

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Newsletter No 6

Introduction

On behalf of Burley Parish Council, I wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year. At a time for resolutions it is my hope that some of the long running issues can at last be resolved. The future of the Grange is still in the balance, we have been advised that it will be marketed in the New Year and that process may even have been started by the time you receive this newsletter. Our proposals are still on the table, and we will be ensuring that the College considers them along with any other offers they receive. At the time of writing, the lease on Burley House Field has not been resolved, another matter where we are being stymied by others who seem to be moving very slowly.

Work on the 2008 edition of the handbook is commencing in earnest – anyone who wishes to make a contribution or take out an advert – please contact Jo as soon as possible.

The parish councillors look forward to seeing as many people as possible at the Neighbourhood Forum as this is the best opportunity for us to hear your concerns and priorities.

Caroline Jones
Chairman, Burley Parish Council

Saturday Morning Group

We have been very pleased to welcome new volunteers to the working groups on the Village Green on the last Saturday of the month. We thank them for their efforts and were delighted to welcome new village residents. This has enabled us to start work on new tasks especially the small triangle of land close to St Mary's that is very overgrown. The more volunteers we have the more we can do, so please come and join us. We will not be meeting on the last Saturday in December but will be there as usual on the last Saturday in January.

January 2008

Neighbourhood Forum

The next Neighbourhood Forum is on Thursday 17th January 2008 at the Queens Hall, Burley at 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:

- **Local secondary education provision:** Gillian James, Headteacher will provide information about **Ilkley Grammar School** and its relationship with the community of Burley. Nina Mewse, Principal Research and School Planning Officer at **Education Bradford** will outline the process and criteria for the allocation of school places
- **Crime & Policing Issues:** Neighbourhood Police Officer, PC Stuart Hudson will be answering questions and responding to local concerns
- **Flood risks and protection:** Tony Poole, Principal Drainage Engineer for Bradford Council will discuss issues affecting the village
- **Open Forum** for YOU to raise issues and make suggestions
- Update from the **Parish Council** including the latest on Burley Grange & Burley House Field
- Feedback on issues raised at previous Neighbourhood Forums including **local traffic scheme proposals**

Fair Trade

You may have noticed in the local press, that the Parish Council voted to support Fair Trade in Burley in Wharfedale.

In order for Burley to be designated a Fair Trade village it must meet a number of criteria. The village already meets some of the requirements. A small group will be established to ensure that the remaining targets are met. Led by Mary Wood with Cllr Keith Dale as the Parish Council's representative on the group they will also promote Fair Trade to an extended range of businesses and organisations within the village. The group will shortly be holding their first meeting and if anyone is interested in joining this group or would like further information please contact Cllr Keith Dale on 862662.

Police Surgeries

Date	Time	Venue
2 nd January	9.30-10.30am	Co-op, Station Road, Burley
10 th January	11.30am-12.30 pm	Burley Library
18 th January	3-4pm	Burley Woodhead School
25 th January	3pm	Burley Oaks School
8 th February	3.30-4.30pm	Burley Library
14 th February	6.30-7.30pm	Contact Point, Queen's Hall
25 th February	3-4pm	Burley Woodhead School
13 th March	3.30-4.30pm	Burley Library
17 th March	10.30-11.30am	Co-op, Station Road, Burley

The Police Contact Point at Queen's Hall is now open and manned by volunteers and members of the local Neighbourhood Policing Team. Full details of opening times can be found at Queen's Hall.

Neighbourhood Policing Officer, PC Stuart Hudson will speak at the Neighbourhood Forum on 17th January about crime and policing issues. PC Hudson will also be available to answer queries on local issues and concerns.



Bradford Community Housing Trust came to the last Neighbourhood Forum to outline its latest scheme for The Lawn. Due to local objections and concerns from

Planning Officers at Bradford Council the Housing Trust recently withdrew its application pending further negotiations. The Parish Council very much hopes that a revised plan will be submitted shortly so that at long last work may start on renovating this neglected village building and increasing the affordable housing stock.

Occasional snippets from the strange world of planning regulation: Fences, gates and garden walls

It is necessary to apply for planning permission to erect or add to a fence, wall or gate in the following circumstances:

- if it would be over 1m high and next to a highway used by vehicles (or the footpath of such a highway); or over 2m high elsewhere;
- if your right to put up or alter fences, walls and gates is removed by the Council (most common in a conservation area);
- if there are conditions restricting fences and walls attached to any planning permission you may have received;
- your house is a listed building or in the curtilage of a listed building.

In a conservation area it is also worth noting that you might need consent to take down a fence, wall or gate.

Disclaimer: this is for general information only and is not to be taken as definitive for any particular case.

