



Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council

Tuesday, 22nd March 2022

Present: Councillors Adam Dack (Chair), Councillors Peter Coles, Simon Dack, Ben Eastwood, Roger Frost, John Stewart and Pam Vincent.

Others: Steve Watson (Clerk), Borough Councillor Anne Kelly, County Councillor Cosima Towneley, Ann Firminger (Allotment Society), plus 6 residents.

Councillor Dack 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>		
21/22/113 Apologies for absence		
Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Nik Higham who had tested positive for Covid.		
RESOLVED: That the apology and reason given is accepted.		
21/22/114 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct		
Borough Councillor Anne Kelly declared an interest in Planning issues as she is on the Borough Planning Committee.		
21/22/115 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.		
The Police were thanked for their report.		

(b) Public Questions		
There were no Public Questions submitted in advance.		
(c) County Council Report		
The County Councillor was upset that the Briercliffe Landrover had been SORN'd following a fine for not paying road tax. It was explained that the Landrover was still not MOT'd so could not be taxed and had to be SORN'd to prevent further fines. Councillor Simon Dack asked for the Landrover to be discussed in confidential session at the end of the meeting. The County have set up a fund for Jubilee events and the Ward Opportunities Fund has been reinstated.		
(d) Borough Council Report		
Borough Councillor Anne Kelly read out a report which is attached.		
The Borough Councillors were congratulated for progress work on Holgate Street, which had been on-going for years, and were thanked for their efforts to get this resolved.		
The Community Centre secured a further Business Support Grant on advice of the Clerk and this will provide a new carpet. The Centre is 30 years old, electric and fire extinguisher checks have been carried out and all groups are back with some new ones.		
(e) Allotment Society		
The Allotment Society reported that the Community Hut will reopen on Sunday with 2 new members and a starter plot being rented. A skip is to be ordered for the Societies plot and they have been offered a Ploy Tunnel. The Council would pay for the skip and the invoice is to be forwarded to the Clerk. A skip is also to be provided for the Turning Circle.		
(f) Other Organisations		
There were no organisation reports. The Community Centre was covered earlier.		
21/22/116 Formally reconvene the Parish Council Meeting		
RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally reconvened for Parish Council Business		
21/22/117 Finance		
1. Accounts to be approved for payment. Additional bills included. 1.1 Clerk Salary FEB £457.82 SO Paid 1.2 HMRC £114.44 #001663 1.3 G.S.A. Contractor £670.00 1.4 G.S.A. Duke Street Project £4,418.00 TOTAL £5,088.00 #001664 1.5 CVS £15.00 #001665 1.6 Martin Collins Joinery £172.80 #01666		
Councillor Frost suggested that residents should have been notified of the Duke Street Project, however misinformation had been circulated that the entire area		

was being paved rather than a4m by 4m square. Councillor Frost suggested that notices have been sent in the past, though there is no record of this.		
RESOLVED: The bills outlined above are paid.		
2. Income Received		
2.1 Council Owned garages	£611.06	
2.3 Bank Interest	£0.11	
3. <i>Bank Balances</i>		
▪ Current a/c –	£14,485.57	
▪ Reserves a/c –	£13,934.91	
▪ Petty Cash -	£ 195.40 (£275.00 Landrover Tax)	
▪ Garages -	£ 2,925.13	
Total	£31,541.01	
RESOLVED: That the bank balances, budget monitoring report, petty cash report and bank reconciliations are noted.		
21/22/118 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting		
To approve, as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 22 nd February 2022.		
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council meeting, on the 22nd February 2022 are approved as a correct record.		
21/22/119 Matters outstanding from the minutes		
LCC will not provide grit even for sale and alternative costs are to be sought. Drawings have been made for the Book Stop planning application but these are not sufficient and need to be redrawn. There are concerns around the use of Perspex. It was suggested that there is a prize for the best Street, Shop and House for the Jubilee and the Council should help advertise funding available. It was agreed to do best Street and House. The Gas Board don't know when the work will be done and this will remain an agenda item. The Woodland Walk Dyke is flooding the land and needs to be checked. A notice is to be displayed that 2 benches are to be installed. The Woodland Walk Board have been asked to provide a Summer rather than an Autumn colour scheme and new proofs are expected. The fire extinguisher bill has been sorted. The planning application could not be turned down on planning matters so no comments were made.	Grit Costs Plans Gas Board Agenda Item	RF RF Clerk
21/22/120 Clerk's Report including Administration – for information only		
The correspondence was noted.		
21/22/121 Updates and Reports (for information only)		
Members of the Council		
The fencing contractor is due to start when the weather and land permits. The Council is the owner of the land at Thursden. An organization wants to plant trees and the land registry or deeds are to be checked.	Planning Land Ownership	RF RF
The Jubilee was covered earlier.		

