

**MINUTES of the COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING of BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL
held via a remote meeting platform on
MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2021 at 7:30pm**



Present: Councillor Chris Turner (Chairman)
Councillor Duncan Ault (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Debbie Cox
Councillor Vicky Evans
Councillor Bob Felstead
Councillor Jan Lepley (Ex-Officio)
Terry O'Connor, Burley House Field (Co-opted member)
Peter Riley, Burley Wildlife Group (Co-opted member)
Pete Burnell, Allotments Representative (Co-opted member)
David Asher, Walkers are Welcome (Co-opted member)

Clerk: Clare Smith

CE088/2021 **Item 1 – Chairman's Remarks**
Councillor Turner welcomed those present to the meeting.

CE089/2021 **Item 2 – Apologies for Absence**
There were no apologies. All members present.

CE090/2021 **Item 3 – To receive any disclosures of interest**
None

CE091/2021 **Item 4 – To consider written requests for a dispensation on any matter to be discussed.**
None requested.

CE092/2021 **Item 5 – Public Participation**
Nothing to report under this item.

CE093/2021 **Item 6 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
Proposed by Councillor Vicky Evans
Seconded by Councillor Debbie Cox
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 30th November 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

CE094/2021 **Item 7 – Matters Arising from Minutes**
Nothing to report.

CE095/2021 **Item 8 – Co-option of a Committee Member**
Proposed by Councillor Duncan Ault
Seconded by Councillor Debbie Cox
It was **RESOLVED** that David Asher be co-opted to the Community and Environment Committee.

CE096/2021 **Item 9 – Burley House Field**
Terry O'Connor reported circulated a Biodiversity and Management Plan Report which is to be sent to Bradford Council regarding the tree planting proposals which have been put forward for Burley House Field.
In summary, the report covers the following:

1. Vegetation survey in 2014 established habitat descriptions and baseline species lists to inform future monitoring.
2. A 5-year management plan was drafted largely on the basis of that baseline survey.
3. Vegetation was resurveyed in 2018, showing little change from 2014. The few minor changes in species were mostly positive.
4. The current mowing regime is maintaining the grassland habitats. It is important that a second cut is taken in the Autumn.
5. Active diversity enhancement of the mown grassland areas would probably be best achieved by the use of 'plug plants' rather than sowing seed mixes.
6. Active diversification of some of the unmown marginal areas could be readily managed by focussed planting of woody shrubs and small trees and by Autumn and early Spring strimming of some of the unmown areas to manage the dominant tall grasses and sedges.
7. Regular, systematic monitoring of birds, bees and butterflies (and other invertebrates if local expertise is available and willing) would underscore the wildlife value of Burley House Field to complement its obvious value as a public open space.

It was also suggested that a second grass cut in Autumn would be beneficial. The Clerk will ask the contractor for the cost of this work.

CE097/2021 Item 10 – Burley Village Wildlife Group

Peter Riley reported that the fence at the Sun Lane Nature Reserve has now been repaired. Working parties were still able to continue (socially distanced) although the most recent working party had to be cancelled due to black ice.

CE098/2021 Item 11 – Walkers are Welcome

It was reported that a funding application has been submitted for the Walking with Wheels Project which is specifically to improve the path adjacent to the East End allotments.

CE099/2021 Item 12 – Allotments

The Clerk reported that the tenants of plots 18A, 18B, 19, 9B and 8B have all been contacted due to a lack of cultivation/maintenance.

It was also reported that plot 4B was in a poor condition. The Clerk will also contact the tenant.

Invoices for plots will be sent to all tenants this week for the new payment period (January – December 2021).

CE100/2021 Item 13 – Sustainability Policy

Councillor Chris Turner reported that the Council has resolved to develop a Sustainability Policy. If any Committee members are interested in assisting with the development of this policy, they should contact Councillor Turner.

CE101/2021 Item 14 – Tree Management & Tree Planting

The remaining trees have now been planted at Victoria Park. All tree stock has now been used and the allotment plot has been released back to the tenant.

CE102/2021 Item 15 – Grange Park

The footpath along the side of the playground has now been re-laid. The zip wire installation work began at the beginning of December; however, work was forced to stop due to the ground being too wet. It was however discovered that further drainage work is going to be required to ensure that the zip wire area does not flood. This work has been ordered and will be carried out at the end of January. The zip wire installation will then recommence.

The new litter bins have been ordered but no delivery date has been issued by the supplier yet.

It was agreed that the Committee would ask the Council to consider the installation of CCTV over the youth shelter/zip wire area to act as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour in this area.

CE103/2021 Item 16 – Recreation Ground

It was agreed that the residents would be consulted regarding tree planting between Iron Row and York Road.

The ownership of the field to the west of Iron Row was still being looked into by Bradford Council. This is the area which is to be drained for an additional football pitch with the s.106 money from the Greenholme Mills development however the land owner remains the Department for Transport. This issue needs to be resolved by Bradford Council's legal department. The cost of the drainage work is approximately £32,000.

CE104/2021 Item 17 – Village Green & Victoria Park

It was agreed that the Village Green working group would be promoted to encourage more volunteers to take part. The group takes place between 10am-12pm on the last Saturday of each month.

CE105/2021 Item 18 – Date of next meeting

The next Committee meeting will take place on Monday 15th February 2021 at 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm

Signed (Chairman): _____ Date: _____