

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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Introduction

The Parish Council is moving towards the end of its third year. During this period our activities have been guided by the Parish Plan which was developed by the Burley Community Council, following village wide consultation. As reported in the last newsletter we feel that a number of things have changed during the last 4 years and it may now be time to revise the Plan. The process was started at the January Neighbourhood Forum when those attending responded to three questions. At the end of this newsletter you will find these questions. We would like as many residents as possible to let us have their views so that we can ensure that the revised plan does include those matters which are important for residents. Please return your answers by cutting out the form or write on a separate paper, or email us at the Parish Council or put answers on the village website in the Parish Council section.

One of our major concerns since the Council was set up has been to see Burley Grange brought back into use, preferably as a provider of adult education. The Council was interested in acquiring a permanent home in the Grange because of its central location and historical links with local government in the village. We are very pleased that the Grange has been sold and education and training courses will be offered, alongside other activities. As the Parish Council is now happily settled in its office in Queen's Hall, provided by BMDC, it was decided at January's council meeting that it would not be appropriate to move to rented provision in the Grange.

April 23rd is the date for the Annual Parish Meeting when we provide a report on our work over the last year and invite your comments on our activities. We look forward to a good attendance.

Sylvia Tilford
Chair, Burley Parish Council

How to contact the Parish Council

All meetings of the parish council are open to the public. Details of the times and dates of meetings are advertised on the notice boards around the village and on the village website.

Planning meetings are generally held on Monday evenings (see notice boards for dates) and meetings of the full Parish Council on the second Thursday of every month. Meetings of the Maintenance & Allotments Committee are held every 6-8 weeks. Meetings are held in The John Squire Room at Queen's Hall.

At the start of every meeting there is a slot for public participation when members of the public may ask questions or raise issues with the parish councillors. Local residents are always welcome at meetings either as observers or to ask questions or raise issues of concern.

If you wish to raise an issue with the council between meetings then please contact the parish clerk, Jo Griffiths or any member of the Parish Council. The Parish Council has an office in The John Squire Room at Queen's Hall. The office is open to the public on **Wednesday mornings between 9.30am and 11.30am** when Jo and/or a member of the parish council will be available to answer questions.

To contact the parish clerk, Jo Griffiths:
email parishclerk@burley-in-wharfedale.org or
telephone 864728 or 07971 772181 or write to
Burley Parish Council, The John Squire Room,
Queen's Hall, Burley in Wharfedale, LS29 7BT.

The Parish Council is made up of nine councillors:

Sylvia Tilford, Chair	863218
Keith Dale, Vice Chair	862662
Kathryn Forrest	864097
John Horton	863438
Peter Jenkins, Chair of Planning Committee	863131
Caroline Jones	863587
Matt Palmer	863790

Peter Riley	862916
Mike Walker, Chair of Maintenance and Allotments Committee	430329

Village Green Tree Work

As many of you may be aware the village green is jointly looked after by Bradford Metropolitan District Council and by the village. The district council cuts the grass and carries out tree maintenance. We had

hoped that the proposed plan for tree removal and some replanting on the green would have been started by now. The Parish Council has this matter under close attention.

Dog fouling



There was a noticeable increase in dog fouling on public highways in the village over the winter. 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.

Contact your local Police Officers

The Police Contact Point at Queen's Hall is open every **Thursday evening between 5.30pm and 7.30pm and Friday mornings between 9.30am and 12 noon**. Access to a range of police and Bradford Council services is available.

Police Community Support Officers are also available at various times and locations in the village. Please consult the Neighbourhood Policing Team website for further details: <http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/wypnpt>

New Parking Restrictions

Residents may have seen the notices posted near to the places where there will be some new parking restrictions. These are in the vicinity of the station and at various points in the village centre. BMDC consulted on these changes at Neighbourhood Forums and we reported them in this newsletter. The changes are designed to respond to changing needs in the village and to parking problems. Where there are problems there is no ideal change which will suit everybody. The impact of the changes will be monitored.

Do you receive copies of the Parish Council newsletter four times a year? Did you receive a copy of the new Burley Handbook last summer? If you, or someone you know, is **NOT** receiving regular copies then please contact us so that we can update our records.

Burley Summer Festival

Friday 21st August - Sunday 30th August

A busy week of activities is being compiled for the new Summer Festival. We hope that this week is marked out in diaries. Although initiated by the Parish Council the planning involves a team from across the village. We are most grateful for their interest and support. Our next meeting is on Monday 6th April at 7.30pm in Queen's Hall. New helpers will be warmly welcomed. The Festival programme will be published towards the end of May and booking for events will be open from June. Many events will be free and others low cost so that as many as possible can take part. A flavour of the activities on offer:

- Children's workshops in sports, arts, music & theatre
- Evening music and dance events
- Classic Car Rally
- Arts activities for all ages by Yorkshire Rural Arts
- Guided walks around the village by local groups

If you wish to know more or have any suggestions for activities please come to our next meeting or contact Jo Griffiths in the Parish Council office at Queen's Hall.

