

# BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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## *Introduction*

*Welcome to another newsletter. I intend to stand down as Chairman in May and so this will be my last introduction. It has been a tremendous privilege to chair the Parish Council for its first two years and I am deeply grateful to my fellow councillors and everyone who has helped and supported me in that time. My only regret is that it has not been possible to resolve more of the 'big issues'. I leave those to my successor with the guarantee of my support throughout.*

*By now you will all have received your council tax bill and know that we have held the level of the precept to that of last year.*

*As a council we have spent considerable time on our response to the Local Development Framework. By the time you receive this I hope that our comments on the consultation will be posted on our website – this issue will run and run, as they say, and I hope that many of you will follow it and respond to future consultations – the implications for Burley in Wharfedale could be very significant and it is important that all views are taken into consideration.*

*Caroline Jones  
Chairman, Burley Parish Council*

## **Community Heroes Award for Good Neighbours**

Many congratulations are offered to the volunteers at Good Neighbours who have received a Community Heroes Award from Shipley Area Co-ordinator's Office. The award was presented at an event at Victoria Hall, Saltaire on 20<sup>th</sup> March. The award recognises the contribution that the committee and volunteers of Good Neighbours has made to the local community over the last 25 years. As well as the individual award, Good Neighbours were the overall winners in the small group category.

## **Annual Meeting of the Parish**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Parish Meeting for electors of the parish of Burley will be held in the main hall of Burley Oaks Primary School, Langford Lane on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 7.30pm.

*Cllr Caroline Jones*

*Chairman, Burley Parish Council*

### **AGENDA**

1. Chairman's opening remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Chairman's report on Burley Parish Council activities for the Council year 2007/08
4. Future plans and budget for the forthcoming Council year 2008/09
5. Questions from members of the public
6. Any other business

Please note: Any questions should be sent in writing by 10<sup>th</sup> April to the Parish Clerk c/o 6 The Copse, Burley in Wharfedale, LS29 7QY or via email: [parishclerk@burley-in-wharfedale.org](mailto:parishclerk@burley-in-wharfedale.org).

The meeting will end with coffee and biscuits and the opportunity to talk with your local parish councillors informally.

## **Village Handbook**

Work is well underway on the new village handbook and it is expected that it will be

distributed in May/June. If anyone has any additions/alterations or would like further information on placing an advert in the Handbook please contact the Parish Clerk ASAP.

## Local Development

### Framework

The Local Development Framework will shape the development of the district until 2026. Bradford Council has recently been consulting across the district on its plans. A further 50,000 new homes will have to be built in the Bradford District between 2008 and 2026. The LDF will set out the number of houses that will be built in coming years, where they will be built and how to plan for this growth to include jobs, education, health care, open spaces etc.

The various options could represent the difference between a modest growth in housing in the village and a very big expansion. The Parish Council has a number of concerns not least of which is the ability of the infrastructure (roads, railways, schools) to cope with any increase in population without very significant investment. A copy of the response by the Parish Council is available on the village website: [www.burley-in-wharfedale.org](http://www.burley-in-wharfedale.org).

## Dog Fouling

There has been a noticeable increase in dog fouling on public highways in the village. This is anti-social, offensive and illegal. Bradford Metropolitan District Council enforces the law on dog fouling. The maximum fine for failing to clean up after your dog is £1000 with fixed penalty fines of £50 issued on a regular basis.

Please ensure that you pick up after your dog. If you wish to report someone for not cleaning up after their dog please call the Dog Administration Department on 01274 434366 and provide the following information: date and time the fouling took place, where it took place, description of the person with the dog and description of the dog and the address of the offender (if known).

**\*\*Wheellie Bins\*\***

Please may we remind residents that wheelie bins should be stored on your property. Please do not leave your wheelie bins on the pavement, road or in snickets or lanes behind properties other than on bin collection days - they may pose a hazard to vehicles and pedestrians.



Planning permission has recently been granted to Bradford Community Housing Trust for work to commence on The Lawn. The plans were passed at the

Area Planning Panel meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February.

The latest news from BCHT is that they are currently receiving tenders on the project and will shortly start to evaluate them. They hope to advise us in the near future of a start date for construction. Anyone interested in the accommodation at The Lawn should contact BCHT's Home Hunter service on 0845 166 2000.

### Burley in Wharfedale Community Trust

BWCT had some response to the earlier request for new committee members for the Trust but would still like to recruit more. If you are interested and would like more details please ring the Chair, Bruce Speed (862273) or Secretary, Sylvia Tilford (863218).

## Community Clean Up and Litter Pick

This will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May from 6.30pm to 9pm. All volunteers will be warmly welcomed, you can come for all of the time or for part of it. We will be litter picking in the village and also up at Burley Woodhead. Equipment will be provided. Please come along to the village green.

Please can we remind all residents that hedges and trees should not overhang pavements.

