

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on **Thursday 10th December 2009**
in **The John Squire Room, Queen's Hall, Burley in Wharfedale**

Commenced: 7.30pm
Concluded: 9.50pm

Present: Cllr. Keith Dale (Chair)
Cllr. Kath Forrest
Cllr. John Horton
Cllr. Peter Jenkins
Cllr. Caroline Jones
Cllr. Peter Riley
Cllr. Sylvia Tilford

Clerk: Mrs Jo Griffiths

151/0910 Chair's remarks

Cllr Dale opened the meeting and welcomed those attending. Cllr Dale wished everyone a peaceful Christmas.

152/0910 To receive any apologies for absence

Cllr Walker and Cllr Palmer had sent apologies, these were received and accepted.

153/0910 To receive any declarations of interest

None.

154/0910 Public Participation

Three residents were present to ask the Parish Council to add its weight to the Save Our Stones campaign: Various efforts have been made over the years to preserve the Right of Way that crosses the stones in the River Wharfe. The situation is now more urgent as the stones require refurbishment and the campaign for a bridge across the River Wharfe seems to have lost momentum. It was the assertion of those present that they did not expect to be able to cross the river at all times. Efforts should be made to make the best of this amenity in Burley and for the Parish Council to ascertain who is responsible for the maintenance of the stones and urge action to be taken to retain them.

Cllr Dale thanked the residents for expressing their views and advised that the Parish Council would discuss this and additional correspondence received on this subject later in the meeting.

155/0910 Minutes of the previous meeting

Proposed by Cllr Jenkins

Seconded by Cllr Riley

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 12th November 2009 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

156/0910 To receive minutes of the Planning Committee

A copy of the minutes from the planning committee meetings on 26th October and 16th November 2009 were received.

- 157/0910 To receive minutes of the Maintenance & Allotments Committee**
A copy of the minutes from the maintenance and allotments committee meeting on 28th September 2009 was received.
- 158/0910 Minutes received from other organisations**
- Minutes of Burley Website Committee meeting 28th October 2009
- 159/0910 Update from Neighbourhood Policing Team**
PC Thompson circulated copies of the most recent Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) newsletter. NPT priorities for December remained to tackle speeding in the village and to enforce the legislation regarding obstruction by motor vehicles particularly on pavements.
- 160/0910 Clerk's Report**
The clerk reported that she had met with Kevin Whitaker, Street Scene Officer to discuss the remaining £3.5K of the Smart & Clean Money that could be spent on Burley projects. It was Mr Whitaker's opinion that the money was insufficient to carry out any substantial improvements to Langford Lane and that the money would be best targeted elsewhere. Councillors discussed various sites and it was agreed that the clerk should recommend the entrance to the playground in Grange Park as a site requiring improvement. The clerk had also discussed gritting routes through the village and particularly Langford Lane. Mr Whitaker confirmed that Langford Lane should be gritted and is on the gritting route. Problems arose when the gritting machines cannot drive up Grangefield Avenue due to parked cars. The road had not been gritted on a number of occasions last year. Siting a grit bin at the top of Langford Lane had been suggested as a solution but the gritting would have to be done by local residents. Additional grit bins were not available but an under utilised grit bin in the village could be re-sited if the Parish Council requested this action. Councillors asked the clerk to obtain a copy of the gritting route so that suggestions could be made for an alternative route that would incorporate Langford Lane. The January newsletter would go to print shortly. The clerk had requested additional quotations from other printing companies in order to ensure best value was being achieved with the council's current printer; replies had not yet been received. The clerk did not yet have the necessary software to design the newsletter but the printers would offer this service for a small additional fee and councillors agreed to this as there was money still in the budget for this item. The clerk had not received any further update from Cllr Palmer on his enquiries regarding the parish council obtaining a seat on the Leeds Bradford Airport Consultative Committee. The parish council would hold its annual civic function on Thursday 7th January 2010 from 8pm in the annexe at Queen's Hall. This was an opportunity to thank volunteers for their work in the village and suggestions for any additional invitees should be forwarded to the clerk as soon as possible. The clerk had received a complaint about advertising in the telephone box at the bottom of Station Road. The clerk had checked with planning officers and the advert was legal but the details of BT's complaints department had been passed to the local resident who had made the enquiry. Cllr Walker had forwarded details of the latest sketches for the memorial bridge on the Village Green.
- 161/0910 Burley House Field**
The clerk reported that she was in the process of compiling the bid to be put forward to District Councillors for the Ward Investment Fund. The Parish Council's solicitor had confirmed that he would do the legal work on the lease without charge.

