



Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council

Tuesday, 17th May 2022

Present: Councillor Adam Dack (in the Chair), Councillors Ben Eastwood, Roger Frost, Michael Greenwood, Gordon Lishman, Pippa Lishman, Pam Vincent and Steven Wilkinson.

Others: County Councillor Cosima Towneley, Ann Firminger (Allotment Association), Steve Watson (Clerk) plus 27 residents.

Councillor Dack opened the Parish Council Meeting and welcomed everyone.

<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Actions by Clerk</u>	<u>Cllr Support</u>
Parish Council Agenda		
22/23/008 Apologies for absence		
Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor John Stewart who was away.		
RESOLVED: That the apology and reason given is accepted.		
22/23/009 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct		
There were no declarations of interest.		
22/23/010 Formally adjourn the meeting to allow for public participation		
RESOLVED: That the meeting is adjourned to allow for Public Participation.		
(a) Police Report		
There was no Police Report.		
(b) Public Questions		
The Public questions submitted and the responses are attached.		

(c) County Council Report			
The County Councillor agreed to take on the public questions asked. She also reported that Musty Haulgh is a private road and suggested the residents erect a sign as such. Any school or social service enquiries should be sent to the County Councillor. Blocked grates are a problem, however these can be reported on the lovecleanstreets App.			
(d) Borough Council Report			
Borough Councillor Gordon Lishman read out a report which is attached. The Borough Council has secured a Police Commissioner grant for mobile cameras and it was suggested a plaque is to be made for Lane Bottom Park and the name Hill End Park & Gardens was suggested. County Councillor Cosima Towneley was congratulated on being appointed the Mayor of Burnley.			
(e) Allotment Society			
The Society have cleared the bottom patch and Joe Green is making some raised beds. Free topsoil has been sourced and the Society is going from strength to strength.			
(f) Other Organisations			
There were no other organisation reports. Work is being carried out to repair the brickwork outside the Community Centre, the door has been made safe. The Committee have sufficient funds from grants and do not need a Council support grant this year. The number of users of the Centre continues to increase and things are looking very healthy.			
22/23/011	Formally reconvene the Parish Council Meeting		
RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally reconvened for Parish Council Business			
22/23/012	Finance		
1. Accounts to be approved for payment. Additional bills included.			
1.1	Clerk Salary	£457.82	SO Paid
1.2	HMRC	£114.44	#001679
1.3	G.S.A. Contractor	£860.00	#001680
1.4	R. Taylor Garage Deposit	£100.00	#001681
1.5	HBIB Insurance	£553.28	#001682
RESOLVED: The bills outlined above are paid.			
2. Income Received			
2.1	Council Owned garages		£1,092.10
2.2	Bank Interest		£0.97
3. Bank Balances			
5.3. Bank Balances			
▪	Current a/c –	£22,126.71	
▪	Reserves a/c –	£13,936.00	
▪	Petty Cash -	£ 415.80	(£275.00 Landrover Tax)
▪	Garages -	£ 4,103.91	
	Total	£40,582.42	

RESOLVED: That the bank balances, budget monitoring report, petty cash report and bank reconciliations are noted.		
The Internal Audit Report was not available and will be considered at the next meeting.		
The Annual Statements of Accounts were considered.		
RESOLVED: That the Annual Statement of Accounts are approved.		
22/23/012 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting		
To approve, as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 19 th April 2022.		
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council meeting, on the 19th April 2022 are approved as a correct record.		
22/23/013 Matters outstanding from the minutes		
Suppliers will not give a price for grit as it constantly changes. A meeting is needed on the Book Stop, the woodland walk boards were dealt with earlier and there was no further update on the request to put trees on the County owned land.		
22/23/014 Clerk's Report including Administration – for information only		
The correspondence was noted.		
22/23/015 Updates and Reports (for information only)		
Members of the Council		
The Community Centre are doing a Jubilee Event on the Sunday that will be advertised. The benches for Duke Street are due the end of May.		
22/23/016 To receive reports from Committees and consider the Recommendations		
<i>1. Planning Committee</i>		
The following late Planning applications were considered.		
1.1 HOU/2022/0191: Enlargement of the kitchen including single storey extension to the front elevation. Cockden House Farm Todmorden Road Briercliffe		
1.2 FUL/2022/0218: Full planning application for the proposed conversion of a traditional farm building into 2no. dwellings. Sweet Well House Farm Todmorden Road Briercliffe		
1.3 HOU/2022/0236: Proposed Two Storey Rear Extension to form a four bed dwelling house with open plan living accommodation, snug, office, w/c, utility, bathroom and en suites. High Ridehalgh Farm Ridehalgh Lane Briercliffe		

There were no comments on the application which will be considered further at a Planning Committee.		
22/23/017 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. Those on the waiting list have been contacted and 5 have been removed from the waiting list. The new allotments are just waiting for gates. An Allotment Manager is to be considered again.		
2. Contractor Lead		
Grass cutting season has started, all planters and flowerbeds have been done with red, white and blue flowers for the Jubilee. The dog bin on the allotments needs to be replaced and should be a larger bin or the emptying frequency increased. The bin was damaged by a car and no longer locks.		
22/23/018 Committees, Working Group and Lead Councillors		
It was suggested that a skills audit is carried out prior to making appointments to Committees, Working Groups and Lead Councillors.		
22/23/019 It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 21st June 2022 at the Community Center, Jubilee Street at 7:30pm.		
The Chair thanked everyone for attending.		

