



Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council

Tuesday, 21st September 2021

Present: Councillor Adam Dack (in the Chair), Councillors Pete Coles, Ben Eastwood, Roger Frost, John Stewart and Pam Vincent.

Others: Borough Councillor Anne Kelly, Steve Watson (Clerk) and 9 residents.

Councillor Adam Dack opened the Parish Council Meeting and welcomed everyone, specifically new Councillor Pete Coles.

<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Actions by Clerk</u>	<u>Cllr Support</u>
<u>Parish Council Agenda</u>		
21/22/048 Apologies for absence		
Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Simon Dack who was working and Nik Higham who didn't feel it was safe to hold a public meeting. County Councillor Cosima Towneley also sent her apologies.		
RESOLVED: That the apology and reason given is accepted.		
21/22/049 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct		
There were no Declarations of Interest.		
21/22/050 Formally adjourn the meeting to allow for public participation		
RESOLVED: That the meeting is adjourned to allow for Public Participation.		
(a) Police Report		
The two written Police reports are attached.		

(b) Public Questions				
There were no questions submitted in advance. An allotment skip was requested for mid to late October. It was asked if the Allotment Committee could be reconvened starting next Spring so the Allotment Society can provide a report. Due to the number of current Councillors being allotment tenants, it was difficult to form a quorate Allotment Committee and it was agreed that the Allotment Society will be included on the agenda to provide a report.			Agenda item	Clerk
A tenant had submitted a complaint regarding damage on allotments and the Chair would respond outside of the meeting.			Complaint	AD
(d) Borough Council Report				
Councillors provided a written report that is attached. The Play Area Officer has asked to bring a proposal for Lane Bottom Park to a future meeting. An ER Flower bed was suggested for the Queen's 70 th Jubilee and the Parish could provide the plants.				
The Council Chair is to check if he has been passed a key for the Community Centre, Anne welcomed the Parish Council back to the Community Centre for their meetings. Repairs to external walls are being considered however getting an estimate is proving difficult. The interior has been redecorated.				
(c) County Council Report				
The County Councillor sent her apologies.				
21/22/051 Formally reconvene the Parish Council Meeting				
RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally reconvened for Parish Council Business				
21/22/052 Finance				
1. Accounts to be approved for payment. Additional bills included.				
1.1	Clerk Salary	£457.82	SO	Paid
1.2	Parish Noticeboards	£1,944.00	#001634	Paid
1.3	Burnley Borough Council Election Costs	£5,027.84	#001635	Paid
1.4	McVeigh Parker & Co Allotment Materials	£2,227.03	#001637	Paid
1.5	HMRC	£114.44	#001638	
1.6	G.S.A.	£2,450.00	#001639	
RESOLVED: The bills outlined above are paid.				
2. Income Received				
2.1	Council Owned garages Jul			£567.72
2.2	Bank Interest Jul			£0.16
2.3	Allotment rents Jul			£376.15
2.4	Council Owned Garages Aug			£567.72
2.5	Bank Interest Aug			£0.17
2.6	Allotment rents Aug			£1,691.36

3. Bank Balances		
▪ Current a/c –	£24,611.79	
▪ Reserves a/c –	£18,934.09	
▪ Petty Cash -	£ -179.37	
▪ Garages -	£ 8,018.81	
Total	£51,385.32	
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 £279.37. #001640		
21/22/053 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting		
To approve, as a correct record the minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 20 th July 2021.		
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council meeting, on the 20th July 2021 are approved as a correct record.		
21/22/054 Matters outstanding from the minutes		
There were no matters outstanding.		
21/22/055 Clerk's Report including Administration – for information only		
The correspondence was noted.		
The following Policies were considered for review.		
• Standing Orders		
• Financial Regulations		
• Asset Registry		
• FOI Policy		
• Risk Assessment		
21/22/056 Updates and Reports (for information only)		
Members of the Council		
The new Christmas decorations are to be installed from the 27 th September with a frame on the Bowling Green, the Bowling Club have been consulted. A semi-permanent display will go up each year and removed and stored. There is an opportunity to set up a window wandering event for Christmas.		
Remembrance Sunday is on 14 th November this year and a meeting has been arranged with the new Vicar and the other churches on the 5 th October. St. James' will be conducting the service this year at the official site of the memorial at the Bowling Green where wreaths will be laid. Time to get from the church to the Memorial needs to be considered. Councillor Frost will get the wreaths and information is to be put on the Facebook page.		
	Wreaths	RF
The Lane Bottom benches are ready to order, it has been agreed not to provide commemorative benches. Recycled plastic benches were considered, however it was agreed to get metal benches to prevent vandalism. One of the benches has a commemorative plaque and it was agreed the family should be contacted.		

