



# Burley Parish Council

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

## Chairs Introduction

### District Councillor, Parish Councillor – what's the difference?

People sometimes confuse the two particularly when district or ward councillors are also elected to parish councils as is the case here in Burley where Wharfedale ward councillor Matt Palmer is also a member of the parish council.

In Bradford District there are 30 electoral wards and each ward elects 3 councillors who hold office for four years. All ward councillors represent the interests of the people who live in their ward but may also have areas of special responsibility within the district council structure. They receive remuneration in the form of a basic allowance which is intended to recognise their time commitment for meetings with both council officers and constituents and attendance at political group meetings. It is also intended to cover incidental costs such as the use of their homes and telephones. Special Responsibility Allowance is an extra allowance payable to councillors who hold high office or chair the various committees. Travel and subsistence allowances recompense councillors for the cost of travel, accommodation and meals whilst on council business.

Burley Parish Council is made up of 9 members who are also elected for four years (although our first term will have been five years) – the next elections being May 2011. The Chair and Vice Chair are elected by the parish council annually in May at the annual meeting. Burley Parish Council is a non political body which collectively works together to serve the community, bringing local issues to the district council's attention and making decisions on behalf of Burley residents – far reaching decisions being reached by consultation. Parish councillors do not receive any remuneration apart from a small allowance for the Chair of the council. Parish councillors would receive out of pocket expenses if on official council business. The clerk to the council is a paid employee and receives a salary and pension in line with local government guidelines.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank Burley in Wharfedale Community Trust for another Christmas lights spectacle and the Chamber of Trade for organising the Christmas market – both events giving the village that feeling of community.

The Parish council hopes everyone enjoyed a peaceful festive season and looks forward to a new year.

**Keith Dale**, Chair, Burley Parish Council

## Neighbourhood Forum

The next Neighbourhood Forum is on Thursday 21st January 2010 at the Queen's Hall, Burley in Wharfedale at 7.30pm.

Come along and find out what is happening in your local community. Give your views and opinions on local issues and projects and plans for Burley.

Included in the next Forum will be:

- Recycling: the Waste Education Officer from Bradford Council will provide details of BMDC Recycling Services and answer questions

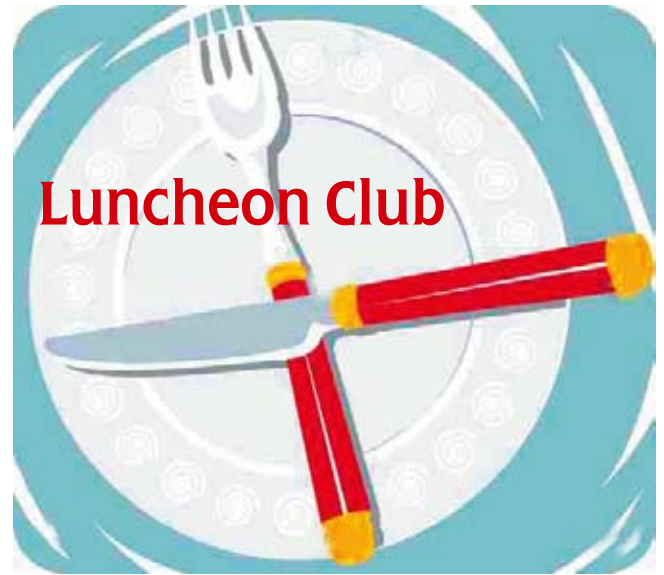
- A representative from Bradford Citizen's Advice Bureau will introduce the new sessions being offered in the village
- Information on Bradford Council's Community Warmth Scheme to provide cavity wall and loft insulation
- PACT (Police and Community Together) Meeting to include policing update
- Open Forum when YOU can raise concerns and issues with Burley Parish Council and representatives of Bradford Council



## 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 the following times and locations in January. At the time of going to print the dates beyond January were not available but please consult the village diary for more information and up to date details.

Date	Time	Venue
4th January	10 - 10.30am	The Roundhouse
14th January	10 - 11am	Burley Library
18th January	4 - 4.30pm	Burley Library
22nd January	9.30 - 10.30am	Contact Point, Queen's Hall
25th January	10 - 10.30am	The Roundhouse



Every Wednesday Luncheon Club meets at Queen's Hall for fellowship and hot meals for older people. A small fee is charged for lunch and the community bus will pick up residents and bring them to Queen's Hall free of charge if required. For further information please contact Doris Followell on 862081.



## Access Bus & Other Transport Issues

The Access Bus is a free of charge service for anyone of any age who is unable to use conventional public transport, or who has extreme difficulty in doing so, due to a disability. This is a free of charge service for shopping or visiting family, friends and events. The service operates Monday to Saturday 9am to 5.30pm and Sunday 9am to 5pm. Please note that the telephone number for this service has changed and is now 0113 348 1901.

If anyone in Burley has difficulties accessing bus transport for employment, training, visits to hospital or for any other reason please contact Cllr Kath Forrest on 864097.

## Moor Lane

The re-surfacing of Moor Lane has prompted many positive comments from residents. There has been a lively debate on the Forum on the village website ([www.burley-in-wharfedale.org](http://www.burley-in-wharfedale.org)) about the removal of speed control measures on this stretch of road!

