



Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council

Monday, 18th July 2011

Present: Councillor Frost (in the Chair), Bailey, Kelly, Lishman, Meeks, Prince and Royle.

Others: County Councillor Brindle, J Greenwood (Allotments Manager), M Greenwood (Lengthsman), S. Watson (Clerk), PC Liz Bedford, PCSO Rachel Lonsdale plus 5 residents.

Councillor Frost thanked Councillor Lishman for taking the Chair at the last Parish Council Meeting.

Public agenda

(a) Public questions

A resident asked if the hedges where North Street meets Burnley Road could be trimmed as they are overhanging and blocking the footpath and the sightlines. The hedges outside 57 and 59 Burnley Road need to be trimmed back. County Councillor Brindle will arrange for the occupiers to be asked to cut the hedges.

It was suggested that the verges on Harrison Street are overgrown, there is an agreement with the Borough Council to maintain the verges including the Church verge. Councillor Frost will contact Mr. Williams at the District Council and arrange for the verges to be mowed.

The daughter of a resident raised concerns regarding the animals on Douglas Road and asked to see the lease agreement. It was explained that the agreement is a private document between the resident and the Council and is not available for public scrutiny. It was noted that there had been no breach of the lease agreement and that the gardens had been inspected on the last Allotment Site inspection and found to be in order. The main issue of concern was the noise from the cockerel in the early hours of the morning, keeping neighbours awake. It was explained that noise problems were the responsibility of the District Council and not the Parish Council. The Borough Council has checked the noise levels and have agreed that they cannot take any action. The cockerel is caged at night to prevent it crowing but has to be let out in the morning, the residents agreed to keep the cockerel caged until 7:45am. Councillor Kelly offered to mediate between the residents to find a solution, this would be done as a concerned resident and not as a Parish Councillor as the issue is beyond the remit of the Council.

There were no further public questions.

(b) Police report

The Police circulated a written report, this outlined that there had been 87 incidents and 8 crimes in the last month that compared with 79 incidents and 10 crimes in the previous month.

Crimes of note included 2 insecure vehicles were stolen from, a bike was stolen from Grassington Drive, a taxi was set on fire on Clockhouse Grove, stone slabs were stolen from Todmorden Road, a door was damaged on Halifax Road and a lawn mower was stolen on Stanbury Drive. Two drugs warrants were issued which found evidence of possession but not supply. The Police requested residents to keep reporting drug concerns as these will be acted upon.

Feedback on last month's PACT priorities included that the mill owner had been approached but does not have the authority to change the size of the wagons. He has got permission from the District Council to cut down the trees on Talbot Street. County Councillor Brindle will take up the issue of parking on the yellow lines, weight restrictions cannot be used as it is a Bus Route. It was suggested that the Chemist can display a poster warning cars not to block access.

There had been no further reports about youths outside the Spar shop or on the recreation ground following the letters home last month. The group has got smaller and the weather has stopped fires being lit. There is a problem of youths climbing on Queen Street Mill roof, the Police requested that residents report problems to them rather than the Mill. The Space Bus is to be used on Queen Street every Monday and they have agreed to approach the youths and explain the dangers. Two youths on mopeds have been referred to a dangerous drivers cause.

RESOLVED:

That the PACT Priorities for this month will be:

- 1. The parking area opposite the Police house at Lane Bottom is being used for irregular activities in the early hours.**
- 2. HGVs accessing Talbot Street**
- 3. Youth nuisance on Recreation Ground and in the woods during school holidays.**

Insecure cars are still a problem and the Police again asked for co-operation in locking vehicles and for residents to continue to report drug issues, especially if a cannabis smell is detected. The Police were thanked for the improvements that have been made and a request was made for last year's figures to be included in the Police report for comparison purposes.

(c) County Council Report

The County Councillor reported that the grit bin on Talbot Street is still on the list which is being worked through. The resurfacing of Halifax Road has resolved the pot hole complaints but has exacerbated the speeding complaints again. Residents affected were notified of the road closure and any further work will use a 'stop and go' system. The County Council have offered up to £800 towards the purchase of a Speed Indicator (SPiD) sign which costs around £2,200 with the brackets, training and technical backup. County Councillor Mike Potter has a funding pot for applications and Councillor Kelly agreed to investigate this further.

The County Councillor reported that only one property in Burnley is affected by the closure of Southern Cross and this property is in Hapton.

The County Councillor reminded the meeting about grants available and updated that one application has been received.

Due to resident complaints, Todmorden Road before the bridge at Cockden will have temporary repairs with a full repair in the autumn. This will need a road closure and affected residents will be notified.

Parish Council Agenda

11/12/021 Apology for absence

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Thomas.

11/12/022 Declarations of Interest / Code of Conduct

Members were reminded about the Councillors Code of Conduct. Councillors Kelly and Frost declared a Prejudicial interest in relation to planning matters and Councillor Kelly declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in licensing matters.

