now dangerous, it has been promised that Todmorden Road will be resurfaced. The speed bumps on Halifax Road are crumbling, though these are in Pendle.		
(d) Borough Council Report		
Councillor Anne Kelly reported that Talbot Street is being considered for a full resurface due to the extensive number of pot-holes making patching unfeasible. The pot-hole at the top of Burnley Road is to be reported. There are to be regular visits from the Dog Warden both early in the mornings and at tea time, posters will also be provided. The Standen Hall housing development won at appeal so the number of houses has gone back to 130. Fly-tipping is a big problem, though a firm has been prosecuted. There was a fire of stolen laptops on the Turning Circle and the fire brigade was called to a fire in the Woodland Walk where bits of wood had been burnt but there was no damage. The farms list has been sent.		
Anne also provided the Community Centre report. There was not much to report as only 1 group is using the Centre. It is hoped the building can reopen on the 12 th April and can be used by groups that can socially distance with a maximum capacity of 15, it won't be used for parties until July. The Committee has secured a Business Support Grant for the Community Centre which will help with jobs that need doing. The Centre has been open 30 years and the kitchen, toilets and carpet are to be replaced. The Centre was paid for by the people of Briercliffe and is still in good condition and runs from the income made. The firm putting in the 5G masts can be reasonable about locations if approached.		
Borough Councillor Anne Kelly was thanked for their reports and she left the meeting.		
20/21/107 Formally reconvene the Parish Council Meeting		
RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally reconvened for Parish Council Business		
20/21/108 Finance		
1. Accounts to be approved for payment. Additional bills included.		
1.1 Clerk Salary	£432.88	SO Paid
1.2 HMRC	£114.44	#001612
1.3 S. Watson Clerk Pay Rise	£24.94	#001613
1.4 PKF Littlejohn Audit	£408.00	#001614
1.5 G.S.A.	£934.41	#001615
1.6 PWLB Repayment	£1,096.43	DD

RESOLVED: The bills outlined above are paid.		
2.	Income Received	
2.1	Council Owned garages	£567.72
3. Bank balances		
	▪ Current a/c –	£ 8,130.35
	▪ Deposit a/c –	£18,933.12
	▪ Petty Cash -	£ 74.49
	▪ Garages -	£ 4,612.49
	Total	£31,750.45
RESOLVED: That the bank balances, budget monitoring report, petty cash report and bank reconciliations are noted.		
20/21/109 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting		
To approve, as a correct record the minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 22 nd February 2021.		
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council meeting, on the 22nd February 2021 are approved as a correct record and will be signed as such once Government restrictions are lifted.		
20/21/110 Matters outstanding from the minutes		
The list of farms has been sent, the tipping license is to be chased, some fencing has been completed and the allotment letters will be done this weekend. The PCSOs have been advised that Councillor Kelly can identify some individuals on the CCTV.		
20/21/111 Clerk's Report including Administration – for information only		
The correspondence was noted.		
20/21/112 Updates and Reports (for information only)		
Members of the Council		
The Chair's report was circulated and is attached.		
Half of the Easter eggs have been purchased and the Woodland Walk sign is ongoing.		
The catches have been removed from the kissing gate from the Turning Circle to the allotments, it was agreed to replace these with a welded on option.		
Community Centre Update		
The Community Centre was dealt with earlier.		
20/21/113 To receive reports from Committees and consider the Recommendations		

2. <i>Planning Committee</i>		
The following applications were considered.		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HOU/2021/0065 - Construction of a dry stone wall and diversion of PROW Footpath 163 Musty Haulgh Barn Granville Street Briercliffe 2. HOU/2021/0112 - A proposed part single storey part two storey rear extension 28 Tiverton Drive Briercliffe Lancashire <p>There were no comments on application 0112 Application 0065 had no objection, the landowner is donating a piece of land to create a connection to the bridleway and should be commended.</p>		
20/21/114 To receive reports from Working Groups – for information only		
1. Allotment Working group		
There were 3 new applications and the waiting list has been updated: There are now 20 for gardens, 15 for pens, 20 for garages and 7 for containers. An issue between tenants has been resolved and a request for a skip will be considered for the June time. The noticeboards have been updated with information on Avian Flu. The container colony will be considered in private due to the commercial sensitivity of the information.		
The 2 preferred contractors have worked well for 12 months and it was proposed that the contracts are extended a further 12 months with an option to extend to 3 years.		
RESOLVED: That the 2 contractor contracts are extended for a further 12 months with an option to increase to 3 years.		
20/21/115 Matters identified for future consideration		
There were no matters identified.		
County Councillor Cosima Towneley attended the meeting and reported that the County Budget had been approved, the library had not been forgotten and there may still be an option to reopen it with a Friends of Group. The idea to move the library to Queen Street Mill had been removed, but has now been reinstated. The mobile library has been visiting. A reference library was suggested, however, everything is available from the Central Library and the online reference materials can be accessed from any computer. It has been a difficult year for Queen street Mill but maintenance has been carried out. A left handed sizing machine has been discovered at the Mill and is the only one of its kind. More volunteers are needed for the Friends of Queen Street Mill group. Roads are being repaired in order and it is hoped that a project between landowners and the Council can be set up to tackle fly-tipping. The fridge previously outside King Street Mill has moved to the Recreation Ground and has been reported. King Street Mill's roof needs repairs but this is a private matter for the owner. The Landrover is being well used and is much more visible.		
County Councillor Cosima Towneley was thanked for her report and she left the meeting.		
20/21/116 It was agreed that the next virtual meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 20th April 2021.		
The Chair thanked everyone for attending.		

