

Annual Report of Burley Parish Council 2015 - 16

as reported to the Annual Meeting of the Parish on 26th May 2016

by Cllr John Grimshaw, Chair Burley Parish Council

2015-16 has been the busiest year since the Parish Council was established in 2006, as well as the day to day running of the parish council a number of important issues have faced the parish council during the year:

Response to the revised Bradford Planning Core Strategy when the number of new homes in the village was increased from 200 to 700

Balance the Neighbourhood Plan to protect the qualities of the village against loss of the greenbelt

Working with partners to develop the Wharfedale Greenway ready for bidding for funding in 2016

Bradford MDC continues to plan to reduce services should as the library, youth provision, flower beds in the park, grass cutting so should the parish council manage more of these services in future?

Council Structures and links

Council Work is dealt with either by the whole council, within committees or by the routine activities of the parish clerk.

The council committees are: -

Meetings of the Full Council: Chaired by Cllr John Grimshaw

Planning Committee: Chaired by Cllr Mike Wild

Community and Environment Committee: Chaired by Cllr Stuart Bottomley

Finance and Staffing Committee: Chaired by Cllr John Grimshaw

Residents are always welcome at these meetings and are encouraged to pass comment at the public participation item on all agendas.

We also have representations on numerous local bodies and organisations within Wharfedale and further afield which feedback information and issues to the parish council.

The four yearly election in May saw four of the parish councillors step down and particular thanks went to Sylvia Tilford who had served as a parish councillor since 2006.

Policing in the village

Savings by West Yorkshire Police has meant a reduced police presence in the village. Although most crimes in Burley can be classed as minor thefts which can be reduced by ensuring a good lock is in use. If in doubt our local police support will help just call 101.

Responses to consultation documents

The parish council have this year responded to several consultation documents including:-

Community Infrastructure Levy

Parking Review

Public Transport

Bradford Core Strategy

School Transport Review

Proposed changes to Leeds and Bradford Airport

Libraries, Health, Housing and several more

Plus commenting on over 75 planning applications

Responding to issues brought up by residents

Many and diverse issues are brought to the council councils attention via phone, email, by direct contact with councillors or by calling in at the Wednesday morning surgeries (9:30-11:30). We are usually able to help or at least forward the enquiry direct to the relevant department at Bradford on the resident's behalf.

Grants and Project support

Have this year been made to:-

Burley Community Trust towards the cost of the Christmas lights

Burley Community Trust towards the cost of the hanging baskets

Burley Community Trust towards the Fountain of Life Project

Walkers are Welcome

Wharfedale Ensemble

Start-up grant to help Burley Women's institute

Burley Woodhead Primary School new play area

Bell ringing for young people

Campaign to provide more schools in Wharf Valley

Neighbourhood Plan

Informal consultation with the Neighbourhood Plan was held in January with a good turnout but with some concerns about the increase in housing numbers.

Burley House Field

The friends of Burley House Field are now well established and meet every month on the second Sunday 10:00-12:00.

Outlook for 2016-17

During the coming year the council

Will formally consult about the Neighbourhood Plan, a decision will be required about the future of Burley Library, the Round House and public toilet have passed to the parish council and Bradford Council are reviewing requests for the parish to run the Queens Hall and all the open space in the village. Some challenges ahead!

Burley Parish Council: Draft Financial	Statement	2015-16	2016-17
INCOME	Budget	Actual	Budget
Allotments	2,300	2,504	2600
Bank Interest	1	1	220
Burley Handbook	60	60	0
Council Tax Support Grant	1566	1566	1562
Neighbourhood Plan	150	7270	0
Newsletter	250	245	500
Other Income	500	2205	500
Precept	41453	41453	46544
Scouts Rental	100	100	100
Toilet	250	31	150
VAT	3,488	3,488	4302
Wharfedale Greenway	250	90	100
Total Income	50368	59013	56578
EXPENDITURE	Budget	Actual	2016-17
Adverts	80	0	80
Allotment	1200	1832	2000
Audit Fees	390	450	500
Burley House Field	2000	1030	2000
Chairman	150	53	150
Civic Functions	300	617	300
Computer Support	100	430	400
Election Expenses	1000	0	0
General Maintenance	2600	0	2500
Grange Park	0	0	2000
Grants	2500	3857	2500
Insurance	609	614	750
Neighbourhood Plan	1800	5603	0
Newsletter	4000	2508	2500
Print & Stationery	720	1854	700
Projects	2600	8742	5000
Queens Hall	0	0	1000
Repairs & Renewals	200	748	200
Room Rent	200	0	200
Round House	0	0	2000
Staffing Costs and payroll charges	18500	16913	21000

Subscriptions	1000	1080	1000
Telephone & Internet	600	756	600
Toilets		1500	806
Training Travel	800	588	800
Water Feature	2000	2000	2000
Website Management	100	400	200
Wharfedale Greenway	2000	834	3000
Totals	46949	51715	54880

Balance at 31.03.2016 made up of:

Deposit Account	21520.6
Current Account at 31.03.16	23364.2
Less outstanding cheques at 31.03.16	358.8
Balance at 31.03.2016	44526.02

Signed 

Ian Orton: Parish Clerk

28th April 2016