Burley in Wharfedale Community Trust

Burley in Wharfedale Community Trust is seeking additional trustees to join its committee, the next meeting of which is in January 2008. Please contact Bruce Speed on 862273, or by e-mail at brucespeed@waitrose.com.

Bereavement Care in Menston and Burley

Menston and Burley Bereavement Care Group was formed 5 years ago with the encouragement of Churches Together. Members of the clergy have informed the Group when they have taken a funeral and have given the nearest relative a short introduction to the service. This has been followed up by a telephone call and a visit if the person would like one. Some individuals have heard of the Group and approached the service directly.

Now the Group would like to reach out to people who:

- are not linked to the churches in the villages for whatever reason
- live in the villages but have lost someone close to them who lived elsewhere
- have struggled with grief for some months or years but have not known where to go to find help

Anyone may benefit from being able to share their grief confidentially with someone who understands, and has knowledge of the services that may be able to assist them. The only criterion for help is to be a resident of Burley or Menston. The opening of Cornerstones by the Methodist church in Menston and St Mary's Parish Centre, Burley, gives the opportunity to offer a place where contact can be made each Tuesday.

Menston: Cornerstones 10am - noon

or ring Janet at 872320 or Margaret at 872807

Burley: contact Richard at the Parish Centre 2.30pm - 4pm every Tuesday
or ring him 07511 752057 or 862602.

Please help by bringing this service to the attention of anyone who you think may benefit from it. We do not ask you to breach confidentiality, but a person is not able to approach us unless they know of the help we are able to offer, or the guidance we can give to obtain further assistance.

Could You Be a Good Neighbour?

Burley's Good Neighbours Scheme offers a valuable service to the elderly or infirm in the village by transporting them to and from medical appointments.

Volunteers offer transport in their own vehicles a few times a year for local people attending appointments at Grange Road Surgery or one of the local hospitals. The service is entirely voluntary run and is well used. To keep the service running the group requires additional

volunteers. If you think you could help with this activity please contact Gail Boole for further details on 862388.

Allotments Waiting List

The Parish Council recently carried out a review of the waiting list for allotments in the village. Thank you to all those residents who replied. If you have not yet sent in your reply please ensure that you return your completed form to the Parish Clerk by 31st January 2008 as no further replies will be accepted after that date.

Cllr Peter Riley provides an update on the work of The Burley Village Wildlife Group

The Burley Village Wildlife Group is now well into the annual winter clearance work at Sun Lane. This work is essential to prevent natural succession to woodland taking place - keeping grassy areas clear of trees and scrub ensures that wildflowers continue to spread and biodiversity is further enhanced. The Group would also like to take this opportunity to thank Network Rail for help given at the Sun Lane Reserve in November. This arose following the dumping on the Reserve of cut railside vegetation by contractors. We complained to Network Rail but decided to 'make the best of a bad job' by piling the cuttings into a 'dead hedge' (good for wildlife). Nonetheless the contractors then returned and compounded their original error by clearing away our 'dead hedge'! To make amends, Network Rail agreed to help us with some heavy duty clearance work on the Reserve, and the Group would like to warmly thank them for their assistance.

Liaison with Bradford Council ensured that, in the early autumn of 2007, they carried out the final cut of the year of the by-pass verges and roundabouts - this should result in another splendid floral display from early spring through to summer this year. This minimal cutting regime significantly reduces the use of fossil fuels, cuts Council costs and enhances biodiversity as well as producing a very colourful display.

The Group always welcomes volunteers - if you think you may be interested please contact Cllr Peter Riley on 862916.

Burley Parish Council Awards Scheme

Applications are now being sought from local groups and organisations to purchase capital items to help run their group. The grant scheme is open to non-profit making organisations that benefit the people of Burley. Awards from the scheme may be used to complement other sources of funding. Full details of the scheme and an application form may be obtained from the Parish Clerk. The next round of funding applications will be considered at the Parish Council's meeting in

April and completed applications will need to be submitted by 1st April 2008.

Traffic Calming on Moor Lane

The Parish Council's concerns over the safety of pedestrians on Moor Lane; particularly under the railway bridge was recently noted in the press. In response to this and pressure from the District Councillors; Traffic and Highways at Bradford Council are proposing a traffic calming scheme for the area between the railway bridge and Station Approach.

The proposed works take the form of a chicane, whereby vehicles travelling downhill towards the village will be required to Give Way to vehicles travelling in the opposite direction. The footway underneath the bridge will be widened on one side and a crossing point provided underneath the bridge. It is hoped that the scheme will shortly become available for public consultation and to provide more information in the next newsletter and at the Neighbourhood Forum.

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