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**Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council**

**Thursday 3rd April 2025 at 7.30pm at Briercliffe Community Centre.**

**Present:** Councillors

**In Attendance:** CouncillorR Greenwood (Temp Clerk)

| The Chair, Councillor G Lishman opened and welcomed all to the meeting. | | | |
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|  | **Actions by Clerk** | **Cllr Support** | |
| **24/25/0318 Apologies for absence** | | | |
| Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Marlow, Sagar, P Lishman, Greenwood and Lalor |  |  | |
| **24/25/0319 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest** | | | |
| Councillor Frost declared an interest in Planning. |  |  | |
| **24/25/0320 Minutes of the meeting held 6th March 2025** |  |  | |
| The Minutes of the meeting held 6th March 2025 were signed as a true record. |  |  | |
| **24/25/0321 Matters Outstanding from the minutes.** | | | |
| No matters were outstanding from the minutes. |  | |  |
| **24/25/0322 Planning Working Group** |  | |  |
| HOU/2024/0619 Hill Farm Cottage – Cllr Frost is working through this application.  Extwistle Hall, the planning department have not yet released, of concern is the position of the solar panels – this will be subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment. |  | |  |
| **24/25/0323 Communications Working Group** |  | |  |
| Newsletter – it is expected that delivery of the newsletter will be Easter. |  | |  |
| **24/25/0324 Contractor Working Group** |  | |  |
| The Lengthsman and Clerk adverts will be in the Easter Newsletter. |  | |  |
| **24/25/0325 Allotments and Garages Working Group** |  | |  |
| Two new applications for allotments have been received and have been added to the waiting list. A further application has been received from outside the parish, given the waiting list this has been refused.  Two quotes have been received for the garage needing the roof repair. **It was resolved that a cheque will be raised for the contractor offering best value**.  Cllr Frost requested that “rent day” for the allotments be advertised in the Newsletter. |  | |  |
| **24/25/0326 Project Working Group** |  | |  |
| Police Land Rover – Chair Gordon Lishman attended a meeting to discuss the provision of a Police land rover for use in rural communities.  The Briercliffe Society has £600 for an information notice board to be displayed on Duke Street Garden. This is a joint project with Worsthorne. £400 is needed to be raised to complete this project. Funding sources will be explored for this. |  | |  |
| **24/25/0327 Policies Working Group** |  | |  |
| Work continues on updating and creating policies.  NALC has circulated the Practitioner’s Guide 2025. This is being worked through and best practice updates will be adopted by the parish council. |  | |  |
| **24/25/0328 Staffing Working Group** |  | |  |
| The advert for a new clerk will be advertised, via the LALC website, in the parish newsletter, on the parish website and on notice boards. |  | |  |
| **24/25/0329 Clerks Report** |  | |  |
| Community Centre. Attended the AGM for BCCA as Secretary. Need 16 hours per year at £15.00 per hour approving. Spoke to web developers regarding having a page on the website for BCCA – there is no charge for the PC.  This will include what is on offer each day and will have the minutes and agenda’s.  Liaise with BAAS regarding the new car park, on the former library building and its implications for the PC. Ie can we use the space, will it be included in the lease etc. Liaise with fire service re safety certificate.  Allotments .  Four applications sent out, 2 are back in and have been forwarded to the AWG  Audit. Working on audit paperwork.  Land to the side of Harrison Street, work is ongoing.  Work towards the licence for the Gala Group is ongoing. |  | |  |
| **24/25/0330 County Council Report** |  | |  |
| C, Cllr Towneley presented her report, offering support to local community groups in particular those supporting sport and families.  C. Cllr Towneley has been liaising with Insp. Plumber and other parish council Chair’s regarding the Community Land Rover. |  | |  |
| **24/25/ 0331 Public Participation** |  | |  |
| There were questions submitted for the meeting.  Briercliffe Community Football Club. An email was received expressing frustration and disappointment in the lack of funding given to BCFC, £500 from the parish council since 2018. From this letter C. Cllr Towneley and the Borough Councillors have also offered their support. The parish council will offer support but no funding will be given. The football club is looking for £200k. This is needed to complete the draining works on the King George 6th Playing Field and to make their club house and lock up fit for purpose.  Briercliffe Social Club.  An email was received regarding the closure of Briercliffe Social Club requesting advise on the procedure’s followed. The parish council can not offer advise on this as it does not have access to the rules and constitution of the Club. The Clerk is to write back. |  | |  |
| **24/25/0332 Borough Council Report** |  | |  |
| The Borough Council Report is tabled below |  | |  |
| **24/25 0333 Community Centre Report** |  | |  |
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| **24/25/0334 Finance.** |  | |  |
| The Precept has been received.  The website host has reduced the direct debit from £58.08 to £55.44 for the forthcoming year.  Cheques for payment are  Cheque 1999 Water Plus for the Allotments £234.07  Cheque 2000 to EasySkips for the Allotments £195.00  Cheque 2001 to BCCA for room rental £70.00  Cheque 2002 to Clerk, part wages payment, £450.00 |  | |  |
| **24/25/0335 Croner** |  | |  |
| Cllrs G Lishman and McFarlane have contacted Croner to cease the contract with them. There is a further six months to run on the contract which was not made clear. Cllr McFarlane is to negotiate this. |  | |  |
| **24/25/0336 Environment and Heritage Project** |  | |  |
| There were no updates on this project |  | |  |
| **24/25/0337 Dates of the next meetings.** |  | |  |
| It was formally agreed that the dates of the next meetings will be May 8th 2025 Annual Meeting   * June 6 2025 * July 10 2025 * Aug 7   2025 * Sept 4 2025 * Oct 3 2025 * Nov 6 2025 * Dec 4 2025 * Jan 8 2026 * Feb 5 2026 * Mar 5 2026 * Apr 2 2026 * May 14 2026 (and Annual meeting; first meeting after elections) |  | |  |
| The meeting closed at 20.45hrs |  | |  |

