

# **BURLEY-IN-WHARFEDALE COMMUNITY TRUST**

## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 9 September 2008.**

**Present:** Harvey Bosomworth (HB); John Gundry(JG);Mike Harris(MH); John Horton(JH); Bill Howson(BH); Barbara Montford(BM); Clive Myatt(CM); Sylvia Tilford(ST); Andrew Wriglesworth(AW);

**Also in attendance:** Bernard Scarry; Mary Scarry.

**In the chair:** Bruce Speed (BS). BS welcomed committee members and visitors.

**1. Apologies for Absence:** John Grimshaw(JG); John Sparshatt(JS); Mike Walker(MW).

**2. Minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> June Meeting** These were accepted as a correct record and were signed

### **3. Matters Arising.**

BS reported:

- BCC will not meet until there has been a response from the Inspector to the third application for village green status for the Burley House Field. The sub-group has responded, with guidance from our barrister, to the BMDC objections and these were lodged with the Inspector, Vivian Chapman QC, before the August 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline. JG reported that Asset Management of BMDC, as the objector, has until the 1<sup>st</sup> of October to respond to our submissions and we will then have until October 15<sup>th</sup> to respond to the objector's reply. Thanks to John Gundry and to our barrister were recorded.
- Payment against the Round House claim has been received from Zurich.
- Where possible, provisions purchased for Coffee Mornings and the Roundhouse are Fair Trade labelled.

### **4. Correspondence.**

BS reported:

- Notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting to decide the future of ICVS which arises because of financial difficulties compounded by a 56% reduction in funds from Bradford Council. JG reported that its future had been saved by a link with the Bingley organisation.
- Notification of, and invitation to Shipley Area Conference on 27<sup>th</sup> September. Tom Sumner to attend.
- Letter and reply from Burley-in-Wharfedale Cricket Club concerning the mowing contract - dealt with under Agenda item 8.
- Neighbourhood Forum Calendar, Summer Newsletter and reports from Shipley Area.
- Letter from BMDC Street Lighting Unit forwarded to TS and BS by the Parish Clerk (see Agenda item 6).

### **5. Treasurer's Report.**

The Accounts Summary, including donations, income and expenditure was circulated at the meeting by CM who talked through the various items of income and expenditure. The Christmas Lights appeal monies included some for the year 2007-8 and the BWCT subscriptions needed to be brought up to date with an approx further £1000 to be added. The account balance is currently very healthy. MH, previous treasurer, indicated that some of this money should now be spent on appropriate projects.

### **6. Christmas Lights.**

A letter of thanks has been sent to Burley Parish Council for the generous donation of £1500.

TS reported in June that 14 heavy duty lighting columns would be installed in the village and these would take some of the existing fittings, but the remaining 18 light weight columns would need new and lighter displays. Strict rules for the use and attachment to all the new columns are set out in the letter from Allun Preece, Principal Engineer (Street Lighting). The budget for this year, a significant part of which relates to capital for new displays, is as follows:

Balance from 2007 (incl.£1500 ex. Chamber of Trade)	1139
Donation from Parish Council	1500
BWCT funds (up to £1000)	1000
Estimate of income from shops, collections and donations	750
Total	4389

*Estimated expenditure for 2008 is as follows:*

PA System hire	120
Repairs and testing of features for heavy-duty columns	1645
Consumables, replacements, lamps, etc.	800
New light-weight displays (18 @ £100 est.)	1800
Expenditure on store room	Nil
Total	4365

Even with the very great amount of volunteer time given to providing the Christmas Lights the significant costs entailed need to be kept in mind. MH suggested that there were limits on the amount of BWCT funds that could be used to support the lights. The Committee agreed the budget for the lights for 2008

The switch-on will take place on Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **7. Website.**

Webmaster Malcolm Fisher is wondering whether a complete re-jig of the website may be necessary. This arises because he has looked at the Baildon Village Website and thinks it is superior in that it can deal with the display of planning applications in a way that ours cannot. He has asked the Parish Council whether they would like him to make available on line all planning applications. If they do he will have to do the redesign. The Parish Council has this matter on the agenda for the meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The Website Committee will meet on 1<sup>st</sup> October to consider changes.

## **8. Scalebor Sports Facilities.**

The standard of mowing has not been to the specification indicated by Greenbelt Group Ltd at the meeting in November 2007 and this has caused problems for the cricket teams who have had to employ contractors at the Club's expense. In a letter to CM, the Club requested a reduction of £375 in its annual subscription. BS replied on 21<sup>st</sup> July that this request cannot be granted because the subscription covers the cost of:

1. Electricity, water and sewage.
2. Maintenance and depreciation of the building.
3. Maintenance of the car park.

The trust has a licence for the playing area on a peppercorn rent and relies on the agreement to keep the areas mowed to specification, apart from the cricket square and white lining, which the clubs undertake. Any refund for mowing would, therefore, have to be in agreement with Greenbelt Group. The company has closed two regional offices and lost 20% of its staff, while the response from the Regional Manager is that he will speak to the operations team about mowing. Scalebor residents have been given some reductions in payments as a result of Greenbelt shortcomings in service. It

was recommended that the cricket club should approach Greenbelt about a refund in the mowing costs it has occurred

The football managers reported that the pavilion was left in a dirty and untidy state at the end of the cricket season. It is the responsibility of those using the facilities to leave the pavilion in a proper state for the following week. BS cleared rubbish, swept up and repaired the missing spindles from the balustrade. MH offered to conduct a building inspection with BS.

#### **9. Pond on Cornmill Lane.**

JH has not yet been able to install the boundary marker stones to the agreed line. The resident of Cornmill House is not happy to have the boundary marked. The necessity for the marking to guard against any future disputes has been explained. On the various land registry documents there appears to be some differences in the marking of the boundaries which needs to be resolved. BS will communicate further with the resident.

#### **10. The Round House.**

Reinstating the fallen pillar remains to complete the repairs on the insurance claim. TS was urged to get this work finished.

#### **11. Pudding Tree Garden**

The seats outside the Pudding Tree Garden needed a bit of sprucing up and some replanting at the base of the Pudding Tree itself. This would be addressed on a future Saturday working group morning.

#### **12. Jenning Bequest.**

No report in the absence of TS.

#### **13. Annual General Meeting.**

In common with previous years, the Annual Report and audited Accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> September will be presented at the Neighbourhood Forum on 16<sup>th</sup> October, along with the proposed names of officers and committee members for 2008/09. As noted earlier both the Chair and the Treasurer would be standing down at the AGM. Committee members Mike Harris and Mike Walker are also standing down after many years service. Bill Howson has expressed his willingness to be nominated as Chair. To date no one has indicated an interest in nomination for the Treasurer position. Committee members were asked to think about this and contact the Chair if they wished to discuss further. The next Parish Newsletter can also include an item calling for someone to stand as Treasurer if no one comes forth from the Committee.

Following the AGM any changes in management trustees will need to be decided.

#### **14. Any Other Business.**

There was still some doubt about the September Coffee Morning. The table has been booked by Martin Walker to sell a book he has published, the proceeds from which will contribute to Yorkshire Air Ambulance. In the past, Nicky Harris raised money for that charity. There was also a need for people who could serve coffee. ST would discuss some changes in the rota with HB and seek to find a further volunteer.

**15. Date of the next meeting:** Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup> (to be rearranged – dates to follow))