Simon D'Vali, Principal Engineer for the Shipley Area attended the Parish Council's



main meeting in November when the Parish Council discussed concerns about speeding traffic in this and other areas of the village.

Mr D'Vali has advised that money is available for speed control measures on Moor Lane, the details of which are yet to be finalised. Consultation with the Parish Council and local residents will take place in the New Year.



## Parking Scheme

At the time of going to print with this newsletter the Traffic Regulation Order for the new parking restrictions had been completed but the work to paint the yellow lines had not commenced. By the time you read this newsletter it is hoped that the lines will already have been installed. It is the aim of the scheme to ease passage around the village by restricting parking that is anti social and dangerous. The scheme will be monitored over the coming months to ensure that this is happening.



## Neighbourhood Wardens

The primary role of the Neighbourhood Wardens, in their distinctive blue uniforms, is to provide a high-visibility patrolling presence in a neighbourhood. In the course of their patrols they will observe and report, mainly environmental problems and issues to the relevant agency, and will check to see that action has been taken. They will also make links with local residents and community groups in order to build up good working relationships with local people. They work closely with other agencies, especially the Police and the Council's Clean Teams.

The two Neighbourhood Wardens who will be covering the Wharfedale and Baildon Wards are Liz Bailey and Rachel Morrow (pictured): they will be based at Shipley Area Co-ordinator's Office and can be contacted on 437146 or mobiles: 07827 982687 and 07876144243 respectively.



## Summer Festival 2010



Thanks to all those who sent replies to the questionnaire on this year's festival which was sent out in the October Newsletter. Many positive remarks were made about the festival and there was an overwhelming support for a repeat in 2010. We received some good suggestions for new events and ways of making the festival even better. These will all be considered by the Festival Committee. The 2010 programme is now being developed and it's not too late to send in suggestions for events and also offers to provide events, from individuals or village groups. We'd particularly value ideas from young people in the village who aren't currently represented on the Committee. For the Festival to succeed we need lots of volunteers in the weeks running up to the Festival and in the Festival week itself. We will have a list of volunteer tasks ranging from one hour upwards. Our thanks again to all who helped in the 2009 Festival. If you have suggestions for events or can offer help please contact Cllr Sylvia Tilford on 863218, s.tilford@btinternet.com.

**Dates for 2010 Festival: Saturday 21st August to Bank Holiday Monday 30th August**

### Festival 2010 website

The Festival website is now up and running. The Festival Committee will post information regularly about next year's festival as the programme is being developed.

## Accounts

The Parish Council is required to submit an Annual Return to independent auditors each year. The accounts for 2007-08 were approved by independent auditors Mazars in November. Copies of the Annual Return have been displayed on the Parish Council noticeboards and are available from the Parish Council Office.



## Overhanging Trees & Bushes

Trees appeared to put on a lot of growth during this summer and there are a lot of places around the village where trees and hedges are overhanging or reducing the width of pavements and snickets. This is a hazard to pedestrians. Can we ask all residents to check their own properties and carry out pruning where required. If you notice particular problems as you walk round the village please let Jo Griffiths, Parish Clerk on 864728 know about these.

## Village Green management



This is the space opposite the Malt and St Mary's Church – not to be confused with Burley House Field that has now been designated as village green space. The village green is on land belonging to Bradford Council which cuts the grass and looks after the trees. Other maintenance is carried out by the Parish Council which took over this responsibility from the Burley Community Council. BCC created shrub beds, added the water feature and planted trees on the green. A working group of residents and parish councillors meets on the last Saturday of the month from 10 to 12 to look after the shrub beds and to keep the green tidy. A Parish Council statement describing the management of the green has been developed and it can be seen on the notice board on the green and on the village website. It will be revised from time to time in the light of changing circumstances and responses from residents. The Parish Council would like to thank the team of volunteers which has worked hard throughout 2009 to keep the green looking good. New volunteers are warmly welcomed.

## Burley House Field

Thank you to those residents who responded to the consultation on the future of Burley House Field. Since the last newsletter the Parish Council has: met with Bradford Council Officers to discuss a long lease on the field; is in the process of bidding for £10,000 from the Ward Investment Fund to carry out essential works to the field; met with possible contractors to carry out improvement works on the entrances and access across the beck and looked at suggestions for additional tree planting and a community orchard on part of the field.

The field is currently well used by dog walkers. Please could all dog walkers ensure that they act responsibly and pick up their dog's mess and dispose of it in a bin.

The current tenant's lease will end in June and it is expected that the Parish Council will take over the lease at that time. The Parish Council would still like to hear your views on the way the field is managed in the short and long term; please forward these to Jo Griffiths, Parish Clerk in the Parish Council Office.

## How to contact the Parish Council

The Parish Council is made up of nine councillors:

Keith Dale, <i>Chair</i>	862662
Mike Walker, <i>Vice Chair</i>	430329
Kathryn Forrest	864097
John Horton	863438
Peter Jenkins, <i>Chair of Planning Committee</i>	863131
Caroline Jones	863587
Matt Palmer	863790
Peter Riley	862916
Sylvia Tilford	863218
<i>Chair of Maintenance and Allotments Committee</i>	

To contact the parish clerk, Jo Griffiths:  
email [parishclerk@burley-in-wharfedale.org](mailto: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.