



Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council

Tuesday, 15th October 2019

Present: Councillor Russell Hawkes (in the Chair), Councillors Simon Dack, Ben Eastwood, Roger Frost, John Stewart and Pam Vincent.

Others: Steve Watson (Clerk) and Michael Greenwood (Lengthsman).

Councillor Hawkes opened the Parish Council Meeting and welcomed everyone.

<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Actions by Clerk</u>	<u>Cllr Support</u>
Parish Council Agenda		
19/20/069 Apologies for absence		
Apologies were given by Councillors Adam Dack and Duncan MacIver who were working and Nick Higham who was unwell.		
RESOLVED: That above apologies and reasons given are approved.		
19/20/070 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct		
There were no Declarations of Interest.		
19/20/071 Formally adjourn the meeting to allow for public participation		
RESOLVED: That the meeting is adjourned to allow for Public Participation.		
(a) Calico Proposals Royal Court		
There were no formal update however various resident's issues have been passed to Calico for a response. Calico have suggested a piece of land is used as a memorial garden, but it was agreed that current issues need to be resolved prior to this being considered.		

(b) Public Questions		
The Chair read out the responses to questions submitted in advance. * Roger Rawlinson sent a report on a tree issue where he suggested crowning. It was suggested that the Lengthsman could fell the tree in 1.5 days. All affected residents are to be consulted on the options available and the decision is delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.	consult	PV
There were no public questions from the floor, it was suggested that the wording on the agenda around public questions is now removed.		
(c) Police Report		
A written Police report was provided and is attached. A letter has been sent to the Police Commissioner and Chief Inspector, which have been acknowledged. It was noted that Briercliffe has an equivalent number of residents as Padiham but has a much smaller Police response. A Special Constable was suggested as they have the power to arrest.		
(d) County Council Report		
The County Councillor wasn't present but had provided a report to the Clerk. Todmorden Road has had temporary tarmac spray repairs and there is a textile art exhibition at Queen Street Mill.		
(e) Borough Council Report		
Borough Councillors sent a written report that is attached.		
19/20/072 Formally reconvene the Parish Council Meeting		
RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally reconvened for Parish Council Business		
19/20/073 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting		
The minutes of the last meeting held on 17 th September 2019 were submitted for approval as a correct record.		
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council meeting on the 17th September 2019 are approved as a correct record.		
19/20/074 Matters outstanding from the minutes		
The Policies will be considered at the next meeting, the Football Club draft lease has been sent to the club for comments, the Forest Nursery letter has been sent and a response was sent that the nursery is not progressing due to the King Street Mill chimney issues. The area could now be an open garden with a perimeter fence. Kiddie Chaos has closed due to the chimney being unsafe and a planning response for Saxifield Street has been sent. It was suggested by the Lengthsman that possible building without planning permissions should be checked.	Check Policies Planning	NH RF

19/20/075 Clerk's Report including Administration – for information only		
The Clerk's report and correspondence was noted.		
19/20/076 Updates and Reports (for information only)		
Members of the Council		
Chair's Report		
A meeting is due with the Bowling Club this Thursday.		
The Remembrance Service is being held at Hill Lane from 10:00 am with a delivery by Mr. McIver though new service sheets may be required as they are getting scruffy. The Chair is providing a reading and a bugler is being sought. The Bowling Green are to be asked to help and the Christmas lights need to be checked. Invite letters are to be sent to the Churches, societies and clubs and pubs and wreaths are to be ordered.	Letters & Wreaths	RF
The Clerk to contact all Turning Circle Garage tenants to ask if they would contribute to a CCTV system by an increase in rent.	letters	Clerk
Council Members		
It was agreed to provide a pallet of compost for the winter planting and to bulk buy bulbs.		
A walk around the Woodland Walk with the Lancashire environment Fund has been held and they were very impressed and specifically liked the ecological surveys. A Green grant of up to £1,000 is available for planting around the woodland walk and bluebells were suggested. The existing grant will be finalized by the 24 th October. The Council was invited to the LEF annual review and featured the Woodland Walk as a project at the review.		
The footpath at the end of Harrison Street is being used by adults on mountain bikes at high speeds and is an accident waiting to happen. The County's Safety Officer is to be contacted for advice.	Contact	RF
The Lengthsman will trim Walshaw Lane and the Parish Council will be reimbursed by the residents.		
The Bowling Green benches owned by the Council need repairing, agreed they would be sand blasted, weather proofed and the slats would be replaced with composite.		
Payments are to be moved to earlier on the agenda.	Agenda	Clerk
A request to relocate a garage was approved on condition that the existing garage must be either removed or sold to a new tenant first.		
Todmorden Road potholes have been filled.		
Fencing required by the woodland walk is the landowner's responsibility, the Council will offer to provide the posts.		
Community Centre Update		
A written report was provided that is attached.		
Heritage Items		
There was no report		
19/20/077 Finance		

