

**MINUTES of the COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING of BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
held at Burley Library on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 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)  
Peter Riley, Burley Wildlife Group (Co-opted member)  
Pete Burnell, Allotments Representative (Co-opted member)

**Remote  
(Zoom):** Terry O'Connor, Friends of Burley House Field (Co-opted member)

**Clerk:** Clare Smith

**CE001/2122 Item 1 – Election of a Community & Environment Committee Chairman 2021/2022**

Proposed by Councillor Bob Felstead

Seconded by Councillor Duncan Ault

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Chris Turner be elected as the Chairman of the Community & Environment Committee for the municipal year 2021/2022.

**CE002/2122 Item 2 – Election of a Community & Environment Committee Vice Chairman 2021/2022**

Proposed by Councillor Bob Felstead

Seconded by Councillor Duncan Ault

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Debbie Cox be elected as the Vice Chairman of the Community & Environment Committee for the municipal year 2021/2022.

**CE003/2122 Item 3 – Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from David Asher, Walkers are Welcome (Co-opted member)

**CE004/2122 Item 4 – To receive any disclosures of interest**

None.

**CE005/2122 Item 5 – To consider written requests for a dispensation on any matter to be discussed.**

None requested.

**CE006/2122 Item 6 – Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

**CE007/2122 Item 7 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Councillor Debbie Cox

Seconded by Councillor Bob Felstead

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**CE008/2122 Item 8 – Matters Arising from Minutes**

Nothing to report.

**CE009/2122 Item 9 –Walkers are Welcome**

David Asher had circulated a report to members due to him being absent from the meeting.

Since the last meeting Walkers are Welcome have installed two benches on out of village footpaths. Firstly, on footpath Ilk47 linking Dog Kennel Farm, Stead with Moor Road. Secondly, at the junction of footpaths Ilk57 and Ilk59 on Burley Moor near to the Robin Hole gate.

WaW have also reached agreement with the Bingley Moor Partnership about re-siting a bench currently hidden by gorse and in need of repair near the Moor Lane gate. The bench was installed in the 1980s in memory of naturalist Walter Flesher, Burley resident, gamekeeper and President of Wharfedale Naturalists. The bench will be positioned on Ilk59 slightly higher than its current position. Funding is currently being sought.

Surface improvement work is planned to be undertaken by WaW volunteers to Ilk 65 and Ilk104 on June 9 and 10. These are two of the paths affected by the closure of the railway crossing near Holme Grove, have been heavily used, and have been badly affected by the wet winter.

David Asher, Cllr Duncan Ault and representatives from East End Allotment Society on 4<sup>th</sup> May to discuss improving the surface of Ilk65A (allotment path section). Concerns were raised about water safety near to the junction with the section going through Burley Woodhead School. Although there are no recorded complaints or concerns previously, BMDC have forwarded a draft water safety risk matrix to be used to help determine whether a barrier needs to be installed. WaW's preference in making this path wheelchair and buggy accessible is for a tarmac surface, as recommended by David Shaftoe from access charity Open Country.

**CE010/2122 Item 10 – Burley House Field**

Terry O'Connor reported

**CE011/2122 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.

**CE012/2122 Item 12 – Allotments**

The Clerk reported that she had now received the forms from Yorkshire Water to request that they visit the Aireville Terrace site to provide us with a quote to connect the site to mains water. The cost of the visit/survey is £150 + VAT.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk shall submit the site survey request to Yorkshire Water and pay the £150 + VAT survey fee. Once received, the full quote for a mains connection shall be brought to the Committee for consideration.

**CE013/2122 Item 13 – Footpaths**

Some concerns were raised regarding the poor condition of some footpaths and pavements throughout the village. Some were also obstructed by overhanging branches.

It was agreed that this was a matter for Bradford MDC as the landowner and a list of concerns will be compiled and sent to the relevant officers.

**CE014/2122 Item 14 – Tree Management & Tree Planting**

The Chairman and Clerk reported that a complaint had been received regarding some tree work which has been carried out at the rear of Holme Park. The Clerk and Chairman were confident that the work carried out was within the permission that had been granted by the Committee in line with the Tree Policy. The Committee noted this information.

**CE015/2122 Item 15 – Riverside Management**

It was noted that a meeting with key stakeholders took place at the Riverside on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Several action points were agreed at the meeting:

<b>Action</b>	<b>By who</b>
The Secretary will consult with the Anglers Committee to consider whether they would support installation of a webcam facility and advise Parish Council if they supported this.	Anglers
David will review possible signage to warn bathers about the levels of E. coli in the river. Position of any signage to be agreed with anglers /residents.	Burley Bridge Association
Current litter bin provision was seen as adequate but residents and other groups would continue to carry out local 'clean up' activities as required. It was confirmed that the 'Wombles' had offered support with collecting litter around the riverside. Residents will make contact with the group to secure support.	Resident
John to look at the condition of the wall on the approach to the Stepping Stones and review with the Anglers if repairs could be made	Anglers
Parish Council would investigate whether any options exist for a similar Public Space Protection Order as Ilkley has applied for. Although this would be on private land, the landowner has indicated support if any similar measures that could be introduced	Parish Council
Parish Council confirmed that they have requested an indication of timescale from Bradford MDC for double yellow lines at the roadside entrance to Leatherbank.	Parish Council

Another meeting is planned to take place at the end of June.

**CE016/2122 Item 16 – Wildflower Planting**

Wildflower seeds had now been sown in Grange Park and the Village Green.

**CE017/2122 Item 17 – Grange Park and Playground Equipment**

It was reported that the additional grass matting would be installed in the play area during w/c 31<sup>st</sup> May.

Repairs were required on the Ha-ha for which the Clerk will seek quotes.

The play equipment was in need of cleaning. It was agreed that the Clerk will ask BMDC if they could carry out this work just before the school summer holidays.

**CE018/2122 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 information will be provided at the Full Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

**CE019/2122 Item 19 – Date of next meeting**

The next Committee meeting will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7:30pm in the Library.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm

Signed (Chairman): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_