The clerk had not received any further communication from Asset Management officers in regard to registration of the field, a survey or any specific terms for a lease. Some correspondence had been received on the subject of some archaeological surveys of the field. It was understood that a search of paper records would be made before any physical survey took place.

162/0910

Parish Council Budget

The Finance Working Group had met for the first time this year. Bradford Council had just sent the council tax base figure through so additional calculations could now be made. The Finance Working Group would meet again in the New Year and bring proposals to the January meeting of the Parish Council.

163/0910

Community Heroes

Cllr Forrest reported that she had spoken to a representative of the Hockney Group and was waiting to hear if they were willing to be nominated. Cllr Tilford had spoken to another group and was waiting to hear if they wished to be nominated.

164/0910

Education Services Review Consultation

Bradford Council is consulting on the future of the council's education services. Copies of the consultation documents had been circulated to councillors.

Cllr Dale reported that he had attended a recent meeting of Bradford Council's Executive to support local residents appealing against Bradford Council's decision to refuse travel passes for some village children. The Leader of the council had stated that in the future he hoped that all children resident in Bradford would be educated within the Bradford District.

After discussion the council agreed to respond to the consultation and recommend that all children in Burley in Wharfedale that are educated at Ilkley Grammar School are given a free travel pass to Ilkley Grammar School.

165/0910

Consultation on school for children with Emotional, Social and Behavioural Requirements

Bradford Council were consulting on a proposal to establish a new school on Bowling Hall Road that would meet the needs of secondary age pupils that had emotional, social and behavioural requirements. After discussion councillors agreed to respond and offer support for the scheme but expressing concerns about the breadth of ages being taught in such a small unit i.e. 70-80 children with an age range of 11-19 years.

166/0910

Year 9 Residential for pupils at Ilkley Grammar School

The council had been asked to support the Year 9 Residential at Ilkley Grammar School. The school had provided additional information about the number of children from Burley attending and it was

Proposed by Cllr Riley

Seconded by Cllr Horton

to provide £100 donation towards the Year 9 Residential trip from Ilkley Grammar School. Cllr Jones asked that details of Burley & Menston Charities and Burley Educational Trust were sent to the school for further information.

167/0910

Burley Summer Festival

Cllr Tilford advised that the next meeting of the Festival Committee would be Monday 14th December at Queen's Hall. The group would be exploring the programme for next year.

