



Burley Matters

This is Burley Parish Council's e-newsletter sharing Council discussions and decisions and also bringing news about work underway with our many partners in the village.

Queens Hall & Library Public Consultation



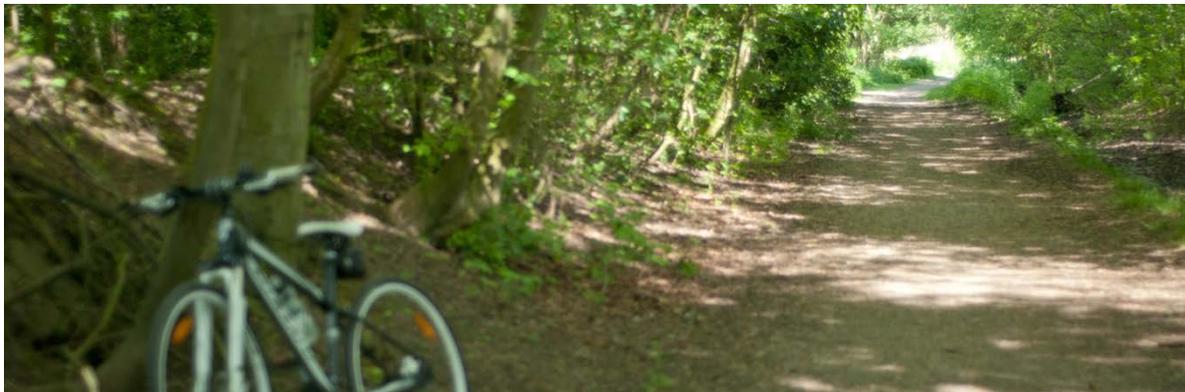
The Parish Council are looking to organise a joint consultative exhibition with the Save Our Library Site group on Saturday 13th January 2018. The event will be held in the Queens Hall and will show the proposed drawings for the refurbishment of both builds as proposed by the Parish Council and the Save Our Library Site group.

Before that, to help inform residents on the options, the Parish Council will produce a special edition of the quarterly paper newsletter, to seek community views on the costs and benefits of the refurbishment of both buildings. This should be out in December and will be delivered to every home and business in the village. The newsletter will contain background information about the refurbishment and running costs for both the Queens Hall and Library. It will also include several refurbishment options, and costs, to help residents make an informed decision about how best public money should be spent.

Matters close to the heart such as family and community are often discussed amongst family and friends during the many social events that take place over

Christmas. Hopefully we can make the Queens Hall and library refurbishment a real talking point in the village which we can build on during the open day in January.

Wharfedale Greenway



There is a walk planned to promote the Wharfedale Greenway on Saturday 27th January 2018. Meet at the Otley Roundabout on the A660 at 10am and finish at Burley Library to look at plans for the Greenway and to enjoy a well-earned hot drink and biscuits.

In the meantime, Burley, Menston, Otley and Pool councils are working with Sustrans to seek funding for the proposed route. Sustrans primary objective is to make it easier for people to ride, walk and cycle providing traffic-free routes. Sustrans are custodians of the National Cycle Network (NCN), a series of safe, traffic-free paths and quiet on-road cycling and walking routes that connect to every major town and city in the UK. Phase One of the Wharfedale Greenway project will provide a riding, walking and cycle route between Otley and Burley. Otley, Ilkley and Burley have a flourishing cycling culture and have hosted the Tour de France and Tour de Yorkshire. However, there are no facilities suitable for family cyclists and local businesses are missing out on this strong potential market. Sustrans propose that the project will form the first phase of a major tourist route linking York to the Yorkshire Dales.