**Borough Councillors’ Report – April 2024**

1. Problems continue with the **Standen Hall** housing development. We have reached a point at which Council officers are visiting and inspecting the site and surrounding roads and reminding the develop of their obligations to residents and the need to address residents’ concerns.
2. **Cllr Maggie Lishman** has approached the Burnley Leisure Trust and the Council’s Green Spaces Department to ask for help in supporting Briercliffe FC and their need for support in identifying and following up with potential funding sources
3. Now that we are in the new financial year, the three Councillors are able to propose grants from the Council’s Ward Opportunities Fund of £5,000 for the year and we are seeking project proposals from local community organisations and the Parish Council.
4. No further information on the planning proposals affecting Briercliffe.
5. In addition, the Councillors have been engaged on casework with individual residents and have dealt with a few cases of fly-tipping

**Community Centre Report March 2025**

The Community Centre Association held its AGM on Thursday 27th March

.Minutes will in future be posted on the PC website.

Annual audited accounts were presented and discussed. The balance sheet was previously shared with PC.

Election of officers:

Chair – Anne Kelly

Vic Chair – Roger Frost

Booking Agent - Christine Stuttard

Treasurer – Anne Kelly

Committee member – Susan Meeks

The Clerk to the Parish Council will take over the role of Secretary and will invoice the Association monthly. There will be 3 quarterly meetings and AGM in mid January.

The Community Centre will have information on the PC website, including contact details for booking and information about the variety of groups and activities on offer.

**Police Report**

| BRIERCLIFFE AREA 4th March – 31st March 2025 | | | |
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| INCIDENTS REPORTED - 80 | | | |
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| NO | TYPE OF INCIDENT | LOCATION | DETAILS |
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| 0  1 | Burglary  Burglary non dwelling | Standenhall Drive | Container broken into and items stolen from within. |
| 2 | Criminal damage | Cross Street  Harrison Street | Youths have caused damage to a taxi  Vehicle has had vehicle tyre slashed. |
| 3 | Theft | Stirling Court  Harrison Street  Queen Street | Items stolen from a locked cabin.  Stolen mobility scooter from outside front of address.  Items stolen from the delivery of food |
| 2  0 | Vehicle crime  Theft of vehicle | Red Spar Road  Queen Street | Offender trying car doors.  Number plates stolen from a significant time ago. Not recent. |
| 1 | Nuisance | Burnley Road Briercliffe | Dangerous driving |
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| Many thanks Jody Hudson PCSO 7738. | | | |
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