

**MINUTES of the COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING of BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL
held via a remote meeting platform on
MONDAY 26th April 2021 at 7:30pm**



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

Clerk: Clare Smith

Also Present: Friends of the Wharfedale Greenway Representative

CE142/2021 Item 1 – Chairman's Remarks
Councillor Turner welcomed those present to the meeting.

CE143/2021 Item 2 – Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Pete Burnell, Allotments Representative (Co-opted member).

CE144/2021 Item 3 – To receive any disclosures of interest
None

CE145/2021 Item 4 – To consider written requests for a dispensation on any matter to be discussed.
None requested.

CE146/2021 Item 5 – Public Participation
A member of Friends of the Wharfedale Greenway attended the meeting and reported that a Facebook page had been set up to raise awareness and promote the project and pull information together into a central location from all of the member Councils taking part in the project. The Facebook page already had 700 followers. The group is keen to assist in any way it can and will attend the Steering Group meetings going forward.

CE147/2021 Item 6 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Proposed by Councillor Debbie Cox
Seconded by Councillor Jan Lepley
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

CE148/2021 Item 7 – Matters Arising from Minutes
Nothing to report.

CE149/2021 Item 8 – Village Green Working Party Update
It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would actively seek a volunteer to run the Working Group and will also put together a rota for one councillor to attend the working group each month.

CE150/2021 Item 9 – Walkers are Welcome

David Asher reported that a kissing gate has been installed on Stead Lane and repaired a stile on the path near to the dog kennels on Moor Lane.

Countryside Services have agreed to repair the bench at Moor Lane.

It was also reported that the Burley Bridge Association had been successful in a funding application for the creation of a Heritage Walk between Ripon Cathedral and Bradford Cathedral. The walk will be launching in the spring.

CE151/2021 Item 10 – Burley House Field

Terry O'Connor reported that the working group has met and concentrated on clearing the orchard and starting repairs on the Ha-ha. Snowdrops were planted and it was requested that the picnic bench now be returned to site. The Clerk will arrange for the picnic bench to be returned.

CE152/2021 Item 11 – Burley Village Wildlife Group

Peter Riley reported that the anti-pollution system was being looked at with a view to carrying out repairs by Bradford Council.

CE153/2021 Item 12 – Allotments

It was reported that tenants at Aireville Terrace have requested that a mains water supply be installed at the site. The Clerk reported that Yorkshire Water have been contacted but had been informed that they are unable to carry out site surveys during the Covid pandemic. However, this was now some time ago and the Clerk will therefore contact them again to see if the position has changed.

CE154/2021 Item 13 – Tree Management & Tree Planting

As a result of several separate requests from residents, the Clerk circulated a draft Tree Policy which outlines the work that residents are permitted to carry out on trees owned by Burley Parish Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Tree Policy and inform residents whose properties adjoin Parish Council land and that the policy be made available on the Parish Council website.

It was further **RESOLVED** that permission be granted to the resident of 3 Holme Park to carry out the works that they originally requested and that they be provided with a copy of the new policy for future reference.

CE155/2021 Item 14 – Parks and Open Spaces Strategy

It was agreed that a wider management strategy was required for all open spaces in Burley and that this should be embedded into the Asset Review being carried out by Full Council. Cllr Cox and Cllr Evans will put a proposal together to be taken to the next Council meeting.

CE156/2021 Item 15 – Riverside Management

It was noted that a meeting with key stakeholders will take place at the Riverside on 27th April 2021.

CE157/2021 Item 16 – Wildflower Planting

It was **RESOLVED** that up to £200 be approved to be spent on wildflower planting at Grange Park in the area under the trees adjacent to the bowling green.

CE158/2021 Item 17 – Grange Park

It was reported that the additional grass matting would be installed in the play area on 17th May 2021.

CE159/2021 Item 18 – Recreation Ground

It was reported that the Trojans had recently had a meeting with key stakeholders with regard to making improvements to the facilities at the Recreation Ground. Further updates will be provided in due course.

CE160/2021 Item 18 – Date of next meeting

The next Committee meeting will take place on Monday 24th May at 7:30pm in the Library. Cllr Ault and David Asher offered their apologies for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 9:40pm

Signed (Chairman): _____ Date: _____