

**BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
and BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
Minutes of the Neighbourhood Forum meeting held on  
Thursday 15 October 2009  
at Queen's Hall, Burley in Wharfedale**

Commenced: 7.30pm  
Concluded: 9.35pm

- Chair:** Cllr Keith Dale, Chair, Burley Parish Council  
Ms Chris Flecknoe, Shipley Area Co-ordinator
- Minutes:** Cllr Caroline Jones
- Present:** District Councillor Chris Greaves  
Parish Councillors Keith Dale, Kath Forrest, John Horton, Peter Jenkins, Peter Riley, Sylvia Tilford and Mike Walker and about 58 members of the public. 10 people indicated that this was the first time they had attended a Neighbourhood Forum in Burley.
- F17/0910      **Apologies for absence****  
District Councillors Dale and Palmer, Jo Griffiths, Judith Sayer and Sheila Clarke
- F18/0910      **Welcome and introductions****  
Cllr Keith Dale welcomed everyone, opened the meeting and made the introductions.
- F19/0910      **Portrait of Sir William Watson****  
This has been kindly donated by an art dealer in London. The picture was shown to the forum. Sir William Watson was a poet born in Peel Place Burley in Wharfedale in 1858. The parish council was most pleased to receive this gift. There is a plaque to him on the outside of the Queen's Hall.
- F20/0910      **Minutes of the last Neighbourhood Forum****  
The minutes of the meeting of the 18 June were accepted as a true and accurate record.
- F21/0910      **Matters arising****  
There were no matters arising that were not already on the feedback sheets or agenda.
- F22/0910      **PACT (Police and Community Together)****  
Inspector Susan Sanderson of Wharfedale & Craven Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) offered an update on local policing issues. Copies of the NPT newsletter were circulated and regular updates could be found on the NPT website. PACT will use the Neighbourhood Forums along with police surgeries is used to determine the priorities of the police. Last month speeding was the priority and a great many speed watch exercises have been carried out by PCSO Andy Wade. This continues to be a priority in October along with parking on pavements. Parking on yellow lines is no longer a police matter, but parking where it causes an obstruction is. The police are taking a pragmatic approach to this and parking on the edge of a pavement may be permissible where there is still room for a motorised wheelchair or a double buggy to pass.  
With the dark nights drawing in more officers are going to be deployed – there is often a rise in house breaking at this time.  
Extra officers are also being deployed on alcohol awareness.  
Inspector Sanderson reminded the meeting that Police Community Support

Officers (PCSOs) were the most visible policing in Burley. Speeding is tackled through Community Speedwatch and Inspector Sanderson appealed for additional volunteers to take part in the programme. Inspector Sanderson reminded those at the meeting that Burley remained a low crime area but that the police were working to reduce the crime figures even further.

Inspector Sanderson answered questions; There was a question about the 20mph speed limit on Langford Lane – could Speedwatch be deployed here. It was explained that 20mph areas are supposed to be self-enforcing as the equipment can be unreliable at low speeds. It was agreed that Andy Wade would look at it. A concern was raised about parents dropping children off at Burley Oaks and letting them out of the cars into the road. The forum was informed that parents are requested on a termly basis to take care in parking and manoeuvring around the school, being considerate to the neighbours and to stick to the voluntary one-way system.

Cllr. Greaves pointed out that in addition to parking, creeping shrubbery was a cause for the narrowing of pavements – this should be cut back to the edge. There was also a plea that shrubbery should also be cut back to accommodate tall people.

Chris Flecknoe said that there would soon be 2 Neighbourhood wardens patrolling the area and paying particular attention to environmental matters – littering – overhanging shrubbery etc.

#### **F23/0910**

##### **Bonfire**

Annette Hattersley made a plea for more volunteers to act as stewards and man the stalls, so that the Scouts and Guides bonfire could be held again next year. There is shortly to be a meeting – for further information on that and to call for those wishing to volunteer please phone Annette on 862090. The Youth Service asked if young people could help – Annette said that it might be possible for them to run some stalls.