In 2016, a series of studies undertaken by Leeds City Council identified a number of potential cycle facilities, but concluded that there are limited opportunities for continuous linear cycle routes due to the hilly terrain of the region. However, the disused Arthington to Burley railway (closed in 1965) links Arthington to Burley-in-Wharfedale via the Harrogate line, offering a unique opportunity to provide traffic-free cycling in the valley. Its alignment offers valuable leisure opportunities but also provides: an easy link from Pool (avoiding a major road), for which Otley is the main centre of services and schools; an easy link from Burley-in-Wharfedale to Otley which offers alternative amenities to Ilkley; a link from Otley to the railway stations at Burley-in-Wharfedale and Menston; and, has the potential to provide a longer greenway

route from York to the Yorkshire Dales capable of generating a tangible increase in the local tourism economy

Public consultations and requests have highlighted a desire for more family-orientated facilities that can provide leisure opportunities and links to schools that are suitable for novice and proficient cyclists alike. Whilst an attraction in itself, the cycleway also connects existing attractions and will improve the public realm of the areas it goes through.

Youth Activities

Following the Parish Council decision in September, a youth outreach service started in October with two hour sessions planned for Mondays and Thursdays. For the first month or so the programme will consist of building a programme with young people and identifying which activities will meet the needs of young people during the winter months.

Quite separately, Bradford Council has taken the decision not to support the Duke of Edinburgh's (DoE) Award scheme from April next year. Instead, young people will be encouraged to join through their local school or uniformed organisations such as the Scouts and Guides. Burley used to have in excess of 100 young people meeting in the Queens Hall on a Monday and Wednesday, but this number has now fallen. As Bradford Council are not providing the service, probably the only way the scheme can be offered from the Queens Hall is for the Parish Council to become a DoE licence holder and effectively underwrite the scheme. This could be funded three ways through: partly by parents making a contribution, partly by Bradford Youth Service and partly by the Parish Council. The anticipated Parish Council contribution of around £7,000 a year will go forward for inclusion in the budget next year and The Parish Council will support the proposal to prove DoE activities in partnership with Bradford Council and other partners



Neighbourhood Plan

Our Neighbourhood Plan, which will help shape development in the village until 2030, has taken a significant step forward. Neighbourhood Plans are a means to enable local people to have greater say over any form of development in their communities

Over the past four years Burley Parish Council has been working to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and the Parish Council has undertaken a number of evidence

gathering and consultation exercises to gather the views of the village which has then been translated into a number of planning policies. The Parish Council has submitted the proposed Neighbourhood Plan to Bradford Council as the plan as we wish to see adopted.

Following a wider consultation run by Bradford Council over the summer, the plan was submitted for examination by an independent Planning Inspector. The inspector is a chartered town planner and former government Planning Inspector with over forty years' experience. He made an unaccompanied site visit to Burley in October to familiarise himself with the proposed plan and to visit relevant sites and areas

The planning inspector's examination was dealt with by written representations. He considered hearing sessions to be unnecessary as the consultation responses clearly articulated the objections to the plan and presented arguments for and against the Plan's suitability. The examination has now completed and the Planning Inspector has made several recommendations to modify a number of policies and text to ensure the Plan meets the basic conditions and other legal requirements.

He has recommended that the plan, once modified, proceeds to referendum. In his finding he also made the comment that *"it is evident that a considerable amount of time and effort has been devoted to the development and production of this Plan and I congratulate all those who have been involved. The Plan should prove to be a useful tool for future planning and change in Burley-in-Wharfedale over the coming years"*

The next step is for the Parish Council to modify the plan in line with the inspectors report and then hold a local referendum early in the New Year to allow residents to decide whether they wish to see this plan adopted. If the plan receives a majority vote in favour it will then become part of the statutory development plan for the Bradford District



Leeds Bradford Airport Consultation

The Leeds Bradford Airport Consultation was held in the village the 2nd Nov and a response on behalf of the Parish Council has been issued

Meetings of the Full Parish Council take place on the second Thursday in the month at 7.30pm, Community and Environment Committee meetings take place six weekly on Monday nights at 7pm and Planning meetings 3 weekly on Monday evenings at 7.30pm or when Community and Environment Committee ends. Residents are welcome to attend any of these meeting and hear how these and other matters are being progressed. In addition, each Wednesday 0930-1100 the Parish Office is open for anyway who wants to drop in and discuss a matter of concern or find out more about a point of interest



Copyright © 2017 Burley Parish Council, All rights reserved.

Our mailing address is:

admin@burleyparishcouncil.co.uk

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).