

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on **Thursday 11th June 2009**
in **The John Squire Room, Queen's Hall, Burley in Wharfedale**

Commenced: 7.30pm
Concluded: 8.50pm

Present: Cllr. Keith Dale (Chair)
Cllr. Kath Forrest
Cllr. John Horton
Cllr. Peter Jenkins
Cllr. Caroline Jones
Cllr. Matt Palmer
Cllr. Peter Riley
Cllr. Sylvia Tilford
Cllr. Mike Walker

Clerk: Mrs Jo Griffiths

029/0910 Chair's remarks

Cllr Dale opened the meeting and offered a welcome to those attending including Inspector Sanderson and members of the public.
Thanks were offered to Zakari Saye and Mary Wood for attending the pre-meeting with councillors and explaining the gift brought by Zakari and presented to the village.

030/0910 To receive any apologies for absence

None

031/0910 To receive any declarations of interest

None

032/0910 Public Participation

None

033/0910 Minutes of the previous meeting

Proposed by Cllr Jones

Seconded by Cllr Riley

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 7th May 2009 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

034/0910 To receive minutes of the Planning Committee

A copy of the minutes from the planning committee meetings on 20th April & 11th May 2009 was received.

035/0910 To receive minutes of the Maintenance & Allotments Committee

A copy of the minutes from the maintenance & allotments committee meeting on 23rd March 2009 was received.

036/0910 Minutes received from other organisations

- Minutes of the meeting of Burley Website Committee on 29th April 2009

- Minutes of the meeting of the South Pennine Branch of Yorkshire Local Councils on 18th March 2009
- Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Executive Board of Yorkshire Local Councils on 17th January 2009
- Minutes of the Parish Council Liaison Meeting on 22nd April 2009
- Minutes of the meeting of Burley in Wharfedale Community Trust on 12th May 2009

037/0910 Update from Neighbourhood Policing Team

Inspector Sanderson circulated copies of the latest Neighbourhood Police Team (NPT) newsletter including the crime figures for May 2009.

The local priority for Burley in May had been speeding vehicles and a number of Speedwatch exercises had been carried out in a number of locations around the village. This will remain a priority for June with a new priority concerning vehicle damage on Grange Road.

Inspector Sanderson reported on the robberies in Menston and Ilkley skate parks.

Cllr Palmer requested the police pay particular attention to the underpass at the end of the village where graffiti and criminal damage are a problem.

Cllr Jenkins advised that West Lodge was being targeted by people for use for illegal activities. Advice was being sought from Bradford Council about the security of the building but the police would monitor the site more closely

The clerk reported concerns from a resident on Lawn Walk about damage to motor vehicles along Grange Road. The police were in touch with this resident and would continue to liaise.

038/0910 Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that the parish council's solicitor had received copies of the plans from Bradford Council indicating the land to be transferred with the allotments. The clerk was seeking clarification from Bradford Council regarding the liability for repairs to the public footpath alongside the Prospect Road allotment site.

A response had been received from Leeds Bradford Airport's Consultative Committee to the parish council's request to join the committee. The request had been refused. Councillors agreed to place this matter on the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion and action.

As had been reported in the parish council newsletter the Scout & Guide Executive has indicated they will not run the annual bonfire this year. The clerk reported that at least two members of the public had suggested that the Parish Council take responsibility for running the event. At least one local group were looking at the possibility of running a similar event. Councillors agreed to monitor developments.

The clerk had made enquiries about re-furbishing the Youth Shelter in Burley Park but a reply had not yet been received. It was noted that some equipment in the playground may also require painting.

The clerk had not yet forwarded the request to re-furbish or replace litter bins to Bradford Council.

039/0910 Burley Summer Festival Update

Cllr Tilford reported that the programme is now quite full and would be finalised over the next 10 days with the intention being to have the programme back from the printers in time for the village fete on 4th July and for the commencement of ticket sales and reservations.

Some slots were still available and the recent request for input in the newsletter had brought forward one or two new contacts. Some new ideas were being progressed.

Cllr Tilford reported that whilst many events would be free the costings associated with the different events would need to be looked at very carefully.
The next meeting of the steering group is Wednesday 17th June, 7.30pm at Queen's Hall.

