

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on **Thursday 14th January 2010**
in **The John Squire Room, Queen's Hall, Burley in Wharfedale**

Commenced: 7.30pm
Concluded: 9.40pm

Present: Cllr. Keith Dale (Chair for part of the meeting)
Cllr. Kath Forrest
Cllr. John Horton
Cllr. Peter Jenkins (Chair for part of the meeting)
Cllr. Caroline Jones
Cllr. Matt Palmer
Cllr. Peter Riley

Clerk: Mrs Jo Griffiths

180/0910 Chair's remarks

Cllr Dale opened the meeting and welcomed those attending. Good wishes for the New Year were offered.

181/0910 To receive any apologies for absence

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

182/0910 To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr Jones declared an interest in the consultation on admission numbers to Burley Oaks Primary School as it is her place of work. Cllr Palmer declared an interest in the item regarding Burley Oaks Primary School as a member of the district council carrying out the consultation.

183/0910 Public Participation

None.

184/0910 Minutes of the previous meeting

Proposed by Cllr Riley

Seconded by Cllr Jones

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 10th December 2009 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

185/0910 To receive minutes of the Planning Committee

A copy of the minutes from the planning committee meetings on 7th & 21st December 2009 were received.

186/0910 Minutes received from other organisations

- Minutes of Burley Community Council meeting 18th November 2009

187/0910 Update from Neighbourhood Policing Team

PC Southgate circulated copies of the latest Neighbourhood Policing Team newsletter.

Priorities for the NPT during January remained to carry out regular speedwatch exercises in the village and to address the issue of vehicles obstructing pavements.

PC Southgate reported on the crime figures for Burley during December and offered information on a recent initiative to carry out checks on hackney carriage and private hire vehicles in the area.

Cllr Jones enquired about CRB checks for taxi drivers and was advised that this is dealt with by Bradford Council. The clerk was asked to write to Bradford Council to find out what checks were made to ensure that those being granted licenses did not have convictions for offences that might make them unsuitable for the role.

Cllr Palmer requested that further speed check exercises are carried out on Moor Lane particularly during the morning and evening commuter periods and during school drop off and pick up times.

PC Southgate advised that since November 2009 there had been seven incidents around the railway station of a man flashing at young women. The NPT and CID were conducting an operation in this area and advice had been given to young people in the area in regard to their safety.

188/0910

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that she had responded on the council's behalf to the consultations on: Coronation Hospital, Ilkley; Education Services Review and the school for children with emotional, social and behavioural problems.

Following on from the last meeting the clerk had requested a copy of the gritting routes for Burley from Streetscene officers at Bradford Council but had not received them. The clerk had forwarded copies to councillors of the guidance regarding gritting in the district and the clerk would have this posted on the Burley website as it gave a good explanation of the district council's position re: gritting.

The latest newsletter was being distributed around the village. Further quotes had been received for printing costs and these would be reviewed.

The clerk was waiting for information from councillors regarding the Community Heroes Scheme and nominations by the Parish Council. Councillors would liaise with the clerk on this matter.

All clerks in the Bradford District have been invited to a meeting with Suzan Hemingway, City Solicitor to discuss how the Standards Committee could most effectively assist parish councils. The clerk asked councillors to contact her if they had any points they wished her to raise at the meeting.

189/0910

Burley House Field

The clerk reported that she had not any information from Asset Management other than a response to say that the officer had not yet spoken to Mr Bell. Cllr Palmer asked the clerk to forward details to him and he would take it up with officers in Asset Management.

190/0910

Parish Council Budget

Councillors received a copy of the proposed budget for 2010-11. The budget had been compiled by the finance working group comprising Cllrs Walker, Dale, Jones and the clerk. After discussion it was

Proposed by Cllr Jones

Seconded by Cllr Jenkins

to adopt the budget for 2010-11 and raise a precept of £26,341 which amounted to £9.03 per band D household in Burley.

191/0910

Street Lighting & Snickets

In the absence of Cllr Tilford this item was deferred until the next meeting.

192/0910

Consultation on admission numbers to Burley Oaks Primary School

Bradford Council was consulting on a proposal to increase the admission number at Burley Oaks Primary School from 45 to 60. The Parish Council was being asked to comment on the proposal by the end of February.