Public Questions.

I would like to ask if the council could put a speed restriction on the lane running down to Musty Haulgh farm. I know it's unlikely as it's a private road and LCC are responsible for highways but I think the increasing risk to pedestrians needs to be addressed and perhaps there are other things you can do. The potholes do slow some cars down but they also cause the cars and many heavy goods vehicles to swerve in erratic ways.

The increase in traffic since the development of Bend Hill Farm has to be experienced to be believed.

- A. Unfortunately the Parish Council does not have the powers to install speed restriction as this is a County Council function, however it will pass on your concerns to our County Councillor. Councillor Gordon Lishman added that he felt the Council should support the resident.

Hi was wondering why there are so many empty allotments which look a mess . And how long do we have to wait to get one please . I have already applied and when I go up the empty ones are still empty.

- A. There are currently no allotments that have been handed back to the Council, however site inspections are taking place now the growing season has started and untidy plots will receive letters about this.

Two items for Parish meeting.

- 1/ Recommence physical editions of Parish newsletter.

The Council will consider recommencing the Parish Newsletter without adverts and a minimum of 4 pages. The newsletter is to be combined with the Facebook Page and website to form a Communications group.

2/ Install sign on viewing platform .ie what can be seen from the viewing platform

This is in the process of being made and should be ready in the next few days and stored in the Community Centre until it can be installed.

Please could I address the meeting on Tuesday about the issue of traffic and parking on Kimberley Close. The street signs on Kimberley Close and Kimberley St used to indicated that it is a cul de sac. These were never replaced when new signs were put in place. It seems like sat navs are taking vehicles up Brunskill Street and into Kimberley Close giving the impression you can get through to the barn situated above the Close. Also we get a lot of vehicle going really fast in and out of the Close.

We had what could have been a very serious incident a few weeks ago and I have found it impossible to get though to any person at LCC Highways.

This is an issue that has been raised on a number of occasions over the last 20 years.

- A. Again we will ask our County Councillor to look into this issue. Councillor Gordon Lishman added that he felt the Council should take this issue up with the relevant Department and support the resident.

Briercliffe Parish Council Borough Councillors' Report – April 2022

Election: As well as the Parish Council election there was the election for a Briercliffe representative on Burnley Borough Council. Gordon Lishman was elected for another term.

Fly-tipping and Dumping: We have dealt with the usual things this month There have been some large and regular fly tipping on Ridehalgh Lane and Widdop Rd. We have reported each incident to Streetscene and they usually clear it quickly. **We ask that if people see any flytipping or dumped rubbish that they take a photo and forward it to us with exact details of where it is.** Some of the incidents are over the border in Calderdale and we have passed on information. Some of the rubbish recently has been cannabis residue and the police are informed because it can be dangerous to fish and wildlife if it gets into rivers.

Planning: We share the concern of residents about the proposed change of use for Arncliffe at Hill End, particularly around access.

Floods: The work appears now to have been completed at the top of Holgate Street. We shall now have to wait for the next heavy rain storm to judge how many of the problems have improved. It should have dealt with the big problem of the flooding, but it seems likely that other problems will continue because there is simply too much water coming off the fields because of the changing climate. The problems at Rockwood Close seem to be spreading more widely, now down as far as Netherwood Street and Talbot Drive. The County has been unblocking drains and says they will put right the damaged roads and pavements. We are not holding our breath!

Lane Bottom Park: We are still waiting for the play equipment to be delivered to Lane Bottom Park. It has all been bought and we're just waiting for it to be fitted. Anne keeps nagging and they've promised to come as soon as they can. A few years ago, when the boundary stones were sited, Simon Dack kindly delivered a huge piece of stone at the park gate. Please would the PC consider putting a plaque on with the name of the park? There doesn't appear to be an official name (although Roger will know), but it would be good to see something.

Parking Enforcement: officers have been busy ticketing vehicles who park on double yellow lines and too near to corners. At the top of Talbot St where resurfacing work was done, the lines have not been repainted and drivers are quick to take advantage. It makes it impossible for the big Spar lorries to turn into Talbot St. We have asked that they are replaced urgently.

Burnley Mayor: Tomorrow is Mayor making at Burnley Town Hall when Councillor and County Councillor Cosima Towneley will be installed as Mayor for the Municipal year 2022-23.

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