040/0910 Tennis Facilities in Burley

Some concerns had been expressed to a number of councillors about the decline of tennis facilities in the village. The Sports Club were now seeking to promote a more active tennis section and efforts have been made to collect subscriptions and generate money for the refurbishment of the facilities. It was understood that the parish council would receive a request to the Awards Scheme to assist in re-netting the hard court and that further funding applications would be made to other bodies including Shipley Area Community Chest.

041/0910 NALC conference

Cllr Dale had expressed an interest in attending one day of the NALC conference in September. Sufficient funds are available in the Training budget and this was agreed.

042/0910 Running Tracks

A local resident had suggested the formation of some informal running tracks around the village. A small logo or distance marker could be sprayed onto footpaths or roads at various intervals e.g. half a mile, kilometre etc.

Councillors expressed interest in the idea and would be happy to consider a fuller proposal to include draft routes and a suggested marker or logo. The clerk would liaise on this subject.

043/0910 Proposal for a memorial bridge on the Village Green

Cllr Walker advised that the proposed structure was more of a viewing platform rather than a full bridge as it had only one side. Discussions regarding a bridge on Burley House Field had not progressed although some discussion had taken place about re-furbishing the fountain.

Councillors were, in principle, supportive of the idea of the proposed memorial on the Village Green and would like to see a more detailed proposal. Cllr Walker to liaise with the interested parties.

044/0910 Trees and shrubs on the roundabouts

The clerk advised that as a result of the decision at Maintenance & Allotments Committee she was contacting Bradford Council to request that the relevant officers look at the sight lines on the roundabouts with a view to advising the parish council on any safety issues. No work was to be requested at this time.

Cllr Walker reported that the height of the grass on the central reservation made the turn into Greenholme Mills difficult at the moment. Cllr Riley advised that the cutting had been due to take place this week. Cllr Palmer had received an update that the work would be carried out between 16th and 18th June.

045/0910 Reports from councillors on other meetings attended

Cllr Walker had attended the Chamber of Trade meeting; a significant portion of the meeting had concerned Burley Summer Festival.

Cllr Tilford had attended SCAPAG. Reports had been received on various Shipley Area initiatives including last year's Smart & Clean Campaign and the energy audits that had been carried out at community buildings. Funds have been allocated for some work on Burley and Menston football pitches.

Cllr Dale had attended WRUG. Discussion had taken place on performance by the train service providers, station cleaning with particular concerns about Ilkley Station at weekends and the establishment of a website by WRUG.

Cllr Dale attended the AGM of the East End Allotment Society. Some disquiet had been expressed about the letter sent by the Parish Council regarding the compulsory hire of allotments. It was reported that a developer had suggested a price for the available land but this was deemed unacceptable by the society. Due to the current economic conditions the sale of the site was less likely at the moment.

Cllr Dale had attended the meeting of the South Pennine Branch of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association. Discussion had been held on Leeds Bradford Airport and issues at the airport including a 5% drop in passenger numbers, introduction of flights to Gatwick Airport at the end of June, plans for development of the terminal and the number of on-track flights.

046/0910 Correspondence – to note (all available from the Parish Clerk):

- Country Air – Newsletter of Rural Action Yorkshire – Spring 2009
- Equality & Human Rights Commission – information leaflet on Public Sector Equality Duties
- White Rose Update – May 2008
- Ilkley Rugby Club – letter of thanks for award granted April 2009
- Council Courier – 15 May 2009
- Leeds Bradford Airport Consultative Committee – 14 May 2009
- Agenda for meeting of South Pennine Branch of Yorkshire Local Councils Associations on 10th June
- Invitation from InCommunities to opening of The Lawn on 23rd June
- Information from BMDC re: Sustainable Communities Act & panel
- Information on Veterans Weekend 27th-28th June
- Invitation to Civic Service at Bradford Cathedral on 4th July
- East End Allotment Society – notes on AGM and request for annual levy

047/0910 Schedule of Payments

The schedule was circulated

Proposed by Cllr Jones

Seconded by Cllr Walker

RESOLVED that the schedule of payments be accepted for payment.

048/0910 Minor items for action by the clerk between meetings and items for the next agenda

The clerk had been forwarded details of Burley in Wharfedale Educational Trust and it was agreed that the clerk would make some enquiries about the Trust, its purpose and any funds available.

049/0910 Date and time of next meetings

- 22nd June & 13th July 2009 – Planning Committee
- 20th July – Maintenance & Allotments Committee
- 9th July & 10th September 2009 – Full Council
- 18th June 2009 - Neighbourhood Forum