



Briercliffe with Extwistle Parish Council

Thursday 5th June 2025 at 7.30pm at Briercliffe Community Centre.

Present: Councillors, Michael. McFarlane, Gordon Lishman, Carrie Halstead, John Marlow, Pippa Lishman, Roger Frost.

In Attendance: C. Councillor Mark Poulton, 4 members of the public., R Greenwood (Temp Clerk)

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| The Chair, Councillor McFarlane opened and welcomed all to the meeting. | | |
| | Actions by Clerk | Cllr Support |
| 24/25/0339 Apologies for absence | | |
| Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Greenwood | | |
| 24/25/0340 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest | | |
| Councillors P Lishman and G Lishman declared a Pecuniary Interest in the renewal of the subscription for CVS and Cllr Frost in Planning. | | |
| 24/25/0341 Minutes of the meeting held 8th May 2025 | | |
| The Minutes of the meeting held April 3rd 2025 were signed as a true record. | | |
| 24/25/0342 Planning Working Group | | |
| <p>FUL/2025/0294 - An objection has been submitted to Burnley Planning Department for the house at Holt Hill. Two members of the public attended to express their disappointment in the Burnley Borough Planning Portal. They have objected to this application but their objection is not showing live on the portal. C.Cllr Mark Poulton has been asked to speak on behalf of residents at the planning meeting. Cllrs Frost and G Lishman gave guidance to the members of the public regarding the planning process.</p> <p>Cllr Frost attended an information event regarding the proposed Calderdale Energy Park. The Energy Park will come right up to the Briercliffe boundary at Widdop. It includes over 2,352 hectares of land and includes Walshaw Moor and the three reservoirs at Walshaw Dean. It stretches, east to west, from the western boundary, with Briercliffe, at Widdop Moor, to above Pecket Well on the road out of Hebden Bridge to Keighley. North to south, the northern boundary appears to be almost all of the land between the road from Laneshawbridge, much of the way to Haworth Moor, on the way to Haworth itself, and south along the full length of the Widdop Road, from Briercliffe almost to Hebden Bridge.</p> | | |

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| <p>The Energy Park would include part of Bronte Country; the nationally important National Trust property at Blakedean and the similarly important wooded valley of what I understand is Hebden Water much of the way to Hebden Bridge.</p> <p>To give you an idea of how large to “Park” would be, it would be larger than Worsthorne-with-Hurstwood combined, probably larger than our Parish.</p> <p>There are numerous issues raised by an application should it be made. These include:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The current very significant role of the site as a carbon sink, one of the largest in our area, 2. The inclusion of the nationally important site at Blakedean which is in the ownership of the National Trust. 3. The potential effect on the heritage of the course of Hebden Water. 4. The effect of the “Park” on “Bronte Land”. 5. The effect on birdlife, particularly the curlew. There are other endangered animals, birds plants etc. 6. The effect on Wadsworth Moor. <p>These are only some of the problems raised by the potential application. Those at the meeting could not answer many of the questions asked, especially about how the site might be run after a development there. One issue that was raised was access to the site during the construction stage. Several access points had been identified – one on the Laneshawbridge to Stanbury road; another on the Widdop (ie Briercliffe) road almost to Hebden Bridge and a third in the east. All of them look to be very lengthy and possibly very obtrusive especially when maintenance access is constructed.</p> <p>It was proposed and agreed that Cllr Frost would:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. write a full Report for members which I will also make available to the Burnley Civic Trust. 2. contact Burnley Borough Council and the Lancashire County Council. They are both consultees, like ourselves. 3. contact the National Trust for their comments on Blakedean. 4. contact the West Yorkshire OPPONENTS of the potential application <p>Rockwood House, Halifax Road, this is a Pendle application and has been submitted for a change of use. Concerns were raised about the reports submitted in support of this application and C. Councillor Mark Poulton has expressed concerns regarding the application.</p> <p>HOU/2025/0188 Christleton Close, the application for a two storey extension has been objected too, with permission for a one storey build. This one storey build is restrictive for the occupants. Cllr Frost is to write a letter of support to Burnley Borough Council regarding the needs of the occupants. Proposed PL, seconded JM. All in favour.</p> | | |
| <p>24/25/0343 Communication Working Group</p> | | |
| <p>The changes, approved at the last meeting, for the admin of the facebook group have been implemented.</p> <p>The next newsletter dates are 14.07.25 last day for article submission 28.07.25 agreement of draft newsletter by all councillors. 01.08.25 to go to print. 16.8.25 first delivery to homes.</p> | | |
| <p>24/25/0344 Contractor Working Group</p> | | |
| <p>The deadline for applications for the Lengthsman position is 7th June 2025.</p> | | |

