

BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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Introduction

Welcome to our third newsletter. Again I would like to thank our distributors. We couldn't do it without you!

I would like to invite everyone to our meeting with the Parish on 29 March at 7.30 p.m. at Burley Oaks Primary School. We are required by law to have this public meeting. Its purpose is to report back to the electors of the parish on our work over the last year. We would like to welcome as many as possible to attend.

Finally, if there are any issues that you would like to bring to our attention or that you feel the Parish Council can help with, please contact Jo or any of the councillors – we are here to help if we can.

Caroline Jones
Chair, Burley Parish Council

Newsletter

Following feedback larger print versions are now available by contacting the Parish Clerk. The newsletter is printed on recycled paper. If you have any comments on the content or style of the newsletter we would be glad to receive them. Please contact the Parish Clerk.



Our very own village website www.burley-in-wharfedale.org has information about the work of the Parish Council including contact details for all the parish councillors, agendas and minutes of full council and planning meetings and neighbourhood forums.

Regular updates of the parish plan are posted on the website. Information on the many and varied activities taking place in the village and a weekly diary section are included on the website. There is also information on the history and development of Burley and the surrounding area. Local maps and links to local businesses and groups are also provided. If you have any information you would like included on the site please contact the webmaster: web@burley-in-wharfedale.org.

Public participation at Council Meetings

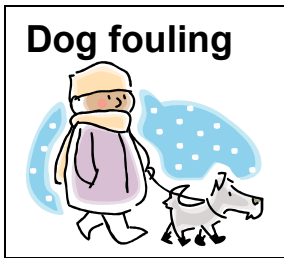
All council meetings are open to members of the press and public to come and observe. At the start of each full council meeting (second Thursday of the month) there is a slot for public participation when anyone is welcome to raise issues or ask questions.

Parking around the railway station

Problems continue with parking around the station. At the current time a review by traffic officers from Bradford Metropolitan District Council (BMDC) is taking place and seeks to find ways to alleviate some of the problems in the surrounding area particularly Prospect Road. The draft proposals were presented at the Neighbourhood Forum in January with the opportunity to offer comments and feedback.

The Parish Council is seeking a long term solution and considering a number of more creative proposals. The short questionnaire provided with your newsletter offers you an opportunity to have your say.

Please take this opportunity to make your views known to us and return all completed questionnaires to the address on the bottom, bring them along to the annual meeting on 29th March or place it in the box in the library. Thank you.



The majority of dog-owners in the village are responsible and clean up after their pets. We thank them for their efforts. Dog fouling is offensive and is a public health risk.

The dog warden has been patrolling in the village recently and all dog owners are reminded of the following information:

- It is an offence by law to allow your dog to foul any footpath, park, play area, grass verge or amenity green without cleaning it up immediately. Most Council owned land to which the public has rights of access and some private land is covered by the same legislation.
- 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.

What can you do if you see someone who allows their dog to foul in a public place without cleaning it up?

Report it! 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).

Grange update

The Parish Council continues to work to retain the Grange for community use. As reported earlier we are hoping to secure low cost housing for part of the building and community use on the ground floor. Any developments will be communicated promptly to the village.

Maintenance

The Parish Council would like to express thanks to those individuals who routinely carry out small maintenance tasks around the village. Their contribution is much appreciated. In addition a voluntary group to work on simple maintenance tasks (e.g. litter picking, pruning, tidying up after stormy periods) in the village has now been established. Anyone who wishes to volunteer is encouraged to meet at 10am on the last Saturday of the month on the

village green opposite the Malt Shovel starting on 31st March. Any suggestions for maintenance work may be forwarded to the Parish Council either through the session on a Tuesday morning from 10am -12noon at Open Door or by contacting the parish clerk via email or telephone.

A community clean-up to include litter picking and beck clearing across the parish will take place over the weekend of 11th-13th May. These events have been very successful in the past and we would encourage anyone who wishes to take part (groups or individuals) to let the Parish Clerk have their name and contact details. We hope to advertise further details in the local press closer to the time.

Now spring is here would all home owners please ensure that any hedges, trees or shrubs that overhang public footpaths are pruned and do not impede pedestrians.

Planning applications

The Parish Council receives copies of all planning applications within the parish. The Planning Committee meets every two weeks (second and fourth Thursday of the month) to make recommendations. Copies of the plans are available to view on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Open Door, 1 Grange Road between 10am and 12 noon. Agendas are available on the village website and on the Parish Council notice board in the library.

Grange Park Play Area

Re-surfacing of the ground under the swings has now taken place. Staff from Parks & Landscapes at BMDC have responded to the Parish Council's concerns about the drainage in the playground and will be making recommendations to address the issue.