168/0910

Street Lighting

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

- 169/0910 Motion to exclude members of the press and public**
Proposed by Cllr Riley
Seconded by Cllr Horton
RESOLVED to exclude members of the press and public from the next item due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.
- 170/0910 Recommendations of the Staffing Working Group**
The Staffing Working Group had met on 2nd November. Cllr Dale advised that the clerk's annual appraisal had been carried out in October.
After discussion it was
Proposed by Cllr Jones
Seconded by Cllr Jenkins
to accept the recommendations of the Staffing Working Group to raise the clerk's salary by two increments from October 2009 and to vary the clerk's contract to reflect the new regular place of work, provision of a pension and increased hours of employment.
- 171/0910 Coronation Hospital, Ilkley**
Councillors had received information regarding a possible new site for a hospital in Ilkley. Without specific details of the site councillors agreed it was difficult to comment in detail but that in general if the new site allows for further provision of services then this would be welcomed.
- 172/0910 Trustees for Burley & Menston Charities**
The clerk of Burley & Menston Charities had written to the Parish Council requesting nomination of Mrs Ann Leslie as a nominative trustee of the charities for a further four year term. Cllr Riley had recently stood down as a trustee and the Parish Council was asked to nominate a further trustee
Proposed by Cllr Jones
Seconded by Cllr Forrest
to nominate Mrs Ann Leslie as a trustee for a further four year term and to nominate Cllr Keith Dale as a new trustee.
- 173/0910 Save Our Stones Correspondence**
Councillors had received correspondence from a number of residents and heard the views of local residents on the subject of the Save Our Stones campaign. Councillors had also received information that Cllr Palmer was working on this topic but no details. Councillors discussed the right of ways that existed across the river at this point. It was understood that the Anglers Club owned the stones but that an injunction had existed preventing work being carried out on the stones, it was not clear if the injunction was still valid.
Councillors agreed that they were in principle in favour of re-furbishment of the stones and suggested that if necessary money should be requested from the Ward Investment Fund to carry out this work. Councillors agreed: to ask Cllr Palmer for details of what action is being taken by him on this subject; to contact the Anglers Club to find out what proposals they have to re-furbish the stones; speak to the Ramblers Association regarding the legal rights to cross the river at this point and speak to the Rights of Way Officer at Bradford Council regarding the council's responsibilities to maintain this right of way.
- 174/0910 Reports from councillors on other meetings attended**
Cllr Dale & Cllr Tilford had attended SCAPAG and heard information suggesting that further children's summer schemes would be scheduled for Burley in summer 2010.

Cllr Dale had attended PACT.

Cllr Tilford had attended WRUG and reported that complaints were still being heard about the inability of commuters to buy tickets on the morning trains partly due to a reduction in staff on some services. Some concerns were expressed about the ticket barriers at Leeds and large queues that built up. Burley in Wharfedale was still being looked at as a site for the new ticket machines.

Cllr Dale and the clerk had attended a meeting on funding opportunities available organised by Philip Davies, MP.

Cllr Dale had attended an event on volunteering that had given advice and information on attracting new volunteers. Particular attention was paid to attracting younger volunteers and work being done with Ilkley Grammar School.

175/0910

Reports from councillors on enquiries or concerns forwarded by residents

Cllr Horton had been contacted about pruning of trees on the Village Green by the residents of Norwood Avenue. Residents were concerned about lack of light into their homes but as work had recently been carried out after negotiations with Bradford Council it was thought unlikely any more work would be carried out.

Cllr Jenkins requested that more information on waste management and in particular disposal of plastics was provided at a Neighbourhood Forum in the near future.

176/0910

Correspondence – to note (all available from the Parish Clerk):

- Partnership Post 12th November 2009
- Letter of thanks for Poppy Appeal donation in 2009
- Invitation to meeting of WYRAP (West Yorkshire Rural Accessibility Partnership) meeting on 11th December
- Invitation to an event on Volunteering in the Wharfe Valley at Christchurch, Ilkley on 1st December
- Agenda for meeting of the Standards Committee of Bradford Council – 3rd December 2009
- Donation by Ilkley Choral Society of two tickets for Handel's Messiah on 12th December 2009
- Invitation from InCommunities to the opening of a new housing scheme on Crawford Avenue on 21st December 2009

177/0910

Schedule of Payments

The schedule was circulated

Proposed by Cllr Jenkins

Seconded by Cllr Forrest

RESOLVED that the schedule of payments be accepted for payment.

178/0910

Minor items for action by the clerk between meetings and items for the next agenda

Cllr Jenkins asked that if the new Neighbourhood Wardens were going to look at overhanging bushes and trees they be asked to look at 6 & 8 Southfield Road. Cllr Jenkins suggested that once the parking scheme restrictions were implemented the Parish Council offer thanks to Traffic & Highways Officers for their work.

179/0910

Date and time of next meetings

- 14th January & 11th February 2010 – Full Council
- 21st December 2009 & 11th January 2010 – Planning Committee
- 21st January 2010 – Neighbourhood Forum