

# BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

*Elected to represent the residents of Burley-in-Wharfedale, Stead and Burley Woodhead.*

## Newsletter No 1

**October 2006**

### Introduction

This is the first issue of the Burley Parish Council Newsletter. It will be produced 4 times a year and will replace the Burley Bulletin which was delivered to all households in Burley. We would very much like to receive comments on the newsletter. Suggestions of what you would like to see in it, and suitable contributions, would be welcomed.

The new Council was elected in May and began work immediately. In its first four months the activities of the Council have been guided by the Parish Plan. We have also looked at and commented on more than 50 planning applications. In addition we have had to deal with a number of important issues including, of course, the closure of the Grange. More details on these activities are included in the newsletter.

The Full Council meets on the second Thursday of the month followed by a Planning Committee Meeting. A second Planning Meeting takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in the month. The agendas for meetings are posted in the library and on the Burley website. Residents are very welcome to attend meetings and there is a slot in the full council meetings for public participation. If there is any way that the Council, or any of us, can be of help please contact us.

### How to contact your council

Our Parish Clerk is available on Tuesday mornings from 10.00am to 12.00pm in Open Door, 1 Grange Rd. At other times messages can be left on the telephone number provided.

### Members of the Council

<i>Caroline Jones, Chair</i>	863857
<i>Sylvia Tilford., Vice Chair</i>	863218
<i>Keith Dale</i>	862662
<i>Kathryn Forrest</i>	864097
<i>John Horton</i>	863438
<i>Peter Jenkins</i>	863131
<i>Matt Palmer</i>	863790
<i>Peter Riley</i>	862916
<i>Mike Walker</i>	862376

**Parish Clerk: 07971 772181**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Full Council Meetings: all meetings at 7.30pm

October 12	Parish Room
November 9	Parish Room
December 14	Parish Room

#### Planning Meetings: all meetings at 7.30pm

October 12 and 26	Parish Room
November 9 and 23	Parish Room
December 14 and 28	Parish Room

#### Neighbourhood Forum Meetings: 7.30pm

October 19	Queen's Hall
January 18	Queen's Hall
June 21	Queen's Hall

#### Help Wanted.

Have you a little time to spare? The new police contact point in the Queen's Hall is looking for volunteers to staff it. If interested please contact the Parish Clerk for more information and come to the next Neighbourhood Forum meeting for more details.

## **Current Issue: Burley Grange**

There was widespread consternation at the announcement by Bradford College that it was to close the Grange for adult education and run most classes from Bridge House in Ilkley. At the same time there was to be a significant cutback in classes as a result of Government funding decisions on adult education. No consultation took place in the village prior to the announcement. The Grange is a popular location for activities in the village and there was immediate action to persuade Bradford College to rethink its decision. Cllr Matt Palmer initiated communication with the college and drew up a petition against closure which was signed by more than 1300 people. A special Neighbourhood Forum Meeting was organized and attended by senior members of the college and 150 local people. The college was left in no doubt about the unpopularity of its decision. Regrettably the decision was not changed and the building is closed. The Parish Council is fully aware of the strong wishes in the village to retain this important building for the community. A working group has been set up to consider the feasibility of acquiring the Grange for a range of activities, including adult education. Please come along to the Neighbourhood Forum on October 19<sup>th</sup> and contribute your ideas. If you have expertise which would be helpful to the working group, or any ideas that you would like the working group to consider, please contact the Chair or Vice-Chair or the Parish Clerk.

## **Ongoing Activities**

The Minutes of meetings, posted in the Library, on village notice-boards and on the website, give the full flavour of our activities. In each newsletter specific activities will be highlighted. In this issue we comment on the Parish Plan and work on Planning Applications.

## **The Parish Plan**

The Plan was developed by Burley Community Council with the participation of residents of Burley-in-Wharfedale and Burley Woodhead. The Plan provides direction for the Parish Council and becomes vital supporting evidence in seeking financial and other support from the District Council and elsewhere. Every household received a summary in June 2005 and the full version is available from councillors, the Parish Clerk, from the library and the website, burley-in-wharfedale-org (follow the links to Parish Council and Parish Plan). Residents will probably be most interested in the 6 action plans dealing with issues relating to:

- Traffic and parking
- Environment
- Leisure
- Tackling crime
- Public transport
- Community

These are updated on a rolling programme recording progress on individual issues and adding new ones as they arise. An archive page has been created on the website to list completed issues such as the repair to the Queen's Hall clock. Peter Jenkins manages the process of updating the Plan.

## **Planning applications**

The Council comments on all applications made from the village and makes recommendations to the Shipley Planning Committee where final decisions are made. In making recommendations the Council CAN only take certain issues into account:

- Unitary Development Plan
- Government Planning Policy Guidelines
- Case law
- Supplementary Planning Policy Guidance
- Impact on trees, listed buildings and conservation areas.
- Human rights

It **CANNOT** take into account:

- Private rights such as restrictive covenants
- Private rights of ways and rights to light
- Ownership of land
- Boundary or access disputes
- Nuisance caused by building work
- Speculation about future developments
- Reputation of applicant/developer
- Morality or personal opinion
- Matters covered by other legislation
- Loss of a view

## **BURLEY-IN-WHARFEDALE COMMUNITY TRUST**

The Registered Charity serving the community of Burley and Burley Woodhead

### **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

The AGM of the Charitable trust will be held as part of the Forum meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October. The Trust owns the Mill Pond and the Scalebor Sports Pavilion, and manages the Pudding Tree Garden on behalf of the village community. The Burley Christmas Lights will be a Trust project this year. The accounts for the year to September 2006 will be presented for approval and a short report will be given on the last year's activities. If you are not a member please join the Trust by completing the form below.

## **BURLEY IN WHARFEDALE COMMUNITY TRUST**

Registered Charity 1098871

Membership of the Trust is available to all residents at only £4 for each year, from June 2006, **OR** £100 Life Membership.

**If you have not already done so, please support the Trust by becoming a member**

The Trust will be able to reclaim income tax on your annual subscription, and on any donations if you tick the box below and sign the form

Name----- Address-----Post code -----

I enclose my annual membership of £4 per person (& optional donation!)

OR I enclose my Life Membership fee of £100 per person

**Amount paid: £ -----**

Please send me a Standing Order form for future subscriptions

Signed ----- No of subscriptions on this form-----

I pay UK tax and agree that application for repayment of tax can be made under the Gift Aid scheme

Forms for other household members and friends are available from Clive Myatt – call 865405 or e mail [clive\\_myatt@yahoo.com](mailto:clive_myatt@yahoo.com)

**Please send subscriptions (payable to Burley-in-Wharfedale Community Trust) and signed forms to Clive Myatt, 13 Heather Rise, Burley- in- Wharfedale**

It would be appreciated if you enclosed a SAE with this form – **Thanks**

**BRADFORD MDC and SHIPLEY AREA COMMITTEE,  
together with BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

***NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MEETING***

**Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 in the Queen's Hall**

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Welcome and introductions
3. Minutes of the last Forum meeting on Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2006
4. Matters arising
5. Police matters: PC Stuart Hudson
6. Yorkshire Water – update on work in the village
7. Parish Council update
8. Burley Grange
9. Burley-in-Wharfedale Community Trust AGM
10. Neighbourhood Forum Report Back
11. Bus shelters consultation
12. Parking review – your ideas about priorities will be sought
13. Open Forum
14. Burley Wildlife Group
15. Any other business
16. Date of the next Neighbourhood Forum meeting: **Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30 in the Queen's Hall

**COME ALONG AND HAVE YOUR SAY**