The Woodland Walk information board is still outstanding, though the design has been completed. £600 of funding was provided by Haggate Church through their Bonfire event. It was agreed all partners should have their logos on the board, including the Church.		
The Woodland Walk Management Plan is up to date and the contractor has carried out some of the work. Nettles and Ragwort have been sprayed with a specific spray within the plan. It was asked that people refrain from planting bulbs and wild flower seeds due to the adjacent biological site. Seeds are to be collected from the biological site and transplanted to the Woodland Walk.		
The Bowling Green winter planting needs to be done before Remembrance Sunday and Councillor Eastwood will advise the contractor.	Winter planting	BE
There has been 1 expression of interest in the Allotment Manager position.		
Overgrown highway hedges are the County's responsibility, the ones down Cobden are obscuring views. An update of hedge cutting around the village and a list of areas to be done is being compiled.		
The nettles need strimming at the entrance to the Woodland Walk.		
Community Centre Update		
Anne Kelly provided a Community Center report earlier.		
21/22/057 To receive reports from Committees and consider the Recommendations		
<i>2. Planning Committee</i>		
The Musty Haulgh footpath changes were considered. There is a new directive from Government to join up footpaths with a National Scheme. There used to be a footpath map at the Bowling Green and Duke Street and this could be recreated. Councillor Frost will approach Ordinance Survey.	OS	RF
21/22/058 To receive reports from Working Groups – for information only		
<i>1. Allotment Working group</i>		
There was 1 new applications and the waiting list has been updated. There are 2 new tenants and site inspection letters are to be sent out. The asbestos removal is very expensive and a new quote is to be sought. Further quotes are being sought for the new allotments.		
The low water pressure is to be investigated and the new allotment plots will not have water, water butts will need to be used instead. United Utilities are to be contacted.	UU	Clerk
RESOLVED: The decision to accept the quotes is delegated to the Clerk in consultation with Full Council and a majority email decision.		
The Garden Competition has been judged and prizes will be delivered due to Covid. Winners will be put on the website.		

21/22/059	Matters identified for future consideration		
There were no matters identified.			
21/22/060	It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 19th October.		
The Chair thanked everyone for attending.			

BRIERCLIFFE AREA 19th July – 16th August			
INCIDENTS REPORTED - 71			
NO	TYPE OF INCIDENT	LOCATION	DETAILS
0	Burglary		
2	Criminal damage	Cornholme	Isolated incident
		Halifax Road	Isolated incident
0	Theft		
0	Vehicle crime		
6	Nuisance	Tiverton Drive	Youths throwing things towards a vehicle
		Briercliffe Road	Isolated incident
		Townley Street	Noise nuisance – shouting and a car engine running.
		Royal Court	Isolated incident
		Burnley Road	Children falling out – Isolated
		Burnley Road	Parking issues.
7	Suspicious Circumstances	Harrison Street	2 Cannabis plants in a abandoned green house
		Burnley Road	Male going door to door asking for money

		Holgate Street	3 people in 1 car beeping their horn and arguing.
		Balderstone Lane	Suspicious Circumstances regarding a vehicle
<p>ASB is still low from what it has previously been. I've not had any incidents reported involving Escooters.</p> <p>A number of incidents are isolated. No burglaries or vehicle crimes reported.</p> <p>I have done a speeding operation today on Burnley Road Briercliffe and also Halifax Road.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Many thanks Jody Hudson PCSO 7738. Mobile number 07866781767 or email 7738@lancashire.pnn.police.uk</p>			