Archive paperwork is to be brought to the next meeting and costs established for making this electronic. A secure store is to be investigated.		
21/22/122 To receive reports from Committees and consider the Recommendations		
1. <i>Planning Committee</i>		
The following Planning applications were considered.		
1.1 HOU/2022/0098: Extension to side and rear of house. 31 Sandiway Drive Briercliffe Lancashire		
There were no comments, however a response will be sent if neighbours contact the Council.		
21/22/123 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 with 29 for gardens.		
21/22/124 Matters identified for future consideration		
There were no matters arising.		
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: Unanimously by show of hands that the Landrover will be sold and the Parishes of Cliviger and Worsthorne will be given first refusal.		
RESOLVED: That the purported BAGS Hut meeting is to be allowed to go ahead on condition that all allotment tenants are considered as members, the business to be transacted is to be published according to the constitution and a new meeting date is advertised on the Parish Noticeboards.		
RESOLVED: Unanimously by show of hands that an Allotment Tenant that threatened the Clerk to the point the Police intervened is to be given 12 months' notice of eviction.		
21/22/125 It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 19th April 2022 at the Community Center, Jubilee Street.		
The Chair thanked everyone for attending.		

BRIERCLIFFE AREA 14th Feb – 20th March 2022
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INCIDENTS REPORTED - 81			
NO	TYPE OF INCIDENT	LOCATION	DETAILS
1	Burglary	Halifax Road	Shed broken into and a mountain bike stolen.
1	Criminal damage	Halifax Road	Isolated incident.
1	Theft	Stanbury Drive	Parcel left on the doorstep
2	Vehicle crime	Balderstone Lane Briercliffe Road	Stolen number plates Offender smashes vehicle with implement, unknown but victim presumes isolated incident.
	Theft of vehicle/UTMV	Lothersdale Close	Vehicle taken from outside property, keyless vehicle.
6	Nuisance	Gilbert Street	Isolated incident
		Stanbury Drive	Group of youths throw snowballs towards house.
		Little Toms Lane	Isolated incident
		Burnley Road	Vehicle playing excessive music parked up for a length of time.
		Briercliffe Road	Adult trying to gain entry who wasn't welcomed.
		Briercliffe Road	Intoxicated adult.
<p>ASB has been brought to my attention by a concerned resident. Group of youths throwing eggs and being a general nuisance within the Duke Street, Cross Street and Queen Street area. When on duty in the evening attention will be paid to this area to try and identify the youths involved.</p> <p>Speed Op carried out 22/02/22 on Briercliffe Road, and Todmorden Road Briercliffe - no one going above the speed limit therefore no one spoken with on this occasion. The speed Op will be carried out again this month with other locations identified.</p> <p>Speed Op carried out on Tuesday 15th March on Granville Street after concerns of speeding by a concern resident. Many thanks Jody Hudson PCSO 7738.</p>			

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Floods: The biggest problem of recent months has been the floods from the open culvert at the top of Holgate Street. Water has flooded down **Holgate Street**, across **Burnley Road** and down **Granville Street**. It washed out infill on roads and pavements which blocked the drains and it's dangerous. We have been pressing the County Council, United Utilities, both Burnley and Pendle Councils, Ringstones who built Maytree Close, Calico which own Ringstones, and the landowners. **No-one accepted responsibility!** We broke the logjam by getting Burnley Council's engineers to do an underground survey and call site meetings.

Ringstones/Calico have now agreed to act. The pipes at the top of the Maytree houses were not fully connected and the main pipe has been blocked. They promise to finish the necessary work by "end of March/early April 2022 but no later". The County has been unblocking drains and says they will put right the damaged roads and pavements.

There have also been problems with other blocked drains, including on **Duke and Harrison Streets** which have been reported to the County.

There's a general problem: climate change leads to more rain in heavier bursts which then runs off the fields into the village and the estates. At our request, Burnley's engineers have checked the new Standen Hall development plans to ensure the waste water plans can cope with flows from the fields and golf course.

Fly-tipping The number of cases of fly-tipping has gone down since lockdowns ended. There's still commercial waste dumping around Thursden and Cockden. The Council has allocated extra money next year for enforcement. As ever, it can be reported to StreetScene via the Council website or if people tell one of us, we pass the information on. The Council and the police have asked that people who discover dumping DON'T go through it for information about the dumper. That can make it difficult to ensure that evidence holds up in court.

Speeding traffic: thanks to the police who recently organised a speed check on Halifax Road. As we know, the worst problem is boy racers at unpredictable times and particularly at night, which makes it difficult to catch them.

Small grants for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on June 3rd are available from Burnley Council to support local community events. Apply to Burnley Council by the website: Burnley.gov.uk. One of us remembers the coronation!

Lane Bottom Park and Play Area: work is due to start any day now and will be in 2 stages. New playground equipment and picnic benches are paid for by Burnley Council with donations from the Parish Council. There will be new swings, seesaw, rockers and a huge climbing frame with slides similar to the one at Barwise, Towneley. The other big problem is with the broken drains on the grass area which has made playing impossible for the last few years. After heavy rain we have seen ducks swimming on there! That will be expensive, so we are applying for grant funding. The Parks department at the Council are advising.

Congratulations to the **Gala** Organisers for going ahead on 16 July. Good luck to them!

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