11/12/023 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 20th June 2011 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of Briercliffe Parish Council be approved as a correct record.

LALC has been contacted regarding meeting dates but these were not currently available.

11/12/024 Administration

1a. Correspondence received

Paul Murphy – Garage

Mrs J Seed – Parish Vacancy

Anne Black – Douglas Road

Anne Black – QEII Nomination

LALC – Parish Vacancy

LALC – meeting dates

Historic Towns Forum – Local Enterprise Partnerships

Env HWRC – Rationalisation of Household Waste RC

NALC- Events Bulletin

Fields in Trust – SITA Trust Fund

IMI – Cenotaph & Stone Cleaning

LALC – E Bulletin June

Mrs J Seed – Douglas Road

LCC Louise Holmes – 20 mph speed limit

*LCC Debbie Thompson – Changes to Locality Working
Fields in Trust – Year 1 Challenge
Rocky Sharrock – QE II Fields Challenge
BSG – Borders Sign Brochure
Cllr Mike Otter – Parish Champions Newsletter
Historic Towns Forum – June Newsletter
BBC – Code of Conduct
The Army – For Today Presentation Invitation
Parkers Catalogue
LALC – 67th Annual General Meeting 2011
BBC – Polling Review
Vicki Braithwaite – Sutton in Craven Play Area
NALC – CiA Conferences*

1b. *Correspondence received after the publication of the agenda
Clerks & Councils Direct Newsletter
LCC – Managing Unauthorized Encampments*

1c. *Correspondence received at last meeting
Kelvin Harris
Mrs Hird
Ivan Eastwood*

2. *Correspondence sent
Dawn Robinson – No Cold Calling Stickers
Alison Morville – Parish Council Vacancy
Anne Black – QEII Nomination
LALC – meeting dates
Lancashire Police – CS Clive Tattarn
Lawrence Welsby – QEII Nomination*

3. *Other administrative matters*

The Flower show judging took place on Friday 15th July, the results were past to the Clerk to produce certificates and vouchers for the winners, the results will be announced at the Flower Show on the 29th August. The best garden cup needs to be returned from last years winner and the best allotment is still to be judged due to the weather constraints. The best street will be provided with a wall plaque for display.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council note the Correspondence received and send

11/12/025 Updates and Reports

It was asked if the Lengthsman's Working Group could be reconstituted, it was agreed that this would be discussed at the end of the meeting.

It was noted that the Newsletter printing costs were too high, the Finance Committee to be asked to source cheaper methods of printing and the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) is asked to provide a breakdown of the printing costs.

It was agreed that a list of Parish Sign locations should be circulated and that sponsorship for signs would be a flat £100 per sign.

There were no Borough Council reports.

The website had over 60 individual hits last month with the Noticeboard being the most popular. Articles on the Flower Show will be published after the winners are notified.

11/12/026 Finance

1. *Accounts to be approved for payment*

a)	Parish Clerk	Salary	£ 153.00
b)	RFO	Salary	£ 47.72
c)	HMRC	Clerk's deductible tax	£ 37.00
d)	HMRC	RFO's deductible tax	£ 11.93
e)	Briercliffe Communtly Ctr	Room Hire	£ 60.00
f)	Greenwoods	Allotments maintenance Inv 25	£1,345.50

RESOLVED: That the bills outlined above be paid.

2. *Bank Balances*

▪	Current a/c – £	33,584.56
▪	Deposit a/c – £	9,688.14
▪	Petty Cash - £	46.95
	Total	£ 43,319.65

The Bank Balances were noted.

3. The Petty Cash Report was noted.

RESOLVED: That Petty Cash be brought back up to £100 with an additional £53.05.

4. The cheque from Lanlee supplies was noted.

11/12/027 Committees and Working Groups

Allotments committee

It was noted that further letters have been sent regarding Allotment Waiting List applications. 11 letters have been sent as a result of the Allotment Site Inspection and 3 tenants have been proposed to give notice to quit due to nonpayment of rents.

RESOLVED: Mr Walsh will be given a notice to quit without a right of appeal.

Ms Crossley will be given a notice to quit without a right of appeal.

Mr Walker will be given another reminder as the original invoice went missing.

Mrs Swainson will be given a notice to quit the garage following a visit from Councillor Frost to explain that notice is being served.

Planning Committee

Councillor Thomas has been ill therefore a quorate meeting of the Planning Committee had not been possible. It was agreed that membership to the Committee is resolved at the end of the meeting.

Finance Meeting

A meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 19th July.

Recreation and Leisure

The Committee did not meet this month.

Strategic Planning Group

A meeting has been arranged for Monday 1st August, 7:30pm.

Land Slip Working Group

The group has not met this month, however correspondence has been sent and a meeting will be called to discuss responses. The site has moved again on the right hand side.

Matters identified for future consideration

There were no matters for consideration in the public section of the meeting.

The meeting moved into Private Session.