#### **F24/0910**

##### **Burley House Field**

The Burley House Field has at last been granted village green status. All residents had received a booklet written by John Gundry relating the whole 15 year saga. Village Green status means that recreation is permitted, it may not be built on, and agriculture (as in crops) can not take place. It may be possible for animals to be grazed. This is forever – unless an act of parliament changes the law.

John Gundry said that it needed to be brought back into a good state, some trees are very old and some had fallen down. The ha-ha is full of nettles and brambles. The drainage and the entrances need to be improved. The bridge in the middle is in need of repair.

Suggestions came from the floor:

The trees should be surveyed – to discover what is there and what should be replaced.

An archaeological survey should be carried out with particular reference to the ha-has and the sluice etc. It was suggested that the Archaeological Service would carry out such a survey.

A community orchard.

No animals should be allowed.

Not cows as can be quite dangerous around dogs.

Animals should be allowed to graze to keep the grass down as mowing leaves a carbon footprint.

Sheep should be allowed – but dogs might chase them – harder to contain.

The beck should be used to generate electricity.

It was said that an income of £500-£600 a year could be generated by letting it for animal grazing.

Cllr. Greaves said that the ward councillors would be pleased to put some of the airport money towards any capital projects that might be needed.

A vote of thanks was offered to John Gundry for his sterling and tenacious work over many years to save the field for the village.

**F25/0910**

### **Youth Services**

Helen Rowe, Pete Sims and Anthony Casson from the Youth Service, along with a number of young people from the village were present. It was explained that there have been four detached youth workers working in Burley in Wharfedale since June 2009. Fifteen to twenty young people meet 3 or 4 times a week. The young people did a presentation about some of the activities that they had got up to over the summer; dance and drumming workshops, water sports, orienteering, kayaking and raft building and a walk up Ingleborough. These activities had served to build their confidence; they had written to B.M.D.C. regarding some problems with the skate board park. They are also in the process of raising funds and planning a Christmas party and a Three Peaks walk.

Q. From the floor asking what had happened to the computers in the John Squire room that had been installed for the youth club –

A. They had been damaged beyond repair some time ago.

Sue Morrow from the Early Years and Child Care Service gave an update on the Children's Centre. A range of services from ante-natal to four years old is to be offered at Kirklands in Menston. The building work is to start in November. A local worker will make links through the Parish Centre on Station Road.

**F26/0910**

### **Report on Burley Summer Festival**

The suggestion for a summer festival had been raised at the forum meeting one year ago. At the end of August there was a week of activities, so varied that there was something for everyone. There were indoor and outdoor, low cost and no cost activities. Comments had been sought in the newsletter and many had been sent back. There was a strong sense that it had been enjoyed by many, and that it should become an annual event. It was felt that a great many people had come together for some of the activities. There is to be a meeting on 2 November to start planning for next year. Volunteers were encouraged to attend as many are needed to help and be active and perhaps take responsibility for a particular aspect. We would especially like more young people to be involved.

Thanks were given to all those who had offered events or financial support, Malcolm Fisher for his very effective work on the website, the festival committee and every one who came along to an event.

**F27/0910**

### **Accessibility Survey**

Forms had been handed out for the survey which is assessing the accessibility of various services to different areas. It is not just about transport to a required service, in some cases it might be more effective to bring a service to the different locations e.g. mobile library. The Parish Council had returned a generic form for Burley in Wharfedale, but every one was invited to submit comments.

Comments from the floor:

Currently the Coronation Hospital is very convenient for the station and buses; if it is to be relocated it would be as well to consider transport accessibility as a

high priority.

Accessing Airedale Hospital is problematic. There was a long overdue need for a walkway from Steeton station.

**F28/0910**

**Burley in Wharfedale Community Trust**

Nicola Swann said that the A.G.M. will be on 12 December for members of the Trust. Copies of the draft accounts had been distributed. Bill Howson's report was presented to the forum as follows;

The Community Trust has enjoyed a good year throughout 2008-2009; we have spent more money in comparison to recent previous years and our membership is up by 25%. This does however represent only a small amount of Burley residents and we are always keen to recruit more; the annual subscription is just £5. The cost of maintaining our assets, paying utility bills, and continuing to promote events is ever increasing.