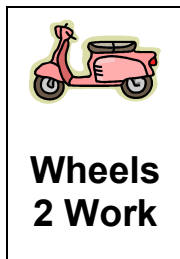
Stop Press... Public Toilet

After a number of years and many, many teething problems the Burley Superloo is now open.

The Lawn

At the time of going to press Aire-Wharfe Community Housing Trust (AWCHT) reported that their bid for funding to re-develop the Lawn

as outlined at the Neighbourhood Forum in January, had been unsuccessful. Jim Smith of AWCHT who spoke at the Neighbourhood Forum reported that the plans would once again be reviewed.



Run by Bingley Voluntary Action the Wheels 2 Work scheme provides the loan of a 50cc moped for young people aged 16-25 enabling them to get to and from their place of work or college.

To be eligible for the scheme young people must :

- Be aged 16-25;
- Live in the Bradford Metropolitan District area;
- Be working either full time, part time, on a work placement or at college full-time;
- Have difficulty accessing public transport due to time, availability (e.g. two buses), geography (e.g. not near a bus route);
- Be in possession of a provisional driving licence.

They must also provide two satisfactory references and agree to reasonable terms and conditions. The scheme also provides a helmet, waterproof suit, gloves, fluorescent jacket and a security chain. Insurance and breakdown cover are included.

The only cost to the individual is from £6 per week towards tyres and maintenance and provision of fuel and oil for the bike.

For further information please contact Lionel Lockley at Bingley Voluntary Action on 01274 787933.

Police Cycle

In response to a request from the community police the Parish Council in conjunction with Menston and Ilkley Parish Councils has purchased a bicycle for use by the Police

How to contact the Parish Council

Parish Clerk – Mrs Jo Griffiths

Tel: 07971 772181

Email: parishclerk@burley-in-wharfedale.org

Community Support Officers. PCSOs are unable to drive police vehicles and supplying them with a bike will enable them to respond more quickly to incidents in the village.

Mr Peter Young of the Burley Bridge Association writes on the work of the BBA

The Burley Bridge Association has planning permission for a footbridge across the weir. However, it seems clear that agreement cannot be found on securing short sections of footpaths to link that bridge with the right of way at the stepping stones. The Ramblers' Association is proposing a bridleway bridge suitable for all users – apart from motor cycles.

Such a bridge would follow the line of the right of way. Responses to the Ramblers' Association's draft plans for the proposed bridge are being reviewed, and further consultation is taking place. It is likely that a planning application will be submitted later this year. A particular source of concern has been the appearance of the sides of the proposed bridge, and there is now confidence that the bridge can be designed with sides that are lower and more open in appearance, and in consequence much more aesthetically attractive. There is, however, no room for manoeuvre on the height of the bridge which must conform to the requirements of the Environment Agency, and this would apply even if the bridge were to be a footbridge.

The Burley Bridge Association believes that a bridge across the River Wharfe at Burley in Wharfedale will be a significant recreational amenity for many people who live in Burley, both present and future generations. It will virtually double the local footpath network available throughout the year, and bring the Nidderdale AONB within easy reach of everyone. A campaign for a safe crossing of the river at Burley has been continuing for over one hundred years.

From 10am until 12 noon every Tuesday morning the Parish Clerk and/or a member of the council is available at Open Door, 1 Grange Road, to answer any queries about the work of the Parish Council or to assist you with any matter you may wish to raise.

Members of the Council

Caroline Jones, Chair	863857
Sylvia Tilford, Vice Chair	863218
Keith Dale	862662
Kathryn Forrest	864097
John Horton	863438
Peter Jenkins	863131
Matt Palmer	863790
Peter Riley	862916
Mike Walker	862376

Re-surfacing Work on Moor Road

Work will shortly commence on repairing the surface on Moor Road in the area of Robin Hole. Any member of the community who has concerns

regarding the condition of local roads can contact BMDC on telephone number: 01274 431000 or contact the Parish Clerk.

Allotments

The Parish Council will take over management of the allotments from BMDC on 1 April. Allotment holders should notice no immediate changes in the way the allotments are run but the Parish Council hopes to work closely with the allotment holders.

Railway Station

The Wharfedale Rail Users Group (WRUG) has discussed the removal of the ticket machine from Burley station with Northern Rail. They have promised to review the decision and WRUG is awaiting their decision.

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 29th March 2007 at 7.30pm**

Cllr Caroline Jones
Chair

AGENDA

1. Chair's opening remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Chair's report on Burley Parish Council activities for the year 2006/07
4. Future plans and budget for the forthcoming Council year 2007/08
5. Questions from members of the public
6. Any other business

Please note:

Any questions should be sent in writing to the Parish Clerk c/o 6 The Copse, Burley in Wharfedale, LS29 7QY (email: parishclerk@burley-in-wharfedale.org), to be received by Thursday 22nd March 2007.

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