Cllr Jones advised that the Head and Governors of Burley Oaks are opposed to the increase as they do not believe that there is a need for a long term increase in admission numbers based on the information available. The school had already accommodated the exceptionally large numbers in the current Reception class and proposed to do so next year in the same manner. The expected surfeit of places in future years caused by an increase in the admission number would have negative financial implications for the school. It was understood that the Head of Burley and Woodhead Primary School was also opposed to an increase in numbers at Burley Oaks.

Cllr Palmer indicated that he was in favour of an increase in the admission number to guarantee all local children a place at a village school.

Councillors discussed the pupil forecasts for the coming years, the impact on both village schools of the change as well as the impact of families on uncertainty over school places.

Cllr Dale left the meeting at this point as he was unwell and unable to continue with the meeting.

193/0910

Election of Chair for the remainder of the meeting

Proposed by Cllr Riley

Seconded by Cllr Palmer

RESOLVED to elect Cllr Jenkins as Chair of the meeting.

194/0910

Consultation on admission numbers to Burley Oaks Primary School (continued)

Cllr Jenkins resumed the meeting.

Councillors agreed that they required further information before making a response to the consultation. The clerk was asked to write to the Heads of both village primary schools to ask for their views. It was also agreed to seek wider public consultation through the village website and via the Neighbourhood Forum. The information would then be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council and a recommendation forwarded to Bradford Council.

195/0910

Save Our Stones

Cllr Palmer reported that he had received a large number of documents relating to the Stones and their history from Bradford Council officers. The documents would be held in the Parish Council office and residents or councillors were able to view them by prior arrangement with the clerk.

Cllr Palmer reported that he was seeking guidance from Legal Services at Bradford Council on what injunctions existed regarding the stones.

The clerk reported that she had received information regarding the Rights of Way over the river from officers at Bradford Council. It had not been necessary to contact the Ramblers Association as the information from Bradford Council had been sufficient.

Cllr Forrest would provide contact details for the Anglers Club so that polite enquiries could be made by the Parish Council as to what works had been carried out recently and were planned for the area around the stones.

196/0910

Community Clean-Up Fund 2010

Councillors discussed the Community Clean-Up Fund and it was agreed that at the present time they did not wish to apply.

- 197/0910 Updated guidance from Department Of Transport on setting local speed limits**
Councillors had received the guidance and this was noted. It was agreed that the information would be useful if further discussion of 20mph speed limits around Burley was raised.
- 198/0910 Parish Council's Awards Scheme**
One application had been received to the scheme:
- Burley in Wharfedale District Probus Club**
The club had applied for £500 to purchase a digital projector
Proposed by Cllr Palmer
Seconded by Cllr Forrest
RESOLVED to award £500 to Burley in Wharfedale District Probus Club
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 19
- 199/0910 Parish Plan Update**
Councillors discussed updates and additions to Section C – Leisure and Recreation of the plan. Cllr Jenkins would incorporate the changes.
- 200/0910 Reports from councillors on other meetings attended**
Cllr Forrest had attended a meeting of West Yorkshire Metro and an item had been placed in the newsletter asking anyone with problems to contact her.
- 201/0910 Reports from councillors on enquiries or concerns forwarded by residents**
Councillors reported widespread concerns and enquiries about gritting.
Cllr Horton had been contacted about the uneven payments around the village centre shops. He would assess the situation and report back at the next meeting.
Cllr Riley had been contacted about over-flying by planes taking shortcuts across Burley.
- 202/0910 Correspondence – to note (all available from the Parish Clerk):**
- Agenda for Meeting of Wharfedale Activity Group – 17th December 2009
 - Rural Matters Newsletter – December 2009
 - Letter from YLCA advising that the increase in cost of subscriptions for 2010-11 will be larger than normal
 - Information on the Lord Mayor's Appeal 2009-10 and forthcoming events
 - Register of electors 2010-01-06
 - Burley & District Chamber of Trade Newsletter December 2009
 - Information from YLCA on plans for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012
- 203/0910 Schedule of Payments**
The revised schedule was circulated
Proposed by Cllr Riley
Seconded by Cllr Forrest
RESOLVED that the revised schedule of payments be accepted for payment.
- 204/0910 Minor items for action by the clerk between meetings and items for the next agenda**
Cllr Palmer advised that proposals for traffic calming measures on Moor Lane would shortly be available to review.
Airedale NHS Trust is looking for members and a governor for the Wharfedale area.

205/0910

Date and time of next meetings

- 11th February & 11th March 2010 – Full Council
- 1st & 22nd February 2010 – Planning Committee
- 21st January 2010 – Neighbourhood Forum