1. Accounts to be approved for payment. Additional bills included.				
1.1	GDS Garages	£134.00 001499 Paid		
1.2	Clerk Salary	£432.88 SO Paid		
1.3	HMRC	£108.22 001508		
1.4	Briercliffe Community Centre	£70.00 001501		
1.5	C.D.S Woodland Walk	£168.00 001502		
1.6	Greenwoods Lengthsman	£480.00		
	Greenwoods Allotments	£230.00		
	Greenwoods Additional Hours	£28.75		
	Greenwoods Projects	£115.00		
	TOTAL	£853.75 001503		
1.7	Smith Sutcliffe	£610.00 001504		
1.8	Affordable Skip Hire	£300.00 001505		
1.9	PKF Littlejohn	£360.00 001506		
1.10	P. Vincent – Flags	£24.16 001507		
RESOLVED: The bills outlined above are paid.				
2. Income Received				
2.1	Garage rents	£602.38		
2.2	Allotments	£34.29		
2.3	Electricity North West	£22.83		
2.4	Newsletter adverts	£85.00		
2.5	Bank Interest	£0.50		
3. Bank Balances				
	▪ Current a/c –	£16,537.12		
	▪ Deposit a/c –	£ 2,928.42		
	▪ Petty Cash -	£ 100.00		
	▪ Facebook Boost -	£ 100.00		
	▪ Garages -	£ 8,878.27		
	Total	£ 28,543.81		
The budget monitoring report, petty cash report and bank reconciliations were circulated.				
RESOLVED: That the bank balances, budget monitoring report, petty cash report and bank reconciliations are noted.				
19/17/078 To receive reports from Committees and consider the Recommendations				
2. <i>Planning Committee</i>				
<i>There were no applications to consider:</i>				
19/17/079 To receive reports from Working Groups – for information only				
1. <i>Allotment Working group</i>				
<i>The Working group has received only 1 allotment Tenant Volunteer so will be disbanded. There was 1 new application. 2 skips have been ordered. Concrete paving flags have been taken from the allotments and a bulk order of plainings is to be ordered. A question regarding under used plots has been responded to.</i>				
19/17/080 Matters identified for future consideration				
There were no matters identified.				

RESOLVED: It is proposed 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.		
It was agreed in principal to sell a piece of Council land if it is permissible to do so.		
19/17/081 It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 19 th November 2019.		

BRIERCLIFFE AREA 17/09/19 - 11/10/19			
INCIDENTS REPORTED			
NO	TYPE OF INCIDENT	LOCATION	DETAILS
1	Vehicle crime	Horning crescent	Rear window smashed on Vehicle
1	Theft	Back of the commercial pub	
0	Burglary		
3	ASB	Burnley Road Briercliffe	Not related to youths in the area
0	Criminal Damage		
<p>Throughout the last month things have been relatively okay there has been a reduction in ASB logs being reported. Also a reduction in crime being committed. The NHPT will be paying passing attention to Queen street Mill as there is a number of youths that are being seen around that area. We will also be paying attention to the Spar Shop and Eastern Delight.</p> <p>Also attention to be paid to the Picnic site on Halifax road Briercliffe</p> <p>Think that about it for this month</p>			

Borough Councillors Report

1. We had a second meeting to support and advise residents from Standen Hall Drive area on Monday evening about the planning application which will go to the November Development Control meeting.
2. Recent heavy rain created flooding from Standen Hall Drive on to the back of Rockwood Close. Although it was on a Sunday, we managed to get some sandbags for the affected residents with the help of our County Councillor, Cosi Towneley. We are continuing to try to find out whose responsibility the stream is although all the authorities claim it's someone else's problem! It adds to the concerns about the proposed building.
3. During the heavy rainstorms recently, some drains failed to cope causing concern especially on Holgate St where the water channelled down Granville St. Reported to LCC and asked that all drains be cleaned.
4. All residents who have been allocated new bins should have them by now and the first collection has taken place. They have generally been welcomed and we haven't been made aware of any specific problems. We'll have the opportunity next year to look again at the detailed allocations.
5. We continue to get frequent complaints about overgrown footpaths both in the Parish and in the Ward. I have contacted LCC about every one but of course they reply that there is no budget. We appreciate the work that the Lengthsman has done.
6. We have been continuing to talk with the new management at the Briercliffe Medical Centre and have taken up a few specific problems which we believe have been addressed. The new system appears to be settling down well with a few improvements. We're also working with the practice on improving communication with patients and looking at the system for tendering for a group to take over the running of the practice from next Spring.

Community Centre Update

Bookings remain constant but we have lost the regular booking on Mondays of the Brownies. I'm trying to do some advertising and have sent an article in for the next Parish newsletter. Last week there was a loose roof tile which led to some raining in in the Ladies toilet. The tile was replaced the day after and we've agreed to replace the plasterboard and replanted the ceiling.

Now for the bad news.....

When the builder was on the roof he noticed the crumbling bricks on the gable end. He has given me an estimate for replacing the bricks at a cost of £1,900 which obviously we can't afford. We had a similar issue with the front of the centre and solved that with the special rendering which is clearly not a possibility for the side wall. The committee will meet soon to discuss the way forward

I am also arranging for some of the chairs to be cleaned.