## Police Surgeries

Date	Time	Venue
14 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30 – 11.30am	Burley Library
18 <sup>th</sup> April	6pm – 7pm	Contact Point, Queen's Hall

28 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Burley Library
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	10am – 11am	Contact Point, Queen's Hall
9 <sup>th</sup> May	3.30-4.30pm	Burley Library

## AN APPEAL FOR SUPPORT AND NEW MEMBERS

Since 1997 **BURLEY MILLENNIUM THEATRE GROUP** has staged 25 productions for village audiences and its 2008 programme includes plays in April & September + a December pantomime.

**This appeal concerns two challenges that the group is currently facing.**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Some of our long-term members have recently left the village whilst others are unable to play as large a role as before. To produce our 2008 programme and ensure the group's future we therefore need additional support. Many different skills are needed in a theatre group and most of our members have developed or improved these since they joined. So whether you have existing experience or not please consider becoming involved in one or more of the following:

- *Acting – many members had no previous experience and learnt their skills with the group.*
- *Back stage – directing; stage management; costumes; set design/building/painting; sourcing & managing props; rigging & operating our own lighting system; operating the sound system.*
- **Front of House team** – perhaps you would prefer to help only on production nights? Then why not join our team to work as an usher, provide refreshments and watch the shows for free!
- **Promotion** – do you have an interest in photography or the design/production of posters & our award-winning programme or general advertising/promotion or developing our new web site?
- **Social** – arrange group social activities including theatre visits, meals and play readings?

**COSTS:** To ensure that our productions are more widely accessible, ticket prices have been held at £6.00 for some years and our committee recently agreed that there should be no increase for our April production of 'An Inspector Calls'. However, to break even we need an average audience of 85 per night so please support your village group by attending our forthcoming productions.

**For more information please contact John Wise 862435 or Pam Leach 864018.**

**NEXT PRODUCTION:** J. B. PRIESTLEY'S classic '**AN INSPECTOR CALLS**' will be performed 24-26 APRIL in the Queens Hall. For tickets phone 863478 or 863082. Ticket requests can also be left at the Parish Centre. A new web site is under construction at - [www.burleytheatre.org.uk](http://www.burleytheatre.org.uk)

## Community Emergency Schemes

Bradford Council has a specialist team who deal with Emergency Planning. They assist Parish Councils and other local community groups in making and maintaining plans and arrangements for: preventing emergencies, reducing, controlling or mitigating the effects of emergencies and taking action in the event of an emergency.

Representatives of the Emergency Planning Office attended the February meeting of the Parish Council and agreed to work with the Council to formulate an emergency plan. The plan will help Burley to: define roles and responsibilities, identify local resources, sources of advice and means of assistance, identify vulnerable groups and ensure that the

community is capable of responding to, and recovering from, an emergency.

Further information will be provided as the plan starts to take shape but it is anticipated that the

plan will help tackle complex multi-agency issues such as flooding by ensuring that the various interested parties (Environment Agency, Drainage and Highway Departments, Housing Trust) work together.

## Freecycle

Find a new home for your unwanted items by using [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org). Sign up for this free service and you can give away and find for free almost anything including furniture, appliances, toys, bicycles and computer equipment. There are groups in Bradford, Ilkley and Keighley.

## DID YOU KNOW??



A free bus service runs every few minutes from outside Leeds railway station to Leeds General Infirmary, Leeds Dental Hospital and Leeds Bus Station.

## Parish Council Awards Scheme

The Parish Council annually makes available a sum of money for grants to voluntary groups. In January 2008 the Parish Council awarded £150 to Burley Local History Group to purchase a printer/scanner to assist the group in their work on the Burley archives. The next round of applications will be considered at the Parish Council's meetings in April and June. If you think your group could benefit from an award please contact the Parish Clerk for details of how to apply for an award.

## Traffic Calming on Moor Lane

There was a lively exchange of views at the Neighbourhood Forum on the traffic calming scheme proposed for Moor Lane! Simon D'vali Principal Engineer for the Shipley area took note of all the comments made and hopefully answered the queries of those attending.

The scheme is going ahead. The poles for the signs should be installed within the next few

weeks and electricity supply connected shortly afterwards. The kerb work will start when the permanent signs are in place.

## Saturday Morning Group

We have been very pleased to welcome a group of volunteers on the last Saturday morning in the month throughout the winter months. We have done quite a lot of pruning on the green and also worked on the small triangle of land near the church. This will be planted with low shrubs, perennials to attract insects and provide colour throughout the year. We are very happy to welcome new volunteers. There is always a variety of tasks from which volunteers can choose.

## Water Feature

The high costs both financial and environmental of running the water feature on the Village Green are a concern to the Parish Council. Over the last few months the hours that the water feature ran were restricted to try to reduce the costs. The Parish Council also began discussions with Energy Conservation Officers at BMDC to see what options are available to power the water feature using sustainable energy resources.

The Parish Council recognises that the water feature is an important focal point on the Village Green and gives pleasure to many. The running hours will be increased again over the summer months as hopefully more of us spend time outside in the lighter, warmer months. It is anticipated that a similar arrangement will run in the future with restricted use during the winter and increased hours of operation during the summer.

## 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](mailto: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)	430329