



BRIERCLIFFE NEWS

The Newsletter of the Briercliffe Parish

December 2009

Queen Street Recreation Ground

The play area is being well used by local children even during the recent wet weather. The footpath through Parish Wood (down the side of the football club changing rooms) and round the bottom of the playing fields is also well used and soon a new fence and gate will be installed with a map and sign. The Parish Council has received a number of complaints about horses using the path but the new gate should prevent them from using it. The path is suitable for prams and wheelchairs and provides a lovely walk with views over the local countryside and right over Burnley. Really worth a look if you haven't already been!

The drainage problems on the football pitches have finally been sorted out nearly 3 years after United Utilities began installing the new pipeline. The new drains seem to have coped with all the recent rain and the junior football club can at last play their home games on there.

Christmas in Briercliffe

The Christmas tree at the end of Duke Street looks great and really brings a slash of festive cheer to the village. It is the first time for many years that we have had a big tree due to incidents of vandalism in the past but hopefully that won't be the case this year. Bulbs have also been planted there so we should have a lovely Spring display. We hope to add more shrubs and flowers each year and make a bright garden for everyone to enjoy.

The Christmas trees have also been put up outside the shops – thanks to all the businesses who decorate them with lights and make the main road look so festive.

As in previous years the oldest 36 residents of the Parish will receive a Christmas gift. If you know a relative or neighbour who is over 80 please let Councillor Kelly know on 438328 then she can add them to the list. The Parish Council pay for these with help from local organisations like the Briercliffe Society and the recently disbanded Ladies' Group. Thanks go to them for their support. We would be glad to receive donations from other groups no matter how small. We know that the gifts are really appreciated by the people who receive them.

Parish Lengthsman

One of the activities of the Parish Council is the clearing and maintenance of the local and grassed areas within Briercliffe. In order to carry out this work the Council employs a Lengthsman. A small group of councillors are responsible for patrolling the Parish and identifying problem areas.

The funding for the Lengthsman's work comes from the precept which is a small levy taken from the rates of all households in the Parish, without this ongoing program of work all of our local footpaths would soon become overgrown and impassable.

Additional work recently carried out by the Lengthsman has been the creation of the flower beds at the end of Duke Street and the refurbishment of the benches at Lane Bottom.

If anyone knows of any work that needs doing please contact either Councillor Royle, Halstead or Kinnear whose contact details are on page 4.

Allotments/Pens

One of the main tasks undertaken by the Parish Council is the management of the Allotment Gardens and pens that we own. Most of these are situated at the top of Harrison Street and behind the bus turning circle on Burnley Road. At the present time the allotments are proving very popular and we have waiting lists for both pens (where poultry can be kept) and particularly gardens, which can be used for growing vegetables and flowers.

The development and improvement of the allotments is something that the Council is very keen to encourage, and has been instrumental in helping the allotment tenants to set up their own Association. This group is putting together suggestions to improve the area and the facilities available and will soon be in a position to apply for some grant funding to start some of the projects.

The Parish Council is also investigating the possibility of making some communal areas available for cultivation. These will comprise a number of 'raised beds' which will require minimal maintenance but will provide an opportunity for small scale growing of vegetables and flowers for a modest rent. Further details can be obtained from the Clerk or the Allotments Association.

Appointment of New Parish Councillor

We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Councillor to the Parish Council. Dave Thomas of Red Spar Road was co-opted at the last Parish Council meeting held in November. Dave has worked at local company Aircelle for the past 36 years and is actively involved with the Mayor/ Mayoress' Charity Fund Committee helping to raise thousands of pounds each year for a variety of charities. Dave has a keen interest in History and is also a qualified Field Archeologist having been on a number of digs across Lancashire and Cumbria. Dave is welcomed to the Parish Council and will take up his role from Monday, 21st December.

Environmental Warden

There Parish Council has a vacancy for an Environmental Warden. The role of the Environmental Warden is to liaise with the Borough Council and other organisations on environmental issues within the Parish and assisting in obtaining grants and arranging activities such as litter picking and tree planting. If you are interested in this role please contact the Clerk for more information.

Garage site

The Parish Council is hoping to start work on the re-development of the garage site at the bus turning area. Planning permission was obtained for the construction of new garages with improved security, with the intention that these will be available for rental to residents, which will help with the parking problems in the area. The garages will be robust and hopefully resistant to vandalism. We are not yet able to confirm when the first block of garages will be available but if you would like to be contacted about a tenancy when available please contact the Clerk.

Your views are important

Contact any of the Parish Councillors listed in this newsletter with your views on items in this edition or on local issues bothering you or write to the clerk at the address listed on page 4.

Important Information from Lancashire County Council Trading Standards Service

BEWARE OF COLD CALLERS / SALESMEN KNOCKING ON YOUR DOOR

Trading Standards Advice is:

1. **NEVER** agree to have any work done as a result of a cold call. Don't make snap decisions and don't be pressurised into having the job done.
2. If you think work needs doing to your home, get quotes from 2 or 3 traders. Ask friends and relatives to recommend a reputable business.
3. Ask for the full name & address from a trader **BEFORE** considering dealing with them. Never rely solely on a mobile phone number.
4. Ask for a written quotation detailing all the proposed work and a final price for the job.
5. Only pay once the work is completed to your satisfaction. Don't pay cash. Don't pay money up front for trader's materials.
6. Check the identity of all callers to your home. Ask for photo identification even if the caller claims to be from a utility company, the police or local authority. Check it carefully with the telephone number in the phone book, **NOT** the number on the ID.

Community Policing

The Community Beat Manager's position is to be advertised as PC Alexandra is currently on restricted duties. In the meantime if for any reason PCSO Lonsdale cannot be contacted then either PC Dave Pascoe or PS Carole Langhorn can be contacted on the details below:

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Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year from Briercliffe Parish
Council

Newsletter deliveries

The newsletter is delivered by hand to all properties within the Harle Syke / Haggate / – Lane Bottom areas. In the past we have also tried to deliver copies by post to some of the outlying properties in the rural areas. This is expensive and time consuming and we would like to improve this aspect of the delivery service. If you have internet access, copies of the newsletter are available on the Parish Council website www.briercliffe.co.uk, along with

Parish Council Meetings

All meetings of the Parish Council are held at Briercliffe Community Centre in Jubilee Street, Harle Syke and commence at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome at the meetings and the first fifteen minutes of each meeting are reserved for public questions.

21st December 2009

18th January 2010

15th February 2010

15th March 2010

Community Centre

Community Centre Booking Agent:

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Please note the clerk can only be contacted on the telephone during the hours of 5.30pm and 7.30pm Monday to Friday, should you wish to meet the clerk an appointment must be made.