| 24/25/0345 Allotment Working Group | | |
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| <p>Rent Day was Saturday 31st May 09.30-13.00 at Allotment Office - 29 people attended Saturday – further 4 on Sunday when there for litter pick. There was one overpayment for which a refund will be issued. None payment will be chased after 30 days.</p> <p>There is to be an Allotment Site Inspection – 22nd June from 10.30am</p> <p>Waiting lists Allotments – 4 new applications for Garden – 2 automatically go onto waiting list with 2 out of area (Kibble Bank) it has been agreed previously that any resident of Briercliffe will take priority over those outside the area. There is a total of 10 waiting +4 out of area (within 3 miles) - 2 livery, 9 gardens, 3 pens</p> <p>Garages – 1 application - +1 out of area, 5 new allocations following last month terminations – 3 Gardens, 2 Pens</p> <p>Vacant plots Allotments – 1 garden (Finsley view garden– sensitive let) and 1 pen Garages – 12 vacant plots on Harrison St – the parish council has requested information from Burnley Borough Planning Department regarding these and new rulings that might affect applicants.</p> <p>Garages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B4 (council garage (wooden) – work required to flooring • Church St – G3 – door repair required – roof completed <p>Other info Need 4 new gates for 21a & 11a & 11b, 14a Cllr Greenwood to price wood and make. Allotment noticeboard to be re-installed – price for fittings, keys, perspex (5mm, polycarb) and postmix. A spend of £200 was agreed, from the allotment account for this, Cllr Marlow objected.</p> <p>Recent work by volunteers to build a woodchip bay to hold chip delivered free and hopefully keep tidier, further volunteer work to repair main access gate so swings easier. Request to all tenants to close gate when entering and leaving at all time – to enhance security</p> <p>Allotment tenant BBQ social 16th August – to incorporate with National Allotments Week which is 11th – 17th August and this year is all about 'Allotments & Wellbeing- celebrating the vital role these green spaces play in supporting healthier lives, stronger communities, and connection to nature.'</p> <p>Garden extension fencing – quotes to be sourced</p> <p>Incident reported 14.5.25 regarding disturbance on plots in early hours of morning – police attendance.</p> <p>Reports of gang of youths accessing a number of gardens to sit drinking / smoking. Disturbance and rubbish</p> <p>A contribution to the LANPAC fund trail cameras through Lancashire Police application was agreed at £50. This from the allotment and garages account.</p> | | |

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| Cllr Marlow reported a leaking tap and a new gate to stop vehicles accessing the pedestrian path was needed. Cllr P Lishman to speak to the vehicle owner. | | |
| 24/25/0346 Projects Working Group | | |
| Cllr Halstead will lead on the Projects working group and requested support to apply for funding for future projects. | | |
| 24/25/0347 Policies Group | | |
| The IT policy for the Parish Council was accepted and signed off. This will be reviewed in 12 months time and published on the website. | | |
| 24/25/0348 Staffing Working Group | | |
| There were four applications for the position of Clerk, two have been called to interview. It was agreed that the Staffing Working Group will appoint the clerk based on application and successful interview. | | |
| Formally adjourned the meeting to allow for Public Participation | | |
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| 24/25 0349 Police Report | | |
| The Police report is tabled below, with a request for information. | | |
| 24/25/0350 Public Questions. | | |
| <p>A member of the public raised concern regarding the ginnel between Saxifield Street and Standenhall Drive. For accessibility the barrier has been removed but now is being used by electric and motorbikes. It was reported that a child is being transported to the local school on the front of an electric bike and no safety equipment is being worn by the child or the driver. It was requested that this was reported to the Police.</p> <p>Nuisance motorbikes are also using the ginnel, Residents are asked that this too is reported to the Police. The more reports there are the more chance of the Police being able to build up a pattern of behaviour and attend the area.</p> <p>A report of dog fouling in the area of Saxifield and Standenhall Drive was reported. There is a well used dog waste bin in the area but some selfish owners are not picking up after their dogs. Questions were asked about the dog wardens and the hours worked by them. Cllr P Lishman will request more signs for the area, the parish council will also highlight the issue on Facebook and the public are asked to report fouling to the dog warden. An article will also go in the newsletter. Incidence of dog fouling can be reported via the Love Clean Streets app.</p> | | |
| 24/25/0351 County Council Report | | |
| <p>County Councillor Mark Poulton gave his report.</p> <p>Highways – the Standenhall Drive roadworks continue to cause issues and there has been the report of speeding in the area. This has been reported to the Police with the request for extra patrols.</p> <p>There will be a road closure outside 63 Lydgate on 6th to 10 June for water meter installation.</p> <p>There will be a road closure on Jubilee St on the 8th to the 10th July for the former library to be demolished.</p> | | |

