

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Maintenance & Allotments Committee
held on Monday 1st March 2010
in the John Squire Room, Queen's Hall

Commenced: 7.30pm
Concluded: 8.45pm

Present: Cllr. Sylvia Tilford (Chair)
Cllr. Keith Dale
Cllr. John Horton
Cllr. Caroline Jones

Clerk: Mrs J Griffiths

M80/0910 Chair's Remarks

Cllr Tilford opened the meeting and offered a welcome to those attending.

M81/0910 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Riley, Walker, Forrest, Pete Burnell and Juliette Newsham.

M82/0910 To receive any disclosures of interest

None

M83/0910 Public Participation

None.

M84/0910 Minutes of the previous meeting

Proposed by Cllr Dale

Seconded by Cllr Jones

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 30th November 2009 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

M85/0910 Clerk's Report

The clerk reported on the level of the water charge in relation to the costs.

Councillors asked the clerk to bring a proposal to the next meeting for a reduction in the water charge.

The Village Green management statement was on the village website and would be posted on the notice board on the green.

The council's solicitor had confirmed that the transfer of the allotments was progressing.

The clerk had contacted Drainage Officers at Bradford Council regarding issues on the Prospect Road and Aireville Terrace allotment sites. A response had not yet been received.

The clerk had been contacted by someone who wished to shoot rabbits on the allotments. The clerk had put him in touch with the Secretary of the East End Allotments as it was believed this is where the warren is sited.

M86/0910 Village Green

Cllr Tilford reported that the Village Green maintenance group continued to meet on the last Saturday of the month.

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The water feature is currently turned off as there was a problem. Perhaps caused by the work being carried out by contractors working on Lewis Buildings. The water feature would switch to summer running hours from later this month.

Proposed by Cllr Tilford

Seconded by Cllr Jones

RESOLVED that the following purchases be made from the maintenance budget: streamside plants for along the beck, some gravel for the small garden behind the church and a measure for use on the allotments.

The committee noted that BMDC had planted replacement trees on the Village Green.

M87/0910 Prospect Road Allotments

A tree had been reported as intrusive on plot 18. Cllr Tilford had viewed the site and confirmed that it was potentially a problem. There are also some trees that are casting shade over plots 17 and 17a. The boundary between the allotments and the East End allotments is not clear and the clerk was asked to communicate with the East End Allotment Society to determine whose responsibility the trees are.

Once the ground had warmed up Cllr Tilford would take round the allotments signs.

M88/0910 Aireville Terrace Allotments

One of the vacant plots had been let but the second plot was proving difficult to let. The committee agreed as a gesture of goodwill they would not charge rent on these plots for the next year.

M89/0910 Oak Avenue Allotments

One of the full plots on this site had been surrendered and the committee agreed to split it into two half plots.

M90/0910 Allotments on Burley Oaks Primary School Playing Field

There was no further update on this project.

A letter had been sent to the owners of a field near the River Wharfe enquiring if it could be made available as temporary allotments. The council's request to lease the land for this purpose had been declined.

M91/0910 Meeting with the Allotment Holders

It was noted that attendance at the meeting of allotment holders on 4th February 2010 had been disappointing.

It had been useful for new tenants to meet some of the more experienced plot holders and some issues had been addressed. The value of future meetings was discussed.

M92/0910 Burley Village Wildlife Group

Cllr Riley had sent apologies but provided the following update:

The application for Sun Lane Nature Reserve to be designated a Local Nature Reserve was being considered by Bradford Council on 11th March. The District Councillors had been asked to support this.

Cllr Riley had spoken to Ian Wood and his team at Bradford Council regarding cutting regimes for the by-pass verges and roundabouts. He had also spoken to the new manager at the Generous Pioneer re: cutting outside the pub.

A future issue of Bradford Council's Community Pride would feature an article on the roundabouts and verges in Burley.

M93/0910 Next meeting

The next meeting of the Maintenance & Allotments Committee would be on Monday 17th May 2010 in the John Squire Room, Queen's Hall.

M94/0910 Minor items and items for the next agenda

The committee noted the appointment of Neighbourhood Wardens and would be pleased to work with them.

A village clean up was proposed for 7th May. Subject to the necessary written permission being given this would include the railway station. A notice asking for volunteers would be placed in the village newsletter and on the village website. The clerk was aware that one of the Guides groups in the village was bidding for money from Shipley Area Committee to run an initiative on 'cleaning up after your dog'.