BRIERCLIFFE AREA 14 th February – 15 th March 2021			
INCIDENTS REPORTED - 122			
NO	TYPE OF INCIDENT	LOCATION	DETAILS
0	Burglary		
1	Criminal damage	Acre Street	Damage to a garage door
1	Theft	Briercliffe Road	Isolated incident
2	Vehicle crime	Jubilee Street Clockhouse Avenue	Windscreen to a van has been smashed over night Offender tries the car door the alarms sounds, offender runs off.
31	Nuisance	Camp Street Townley Street Queen Street Mill Widow Hill Road	Two addresses on Camp Street have been brought to our attention for ASB matters Group of young people causing ASB they set a car alarm off. Group of 20 youths congregating Reports of a party in the woods, 21 st party.
<p>The above information shows that there has been little crime within the Briercliffe area this month. ASB is still an issue in the Townley Street and Queen Street Mill area. There was reports of a 21st birthday party in the woods. The other 87 incidents are a total mixture of missing people, suspicious circumstances, road related incidents and concern for safety incidents. I am hoping to conduct a speed awareness operation within the next few weeks.</p> <p>Many thanks Jody Hudson PCSO 7738. Mobile number 07866781767 or email 7738@lancashire.pnn.police.uk</p>			

Chair's Report List for February to March 2021

- Allotment Rents (online) Meeting - DM and RDH 20:00 15/03/21
- Comms: Emails to Cllr. Kelly - requested "farms list" again plus other info / Email sent to PCSO's Jody Hudson to Mark Hill, re: Cllr Kelly can identify some in CCTV footage / BE various/ PV various - including Easter Eggs/ AD allotment related and on rents
- Comms with Clerk and Councillors regarding FB posts 12, 13,14,15/03/21 and with Briercliffe Allotment Society tenant'(s)complaint against BAGS
- Website - archived 2020/Jan21 posts 11/03/21
- Draft agenda approved and prep. for meeting
- Created poster for "Policing in Briercliffe" contact info shared – Noticeboards/ Website/ FB/ (Shops) 10/03/21
- Website updated with February meeting video 09/03/21
- February meeting video compiled 08/03/2021
- Comms – SW various/ Solicitor- appointment booked (for 18/03/21)
- Investigate reports of fire – on scene WW PV (Cllr. AK) 07/03/2021
- Comms - Isadora House - children's residential home – Safeguarding Consultation
- Draft Minutes edited and approved– sent to SW along with letters to and from Inspector Pemberton for distribution 22/02/21 / reply received 01/03/21 and further 1:1 contact to be arranged.
- Moved/repositioned logs (again) which had been thrown into field below the WW, asked contractor to tend to the downed fence (with new posts) / also asked them to address tenant's exterior fence posts bordering public footpath on way to turning circle.
- Cheques written and signatures obtained. Delivered local and posted to Clerk others for distribution (plus new cheque book request) – updated record of cheques used and sent to Clerk. 21-22/02/21
- Comms AD fencing – BAGS & Tenant bordering public footpath / Request for Spring Skips relayed 21/02/21
- Allotment Water turned on and off each day (16th-22nd)
- Comms BE/SD/ Contractors – re: ongoing water problems – GA capped major leak 21/02/21 and water is now back on 22/02/21 – other contained leak needs fixing in due course.
- Met with Plumber to point out locations of jobs to be done to fix leaks 20/02/21 *but it was raining (and windy)!!!*
- Recycling Permit info. re-sent to SW 18/02/21
- FB and Website post on changes to permissions on putting up phone masts
- Comms KP Parishioner – phone mast update via phone and document details sent via email
- Comms KP Parishioner – phone mast enquiry/ I sent parts of Gov Docs explaining situation to Cllr. ML
- Webpage updated with Borough councillor report 17/02/21
- *Letter sent to Inspector Pemberton re: contributing at February Meeting and looking forward*
- *Comms: SW re-send Land Rover agreement and collate Cllr. e-votes /BE - Solicitor related / NH Policing , Kings Mill, garages*
- *Logs on lower section of the WW have repositioned/ re-piled them*

To Do