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| <p>There has been a report by residents of Red Spar Road that wagons for the McDermott development are travelling along the road until 9.30pm.</p> <p>The fly tipping at Cockden has been cleaned up, there is evidence of an owner and this is being investigated.</p> <p>LCC has issued a notice of Blue Tongue Disease, causing cattle and sheep restrictions in the area, Cllr P Lishman to check if notices of this will be posted on the allotments.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24/25/0352 Borough Council Report | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Cllr Maggie Lishman has had a meeting with the site manager of McDermott Homes regarding issues that the build is causing for the area. There has been a request for a Facebook page dedicated to the area to be updated by McDermott Homes. Questions were asked about any money from McDermott Homes for health and education – Cllr G Lishman explained that any education money was not allocated locally but went into a county wide pot. There has been no money linked to health locally.</p> <p>Gilbert Street across to Netherwood Close, it has been agreed to place bollards in the area to prevent unlawful access by vehicles.</p> <p>There has been report of missed refuse bin collections. It would appear that this has been caused by a van and a camper van parking opposite each other on the street preventing the refuse wagon from traveling down the street. This has now been resolved.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24/25/0353 Community Centre Report | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| There was no community centre report this month. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24/25/0354 Briercliffe Memorial Bowling Green Report | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| It has been agreed to register the bowling green as a Community Asset. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Formally reconvene the Parish Council Meeting | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24/25/0355 Finance | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Invoices approved for payment.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Cheque 2019</td><td>Roof repairs for Garage G3 C Keary</td><td>£1008.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cheque 2020</td><td>Lengthsman duties</td><td>£120.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cheque 2021</td><td>Scribe accounts package</td><td>£673.92</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cheque 2022</td><td></td><td>Void</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cheque 2023</td><td>CVS subscription</td><td>£15.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cheque 2024</td><td>Stamps and allotment duplicate book</td><td>£17.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cheque 2025</td><td>KM Accountant</td><td>£1200.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cheque 2026</td><td></td><td>Void</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cheque 2027</td><td>Smith Sutcliffe Solicitors gala license</td><td>£240.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cheque 2028</td><td>Croner</td><td>£380.56</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cheque 2029</td><td>HMRC Clerk Tax</td><td>£130.60</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cheque 2030</td><td>NICO Clerk HMRC</td><td>£37.01</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cheque 2031</td><td>Temp Clerk Salary</td><td>485.77</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> | Cheque 2019 | Roof repairs for Garage G3 C Keary | £1008.00 | Cheque 2020 | Lengthsman duties | £120.00 | Cheque 2021 | Scribe accounts package | £673.92 | Cheque 2022 | | Void | Cheque 2023 | CVS subscription | £15.00 | Cheque 2024 | Stamps and allotment duplicate book | £17.00 | Cheque 2025 | KM Accountant | £1200.00 | Cheque 2026 | | Void | Cheque 2027 | Smith Sutcliffe Solicitors gala license | £240.00 | Cheque 2028 | Croner | £380.56 | Cheque 2029 | HMRC Clerk Tax | £130.60 | Cheque 2030 | NICO Clerk HMRC | £37.01 | Cheque 2031 | Temp Clerk Salary | 485.77 | | | | | |
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| INCOME | | | |
| Income was received for allotments and garages. | | | |
| 24/25/0356 Environmental and Heritage Project | | | |
| No updates | | | |
| 24/25/0337 Briercliffe Gala Licence | | | |
| <p>The license for the Gala was signed by the Chair Cllr McFarlane and Julian Smith of the Gala Committee.</p> <p>Assurances that the following actions had taken place were given.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Police and Fire brigade have been informed approx. two months ago. 2. That there would be at least 1 stewards per every 100 spectators Mr Smith stated that there would be more than the number required. 3. Qualified first aid personnel would be in place, - there will be a professional firm employed for the day. 4. All independent persons, owners of mechanically propelled vehicles and owners of animals will have their own public liability insurance. Mr Smith agreed that this was the case. | | | |
| 24/25/0338 Dates of the next meeting. | | | |
| <p>The following dates have been accepted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 10th 2025 • Aug 14th 2025 • Sept 11th 2025 • Oct 2nd 2025 • Nov 6th 2025 • Dec 4th 2025 • Jan 8th 2026 • Feb 5th 2026 • Mar 5th 2026 • Apr 2th 2026 • May 14th 2026 (and Annual meeting;) | | | |
| Meeting closed at 21.40hrs. | | | |

| BRIERCLIFFE AREA 6 th May – 3 rd June 2025 | | | |
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| INCIDENTS REPORTED - 76 | | | |
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| NO | TYPE OF INCIDENT | LOCATION | DETAILS |
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| 1 | Burglary | Clockhouse Avenue | House broken into via the rear and car keys stolen. |
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| | Burglary non dwelling | Todmorden Road Briercliffe | Out building broken into. Not believed any items have been taken. |
| 1 | Criminal damage | Shore Avenue | Spray paint on the front door. |
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| 1 | Theft | Sparrable Row | Window panel from caravan stolen. |
| 2 | Vehicle crime | McLindon Court | Vehicle window smashed. |
| 0 | Theft of vehicle | Wroxham Close | Vehicle interference |
| 7 | Nuisance | Horning Crescent Deerplay Close Briercliffe Road Lydgate x2 Queen Street Church Street | All reporting a nuisance off road motorbike in the area. |
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The off bike motorbike has been causing some issues within the area if anyone has any further information that would be great. I will try and recontact the informants from these incidents.

I have been made aware of a few issues on the allotments. Please could we encourage people to contact the Police on 101 and report any issues at the time.

Many thanks Jody Hudson PCSO 7738.

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