BRIERCLIFFE AREA 16 th August – 21 st September			
INCIDENTS REPORTED - 104			
NO	TYPE OF INCIDENT	LOCATION	DETAILS
2	Burglary	Nelson Road	Damage to a lock, offender piled the items ready to steal the next day. Nothing taken.
		Lydgate	Offender smashed rear window and takes items of value.
2	Criminal damage	Nicholas Street	Damage caused to railings
		Burnley Road	Telephone cables
0	Theft		
5	Vehicle crime	Gorple Street	

		Duke Street North Street Briercliffe Road Duke Street	Vehicle unlocked offender rummaged through vehicle Vehicle spray painted down one side Windscreen smashed Windscreen smashed
14	Nuisance	Jubilee Street Queen Street Halifax Road	Speeding moped on footpath Reporting of a rave (one call) Speeding vehicles
11	Suspicious Circumstances	Sandiway Halifax Road Queen Street Standen hall Road & Red Spar Road	Male trying car doors Suspicious vehicle Person saw on the mill roof Person trying car doors

ASB is still low from what it has previously been. I have been in the area and engaged with the young people, no concerns or incidents involving large groups.

People trying car doors is a problem at the moment within the Briercliffe area, a number of vehicles are being left insecure then the offender(s) are taking items of value. CCTV is still being sought in the area and a Lancashire talking message has been sent out. Two people have been arrested and enquiries ongoing.

PLEASE MAKE SURE VEHICLES ARE LOCKED.

I have done a speeding operation on Friday 17th at 16:20- 16:55 just outside the old Police house on Halifax Road after residents were concerned with the speed of vehicles. No one was spoken to.

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Borough Councillors' Report September 2021

- Firstly, a big thank you to the organisers of the Gala. Another well organised brilliant and well attended community event.
- After numerous requests, the Police are doing regular speed tests.
- GP Practice assures the patient group that they will be moving to 80% face to face consultations this week. Flu vaccinations will start from mid October. Booster Covid 19 injections for the over 50s and the vulnerable people will start in October and those affected will be notified by letter.
- Beat the Street started which sees a beat box outside both our primary schools and one at Queen St Mill. All primary schools have signed up to this and any club or individual can to. The aim, once you register is to walk run or cycle between as many boxes scattered around the town (there's a map provided) and click on each box you visit on each trip. You exercise and collect points at the same time. For the primary schools points can convert into new equipment and other things. There are prizes up for grabs for all involved! This will run for six weeks
- As usual we have dealt with rubbish related issues – fly tipping, emptying and replacing dog waste bins, late collection of garden waste etc
- The demolition of the house on the corner of Standen Hall Drive is complete ready for work to begin on site. There are various restrictions in place on the developers about hours of work, delivery times and keeping the access roads clean and we ask residents to let us know of any problems.
- Although not in Briercliffe, permission to build on the land on Harrogate Crescent has been refused on the grounds of oversubscribed schools, oversubscribed surgeries and traffic. It means that the development is unsustainable.
- A memorial tree is to be planted at Towneley on 30th September by the Bishop of Burnley to remember all those who have died from Covid 19 in Burnley
- We had our first Artisan market in the town centre on the first Saturday in September and it will be back on the first Saturdays in October and November
- Next year will be the Queens 70th anniversary and we would like Briercliffe to mark it some way.
- Burnley Borough Council Parks officer, Kieron Roberts would like to attend the next meeting to show the plans for the refurbishment of Lane Bottom Park.
- Question for our County Councillor... Any prospect of anything being done to the Library which is becoming an eyesore?

Briercliffe Community Centre Report

- The Centre has reopened and most groups are returning slowly. Welcome back Parish Council!
- There are hand sanitisers available and the Centre is thoroughly cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- We are booking children's parties again which is a good source of income.
- We are still waiting for estimates to replace some of the brickwork. Various people have come to look at it but I haven't yet received a quote from any of them.