



Burley Parish Council

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

Chairs Introduction

Someone recently remarked - "What's the point of Burley Parish Council?"

There are presently eighteen parish and town councils in the Bradford district and the number is growing. They are the first tier of local government, representing their respective communities at a number of levels. Councils have a range of powers including the ability to raise money through an annual precept which is used to carry out the work of the council. They can also attract funding from many different sources including those not open to some voluntary organisations.

Parish councils are consulted widely about issues that affect their communities; from individual planning applications to Bradford's Local Development Framework that will help inform the way the district is run for the next decade. The Parish Council gives the village a voice on a range of issues that as individuals we might struggle to be heard on.

Parish councils work closely both with the district council's elected members and officers for the benefit of the communities they serve. They also represent the whole community on other organisations that have a particular focus. For example, school governing bodies, chambers of trade and rail user groups to name but a few. The Parish Plan, regularly updated and reviewed, informs and guides the work of the council.

Burley Parish Council, set up in 2006 as a result of residents petitioning Bradford district council, is a statutory body that is

accountable to the electors. Its meetings are open to the public with agendas and minutes posted on the noticeboards around the village and on the website. Councillor's contact details are freely available. The clerk's details are also available and there is a drop-in session on Wednesday mornings from 9.30 until 11.30 when the clerk and a councillor are both present.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, councillors give up a lot of their own time at no cost to anyone but themselves. Parish council work can be both rewarding and demanding but is driven by a sense of public duty and I can categorically say that every councillor has the village and its people at heart.

Next month is the Annual Meeting of the Parish where the council will report on its activities throughout the past year and there is an opportunity to question the council on any matter.

Next year, this parish council's term of office will be up and there will be elections. Perhaps now is the time for those who are interested in public service to start thinking about standing for office.

Good parish councils are where the council and the community work together for the benefit of all. We are striving for this here in Burley and whatever opinions people may hold, a lot of good work has already taken place. However, we are not complacent and realise there is still much to do and much to learn.

Keith Dale, Chair, Burley Parish Council

Neighbourhood Forum

The next Neighbourhood Forum will be held on 17th June 2010. The forums are run in conjunction with the Shipley Area Committee of Bradford Council and are an opportunity for local residents to find out what is going on in the local area or what will be going on in the future. Bradford Council officers can be invited to speak on a particular topic and answer YOUR questions!

In the past year we've had the Principal Engineer for the Shipley area to speak to the Neighbourhood Forum about

the chicane under the railway bridge and the new parking schemes; the Assistant Director for Learning Services at Bradford Council to explain why Burley children had to go through the appeals process to get into a Burley primary school and we've had information and advice from Youth Services about their work in the village as well as information on the Recycling Service in the Bradford District. If you have a topic you'd like to see tackled at a Neighbourhood Forum then please let us know. Forward any suggestions for topics or speakers to the Parish Council via email: parishclerk@burley-in-wharfedale.org or telephone: 01943 864728.



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.

Police Community Support Officers are also available at various times during the week. Dates and times may be found on the village diary via the village website or on the Neighbourhood Policing Team's page on the West Yorkshire Police website: www.westyorkshire.police.uk.

Little Puddings

Help Needed

Help is needed at Little Puddings Toddler Group, Queen's Hall, Burley in Wharfedale on Friday mornings



From 9am to 11.45am help is required to set up and make teas/coffees for lots of busy, tired and thirsty parents, grandparents and carers.

This is a great way to get to know people in the village if you are new, expecting a baby, retired or just like to get out and meet people.

Please call Lucy on 862219 or Corrie on 864157 for more information.

Annual Meeting of the Parish

Notice is hereby given that the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** for electors of the parish of Burley will be held at Queen's Hall, Main Street, Burley in Wharfedale on **Thursday 25th March 2010 at 7.30pm**

Cllr Keith Dale, Chair

AGENDA

1. Chair's opening remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 23rd April 2009
4. Matters arising from the minutes of 23rd April 2009
5. Chair's report on Burley Parish Council activities for the year 2009/10

6. Future plans and budget for the forthcoming Council year 2010/11

7. Questions from members of the public

8. Any other business

Please note:

Any questions should be sent in writing to the Parish Clerk at Queen's Hall, Main Street, Burley in Wharfedale, LS29 7BT (email: parishclerk@burley-in-wharfedale.org), to be received by Thursday 18th March 2010.

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

Problems with the pedestrian crossing on Main Street



Residents may have noted over the last few months a number of occasions when the pedestrian crossing on Main Street, close to Iron Row, has been out of order. Bradford Council is aware of the on-going issues and has advised that its maintenance contractor has been monitoring the problem and has replaced several parts already.

The problem is now believed to be mains-electricity related and the electricity supplier (YEDL) is being asked to investigate. If you notice a problem with this crossing please report it to Bradford Council via 01274 431000.

Planning

The Parish Council's Planning Committee meets every three weeks and local residents are welcome at meetings as observers or to speak to the councillors about an application or any planning related issue.

The agenda for the meeting with a list of the applications to be considered is posted on the village notice boards at least three working days before a meeting. Copies of the agenda and links to the relevant planning applications can be viewed via the village website: www.burley-in-wharfedale.org.

If you are making comments either for or against an application to Bradford Council then please copy them to the Parish Council as it is always helpful to councillors to gauge local opinion. Comments can be forwarded to the Parish Clerk, Jo Griffiths at parishclerk@burley-in-wharfedale.org or papers copies to Burley Parish Council, Queen's Hall, Main Street, Burley in Wharfedale, LS29 7BT.



