

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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Introduction

Time has come for yet another newsletter. The work of the Parish Council continues in many areas. We are still in the process of negotiating the lease on the Burley House Field, and as we go to press our proposals for the Grange are under consideration by Bradford College. You may have noticed that the Parish Council published a notice in the Ilkley Gazette, as we were required by law to do, indicating that we have adopted a new code of conduct. It is evident from some of the comments that we occasionally receive that some people are under the impression that parish councillors are paid for what we do. This is not the case. Travelling expenses for meetings outside the parish is all the remuneration we receive. Similarly, with the exception of the allotments the Parish Council does not have any assets. We hope to have a more permanent base, but in the meantime we are grateful to the St Mary's Parish Centre for allowing us to hold some meetings and the 'surgeries' on a Tuesday morning there. We have held a number of the Council meetings in the Round House but we are very aware that this is not always a big enough venue, hence the occasional move to the Queen's Hall. Agendas are published in the notice boards, library and on the website and we hope that this enables all who may wish to attend to track us down.

We are intending to produce a new edition of the Burley Handbook next year. We are all aware what an invaluable work this has been since its inception 30 years ago. If any one would like to help in this, has suggestions for additions, would like to place an advertisement or is aware of any information that needs updating please contact Jo to let her know.

As always I wish to thank my fellow councillors and our indefatigable clerk for all their hard work.

*Caroline Jones
Chairman, Burley Parish Council*

Neighbourhood Forum

The next Neighbourhood Forum is Thursday 18th October 2007 at the Queens Hall, Burley from 7.30pm. This is your chance to find out about projects and plans for Burley and to give your views and opinions on any local issues to representatives of Bradford Council and your Parish Council. Included in the next forum will be:

- The Lawn - update and current plans
- Further information on the proposal to generate hydro-electric power on River Wharfe in Burley
- The Grange - update
- Neighbourhood Police Officer - PC Stuart Hudson answering questions and responding to local concerns
- Open Forum for YOU to raise issues and make suggestions



The Burley in Wharfedale Scout Group will be hosting a bonfire and firework display on Saturday 3rd November. Starting at 6.30pm on the field outside the Scout Hut on Peel Place the bonfire will be lit at 7pm with fireworks at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Please note that the Fireworks Regulations of 2004 prohibit the use of fireworks after 11pm at night, unless at organised events or on a permitted fireworks night:

- 11pm to midnight on 5th November
- 11pm to 1am on Chinese New Year
- 11pm to 1am on Diwali
- 11pm to 1am on 31st December

Police Surgeries

Date	Time	Venue
5 th October	3pm	Burley Woodhead School
11 th October	10.30-11.30am	Burley Library
29 th October	10.30-11.30am	Co-op, Station Road, Burley
2 nd November	3pm	Burley Oaks School
12 th November	3pm	Burley Woodhead School
26 th November	10.30-11.30am	Burley Library

Neighbourhood Policing Officer, PC Stuart Hudson will speak at the Neighbourhood Forum on 18th October about crime and policing issues.

Village Handbook

The village handbook will be completely revised and updated for 2008. Anyone who has corrections, revisions or additions for the handbook is invited to contact the Parish Clerk. Space will be available for local community groups to provide a brief description of their activities and local businesses will be invited to advertise in the handbook.



Bradford Community Housing Trust has recently submitted plans for 19 new units of affordable housing in the village. Four flats on Norwood Avenue on land already owned by BCHT have already been approved. A further fifteen units on the site adjacent to The

Lawn are being considered by the Planning Office and have the strong support of the Parish Council. The main building at The Lawn will be converted to apartments for private sale by BCHT in order to generate funds for the new units. A representative of BCHT will be at the Neighbourhood Forum on 18th October to

display the updated plans for The Lawn. Outline planning permission for a further four units on Norwood Avenue is expected to be re-submitted in the near future.

****Website Committee****

The village website www.burley-in-wharfedale.org is run by a small committee of volunteers. Extra input (not necessarily technical) would be very much appreciated. The committee meets a few times a year to discuss new developments and improvements to the site. If anyone is interested in joining please contact Dennis Warwick on 863019.



Christmas Lights

The annual Christmas market and switch on of the village lights will take place on Saturday 1st December. The Christmas market is organised by the Chamber of Trade and will run from 2pm until 5.30pm with Main Street closed to through traffic.

The Christmas lights are organised and funded by Burley in Wharfedale Community Trust. Each Saturday from 3rd November volunteers will be required to put up lights around the village. New volunteers are needed to assist the current team. No prior experience or skills are required and anyone interested in helping is invited to meet from 9am at the bottom of Station Road.

The lights will be switched on at 4.30pm on 1st December outside The Grange.