The Committee of Trustees periodically experiences change in its numbers so we are also keen to recruit more people to join the Committee. If any member of the Trust wishes to make this move, please make contact.

The responsibilities of the Trust and the work undertaken by the Trust is dependent wholly on the support of the people of Burley, through their annual subscriptions, individual donations and the generosity of the Parish Council and the Chamber of Trade. We would like to record particular thanks for the generous legacy the Trust has received from Dorothy Southon and the collection from the recent funeral of Jean Stewart.

Having said we had a good year, there was a slight hiccup right at the beginning with some of the roofing lead taken from the Round House for the second time in two years. It is a Grade 2 listed building and as such the roofing lead has to be replaced with the same material.

The Christmas lights of 2008 proved to be a success again despite changes having to be made following the installation of new street lighting in the village. Our thanks go to Tom Sumner and all his many helpers for a magnificent display.

The hanging baskets throughout the village were a new initiative for the Trust and many people throughout the community have commented on this positive move. We hope this will become an annual feature.

The Duck Race for 2009 proved to be the most successful yet with all the available 'ducks' being sold. We were blessed with good weather and our thanks once again to Tom Sumner for this and also for arranging and watering the hanging baskets.

This summer saw the first of the Burley Festivals and the Trust, in wishing to support this event, contributed to the cost of publishing the Programme.

This year we have also made a contribution to the 1st Burley-in-Wharfedale Guides to enable them to participate in the forthcoming Centenary Camp at Broughton Hall taking place in 2010. We wish them a successful camp.

The [Burley-in-Wharfedale.org.uk](http://Burley-in-Wharfedale.org.uk) website continues to grow in popularity, especially during the festival, and as always, please do remember to make sure local events get on there. Malcolm Fisher and his team do a splendid job.

Our Monthly Coffee Mornings, on the third Saturday of each month in the Parish Rooms, continue to be a favourite venue for many locals. At this time the draw for the Trust's '100 Club' is made. This provides three prizes a month and larger amounts in December. We are currently short of the 100 so anyone who wishes to join, please contact a member of the Committee – just £12 per year.

The Round House coffee mornings continue during each week and we thank Pauline Beeson and the many other helpers who make this possible. Thank you for your continued support.

Bill Howson and Sylvia Tilford are standing down from the committee at the A.G.M.

**F29/0910**

**Parish Council Update**

The most recent newsletter had been in full colour and had been well received. The forum was informed that the Parish Council had requested a meeting with B.M.D.C. regarding the management of the Burley House field – Bradford Council will continue to own the field. The Parish Council are taking legal advice on this matter.

The shelter in the park is to be repainted.

Requests for additional dropped kerbs have been submitted to Bradford.

Remembrance Day service is to be held at St Mary's Parish Church on 8 November at 10.45 a.m.

The village green tidy-up is on 31 October – meet at 10.a.m. More volunteers are always welcome.

A lady from the village with years of experience is offering to help any adult in need of help with literacy – if anyone is in need of such help she may be contacted via Dennis Warwick.

**F30/0910**

**June Neighbourhood Forum Feedback**

Chris Flecknoe indicated that the answers to many of the issues raised were provided on the report back sheets that had been distributed. She highlighted that the nominations were open for the Community Heroes awards. SCAPAG – the committee where community representatives meet with the district councillors has a vacancy for a Neighbourhood Forum representative – see Chris Flecknoe for further information.

**F31/0910**

**Any Other Business**

Chris Flecknoe is now the co-ordinator for the constituency. She was pleased to introduce Michael Churley who will be the Ward Co-ordinator for Wharfedale and Baildon. The forum welcomed him and thanked Chris for all her work over many years. Thank you.

**F32/0910**

**Date of the next meeting:  
Neighbourhood Forum - Thursday 21 January 2010, 7.30pm at Queen's Hall**