Women's sport activities in Burley

Some of you may have seen and responded to a Ladies Activity Survey which has been produced by Peter Grinham. It has been designed to find out what girls and women in Burley Parish would like to see by way of new sports and recreation opportunities within Burley. If you haven't responded so far please do so by picking up your copy in the library, the Grange, Burley Social Club or the Queen's Hall, or email events@burley-in-wharfedale.org putting BLAS in the subject line.

BMTG Spring Production

Following the popular Christmas pantomime Babes in the Wood our next performance will be a play of a very different kind. This will be.... Holiday Snap which will be directed by Joan Newman and performed on 22-24 April at the Queen's Hall.



Ah! Sun, sea and sand. A white-washed villa abroad. The perfect setting for a summer holiday. Or better still for a somewhat illicit rendezvous with the one you love. That's what Leslie has in mind when he takes the curvaceous and eager Eve to Portugal. But what Leslie has not reckoned on is there's always one mosquito bite on any holiday!

It will be a good evening's entertainment. Ticket enquiries and sales from 863478 or leave a message at St Mary's Parish Centre



Village green

The village green working party wants to plant suitable streamside plants alongside the beck at the end of March. If you are dividing yellow irises, purple loosestrife, marsh marigolds, water mint etc and would like to donate spare plants to the village green please leave a message with Sylvia Tilford 863218 or Jo Griffiths 864728



Dog Fouling

The amount of dog fouling around the village appears once again to be on the increase. Whilst the majority of owners are responsible and pick up after their dogs and dispose of the waste appropriately there is a small minority who do not and are spoiling Burley for the rest of us.

May we remind you:

- bags are available for purchase inexpensively in many shops – nappy bags work just as well and are often cheaper than the advertised doggy bags;
- bagged waste should be disposed of properly i.e. in your own bin or in a litter bin NOT by leaving it in hedges/bushes or throwing it into the gardens of others;
- dog fouling is not only unpleasant but a health hazard;
- Bradford Council can and will fine you for allowing your dog to foul.

The Neighbourhood Wardens are keen to take action to discourage dog fouling. If you wish to report a persistent offender (dog & owner) then please contact Liz Bailey or Rachel Morrow on 01274 437146 or 07827 982687 or 07876 144243.

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Summer Festival 2010



The second summer festival will take place from August 21st to August 30th. Many events have now been finalised and the complete programme will be available in the late spring. Included will be popular events from last year and some new events. For regular updating on the festival please refer to the Burley website (www.burley-in-wharfedale.org).

Volunteers for the Festival

Many volunteers helped to make last year's festival a success. We will again be looking for offers of help in the planning period and also during Festival week itself. Help from people of all ages and for as little as an hour up to whatever you can offer will be welcomed. A full list of tasks will be provided in the next newsletter and will be on the website. Please sign up as a volunteer on the website or with s.tilford@btinternet.com or ring 863218

Immediate request. Is there anyone out there who would be willing to take a lead in setting up a farmer's/craft market to coincide with the Classic Car Show on the first Sunday of the Festival, August 22nd. If you would be interested but would like to know more please contact Sylvia Tilford on 863218.

Patient Participation Group at Grange Park Surgery

This new group will give patients, doctors and practice staff an opportunity to meet, exchange ideas and information and take action. Patients will be actively involved in deciding how the health services we use should develop. A board and suggestion box are at the surgery and a public meeting to discuss the suggestions put forward will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 5th May 2010 at St Mary's Parish Centre and is open to all. If you are interested in joining the steering group please contact Marilyn at Grange Park Surgery on 862108 to register your interest.

Awards Scheme

Next deadline for submission of applications for the Parish Council's Awards Scheme is 1st April 2010. If you need further information or an application form then please contact Jo Griffiths on 864728.

Burley House Field

On the day of going to press with this newsletter parish councillors are due to meet with officers from Bradford Council to discuss the lease on Burley House Field. It has been a frustrating few months for Burley Parish Council as negotiations over the details of the lease have progressed very slowly but it is hoped that this meeting will be a step towards the goal of Burley House Field being run by the people of Burley. All being well the Parish Council should take over the lease on Burley House Field in June.

Thank you to all those residents who have taken time to respond to the Parish Council's requests via the website and via the last two newsletters for comments on future use of the field. In their responses many people highlighted the benefit to the village of this open green space but commented on the poor access points to the field, the need to repair the bridge in the centre of the field, the need to tackle the amount of dog fouling in the field and the desire for some tree planting to replace fallen trees. A number of individuals suggested consideration of a small community orchard and there were a number of interesting comments regarding the grazing of cattle in the field. The comments all served to influence the bid submitted by the Parish Council for money from the Ward Investment Fund to carry out some of this work. The Parish Council hopes to hear soon if it has been successful in its bid for funding.



Village Clean Up

On the evening of Friday 7th May a village clean-up will be held. Some people will work on the station area, some up at Burley Woodhead and others in the park and on the village green. Anyone interested in volunteering should meet outside the railway station at 6.30pm or contact the Parish Council on 864728.

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, Queen's Hall, Burley in Wharfedale, LS29 7BT.

The Parish Council is made up of nine councillors:

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| Keith Dale , Chair | 862662 |
| Mike Walker , Vice Chair | 430329 |
| Kathryn Forrest | 864097 |
| John Horton | 863438 |
| Peter Jenkins , Chair of Planning Committee | 863131 |
| Caroline Jones | 863857 |
| Matt Palmer | 863790 |
| Peter Riley | 862916 |
| Sylvia Tilford , Chair of Maintenance and Allotments Committee | 863218 |