Burley Woodhead

The Parish Council would like to hear from anyone resident in Burley Woodhead who would be willing to act as a link person between the residents of Burley Woodhead and the Parish Council. We urgently require the assistance of residents of Burley Woodhead who can deliver a small number of newsletters each quarter.

If you or someone you know require a larger print version of the newsletter please contact the Parish Clerk.

Burley Parish Council - Award Scheme for Voluntary Groups

- Are you a local group or organisation?
- Do you operate in or benefit the people of Burley in Wharfedale, Burley Woodhead or Stead?
- Do you need help in purchasing capital items to run your group or organisation?

If the answer to these questions is YES, then you could apply for a grant from Burley Parish Council.

The new grant scheme is open to non-profit making voluntary organisations where membership is open i.e. no discrimination of membership on grounds of sex, race, religion or opinion.

Grants will normally be made on a one-off basis to cover capital expenditure and will not normally exceed £500.

Any group wishing to apply for a grant will be required to submit an application (available from the Parish Clerk) with details of the amount required and full details on the scheme applied for and the organisation applying.

Awards from the Parish Council may be used to complement other sources of funding e.g. Bradford Council's Community Chest. The Parish Council hopes that all organisations make every effort to be self-supporting and will favour awards to groups that have secured other funding or taken part in other fund-raising activities.

The Parish Council will consider applications four times a year. Applications to be considered for the next round of awards will need to be submitted to the Parish Clerk by 1st January 2008.

If you would like further details on the awards scheme or an application form please contact:

Jo Griffiths (Parish Clerk)

c/o 6 The Copse

Burley in Wharfedale

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Email: parishclerk@burley-in-wharfedale.org

Telephone: 07971 772181

Further details of the Shipley Area Community Chest Grants may be found on the Bradford Council website:

http://www.bradford.gov.uk/life_in_the_community/neighbourhood_forums/shipley_nf/community_chest_awards_shipley/

Neighbourhood Forums

What is a Neighbourhood Forum?

It is an open meeting at which you can:

- Raise questions and propose ways to improve public services in your neighbourhood
- Find out what plans and projects Bradford Council and other organisations have that affect where you live or work
- Meet and get to know other members of your community
- Make suggestions and seek support for improving your neighbourhood

Who goes to a Neighbourhood Forum?

- YOU – Burley residents
- Someone from the Area Co-ordinator's Office who will give information, answer questions and offer you the chance to have your say
- Guest speakers from agencies such as Police, Yorkshire Water and Health Providers
- Representatives of voluntary and community groups working in our neighbourhood
- Local parish and district councillors who want to hear your views and provide information

What things are discussed?

ANY subject of local interest including transport needs, traffic problems, planning issues, community safety and policy, parks and recreation, health services, provision for young people, housing provision and community projects.

Neighbourhood Forums for Burley in Wharfedale are scheduled for:

- Thursday 18th October 2007
- Thursday 17th January 2008
- Thursday 19th June 2008

Waiting List for Allotments

The Parish Council is carrying out a review of the waiting list for allotments. If you have put your name on the waiting list you should have recently received a letter from the Parish Council asking you to confirm your details. Please reply as soon as possible. If you have not heard from the Parish Council please contact the Parish Clerk as soon as possible to ensure that we have your details.

Village Green

Volunteers are still required to assist with the monthly maintenance of the Village Green. Bradford Council cuts the grass on the village green but all further work is the responsibility of the Parish Council and is carried out by volunteers. Between 10am and 12 noon on the last Saturday of the month volunteers meet on the Village Green. Tasks vary according to preference and the season and range from light pruning and weeding to beck clearing and major pruning. The Parish Council was recently awarded funds from Bradford Vision to purchase tools and equipment. The group also carry out maintenance tasks in other areas of the village as required.

Come along and join us for a coffee on 27th October and decide if you'd like to join in. All ages welcome!

How to contact the Parish Council

If you have an enquiry about the work of the Parish Council or wish to raise any matter relating to the Parish please contact the Parish Clerk, Jo Griffiths. Telephone number: 07971 772181 or email: parishclerk@burley-in-wharfedale.org.

Every Tuesday morning from 10am-12noon, Jo or a member of the Parish Council will be available at St Mary's Parish Centre on Station Road to answer any queries you may have.

Burley Parish Council is made up of nine councillors and they may be contacted as follows:

Caroline Jones, Chairman	863857
Sylvia Tilford, Vice Chairman	863218
Keith Dale	862662
Kathryn Forrest	864097
John Horton	863438
Peter Jenkins (Chairman of Planning Committee)	863131
Matt Palmer	863790
Peter Riley	862916
Mike Walker (Chairman of Maintenance And Allotments Committee)	862376