Village Green Maintenance

Would you like to help with keeping the village green tidy, pruning the shrubs and looking after the flower beds? The work can be as light, or as heavy as you like to do. A loyal band of volunteers, including parish councillors, meets on the last Saturday of every month from 10.00 to 12.00. We have recently lost two of our very regular members because they have left the village and we thank them warmly for their help. We would like some more volunteers so

that we can extend our activities to other parts of the village. Do visit us on our next working morning to see what we do and decide if you'd like to join us.

If you have suggestions or perhaps would like to have a go at creating a logo then please contact the Parish Council office.

Logo

The Parish Council would like to create an identifiable mark or logo for the village and the surrounding area. This would be used by the council on its letterhead.

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, Burley in Wharfedale, on **Thursday 23rd April 2009 at 7.30pm.**

Cllr Sylvia Tilford
Chair

AGENDA

1. Chair's opening remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 17th April 2008
4. Matters arising from the minutes of 17th April 2008
5. Chair's report on Burley Parish Council activities for the year 2008/09
6. Future plans and budget for the forthcoming Council year 2009/10
7. Neighbourhood Policing update
8. Questions from members of the public
9. Any other business

Please note:

Any questions should be sent in writing to the Parish Clerk at The John Squire Room, Queen's Hall, Main Street, Burley in Wharfedale, LS29 7BT (email: parishclerk@burley-in-wharfedale.org), to be received by Thursday 16th April 2009. The meeting will end with coffee and biscuits and the opportunity to talk with your local parish councillors informally.

Burley Business Listings on the Village Website

All businesses in the village are eligible for a listing on the Burley Website (www.burley-in-wharfedale.org) - see the Information drop down menu. The website committee do attempt to keep all the details up to date but would ask all local business to make sure they are listed, and the details shown are correct. It is also possible to include a link to your website, so please forward any information or changes to the site webmaster web@burley-in-wharfedale.org.

Parking

Please can we remind all residents that it is an offence to park on, or very close to road junctions. Such parking restricts visibility for other vehicle users and raises safety issues for pedestrians. Can we also remind residents that parking on pavements is not permitted. Again this causes obstructions for pedestrians and users of buggies and mobility vehicles. The life of pavements is

also reduced as they are not designed for the weight of vehicles. Please can we ask for your co-operation on this matter.

Dropped Kerbs

Following recent requests from local residents for the installation of additional dropped kerbs in the village the Parish Council would like to present Bradford Council with a list of priority sites.

Dropped kerbs assist residents with mobility vehicles and pushchairs and anyone with suggestions is invited to contact Jo Griffiths, Parish Clerk.

Don't forget...

The Parish Council runs an awards scheme to assist local voluntary groups and organisations with projects that benefit the local community. Awards are given quarterly with the next deadline for submission of applications on 1st July 2009. If you would like details of the scheme or an

application form then please contact the parish clerk Jo Griffiths or download the documents from the village website.

Third Public Enquiry on Burley House Field 20-21 April 2009

The third public inquiry on the BCC application to secure village green status for the field takes place on:

Monday 20th April:

11.00am to 5.00pm and 6.00pm to 8.00pm; and

Tuesday 21st April:

10.00am to 5.00pm

Can we urge as many residents as possible to drop in on the inquiry at some time over the two days and stay as long as you can. This demonstrates the importance of the issue in the village and is a support for those residents who are acting as witnesses at the inquiry.

Burley in Wharfedale Parish Plan

The work of the Parish Council is guided by the Parish Plan. It is regularly discussed and reviewed by the Parish Council in response to changes in the village. A full copy of the Plan can be viewed on the village website www.burley-in-wharfedale.org.

The whole plan is in the process of being revised with more substantial amendments considered. A first consultation with residents was carried out at the Neighbourhood Forum in January. There was some excellent feedback and the Parish Council was able to gain insight into the aspects of life in Burley that are important to residents to preserve and those where change is needed.

The Parish Council would like to widen this consultation and invite all residents to offer responses to the questions below. Once you have completed the questions please detach this page of the newsletter and return it to any of the Parish Councillors or to the Parish Council Office at The John Squire Room, Queen's Hall, Main Street.

The responses will be compiled and used to update the Parish Plan to ensure that it accurately reflects your priorities and concerns.

Thinking about the village and its public facilities, activities and organisations, please write down:

1. Three things about Burley that are very important to preserve and keep:

2. Three things about Burley that you would wish to see improved or changed:

Please detach this page and return it to any of the Parish Councillors or to Jo Griffiths, Parish Clerk at The John Squire Room, Queen's Hall, Main Street, Burley in Wharfedale, LS29 7BT.