



Briercliffe with Extwistle Annual Parish Meeting

Monday, 16th May 2016

Present: Councillor Kelly (in the Chair), Councillors Bailey, Dack, Sweetman and Vincent.

Others: County Councillor Margaret Brindle, Simon Goff, J. Greenwood (Allotment Manager), Steve Watson (Clerk) plus 4 residents.

Councillor Kelly opened the Annual Parish Meeting and welcomed everyone. She advised the meeting of the sad passing of Ex-Councillor Colin Meeks and asked for a minute's silence.

Agenda

AM16/17/001 Apology for absence and reasons given

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Roger frost, Margaret Lishman and Joan Royle.

AM16/17/002 Minutes of the last Annual Parish meeting held on the 18th May 2015.

The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 18th May 2015 are approved as a correct record.

AM16/17/003 To receive a reports on the Council's work from the Chair

The Chair outlined that it had been a busy year with the hanging basket scheme, plants and planters, extension of the Christmas decorations and further expansions planned for this year, the signposts and sign on the Recreation Grounds, the Lengthsman scheme, plans for the Queen's 90th birthday, the garages and allotment continue and new allotment plots have been developed, the gifts for elderly and the quarterly newsletter were all mentioned.

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AM16/17/004 To receive reports from Organisations

Simon Goff from Burnley Borough Council's Parks Department attended and provided a report on Recreation Ground volunteers. The Borough Council is carrying out work called rethinking parks with more areas of meadow land and wild flowers and reducing the amount of grass cutting. They are also replacing annual flower beds with perennial plants and doing woodland management. The Borough also has a volunteer program, parks have had volunteers for a number of years but have recently formalized the concept and put systems in place to ensure volunteers are well managed and covered by insurance. Volunteers firstly send an expression of interest form then attend an induction event. Friends of Parks Groups can also be set up, would need their own insurance. Volunteers can either work alongside borough Gardeners or on their own. Parks also run social events for volunteers a couple of times a year and have an award scheme with certificates. There is a link on the Borough Council website and this will be put on the Parish Website.

It was agreed to devise a list of jobs for volunteers at a Strategic Planning meeting, beehives were also suggested and an extension of the Woodland Walk. Perennials were suggested for Duke Street and a Friends of Group for Lane Bottom Park. The Woodland Walk extension could be a Lottery Grant bid. Simon was thanked for his attendance and report.

AM16/17/005 To receive resolutions from Parishioners

There were no resolutions from Parishioners.

AM16/17/006 An opportunity will be given for electors to ask questions at the meeting

A Resident asked about the Royal Court project, which seemed to have been abandoned and the dandelions were now seeding into resident's gardens. The Chair reported that she had been contacted by Calico who had put the project on hold due to nesting birds, however she would ask for the gardens to be mown.

A resident informed the meeting that the road at Mill Cottage had a burst pipe and water was bubbling to the surface, also a wagon had hit the wall and loosened the steps. County Councillor Margaret Brindle was invite to respond and she informed the resident that she had been working on this issue for months and had sent a further email, if she failed to get a satisfactory response she would request a County Officer to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain the problem.

Margaret was then asked to provide her County Councillor report. She reported that there was currently a proposal to close 106 premises across Lancashire, this included Briercliffe Library. There is a consultation starting on the 18th May and residents were encouraged to take part. This is the Properties Strategies Consultation. The consultation will also be put on Facebook, the Parish Website and the Newsletter.

Margaret also reported that she was on a Working Group for Queen Street Mill, there are 5 museums at risk including Queen Street Mill. The County will consider alternatives but these have to provide the same service, be sustainable and be at zero cost to the Council. It was also noted that Queen Street Mill does not have a Friends of Group. It was suggested that the Library could be moved to the Mill and volunteers will be sought on Facebook, the website and the Newsletter. Margaret was thanked for her report.

AM16/17/007 Date of next meeting

Date of the next Annual Parish meeting Monday 15th May 2017 at the Community Centre, Jubilee Street.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm and all present were thanked for attending.