

**MINUTES of the COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING of BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
held at the Queens Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at  
7:30pm**



**Present:** Councillor Chris Turner (Chairman)  
Councillor Duncan Ault  
Councillor Bob Felstead  
Councillor Jan Lepley

Peter Riley, Burley Wildlife Group (Co-opted member)  
Pete Burnell, Allotments Representative (Co-opted member)  
Terry O'Connor, Friends of Burley House Field (Co-opted member)  
David Asher, Walkers are Welcome (Co-opted member)

**Clerk:** Clare Smith

**Also Present:** 2 members of the public

**CE039/2122 Item 1 – Chairman’s Welcome**

Cllr Chris Turner welcomed those present to the meeting.

**CE040/2122 Item 2 – Apologies for Absence**

All members were present.

**CE041/2122 Item 3 – To receive any disclosures of interest**

None.

**CE042/2122 Item 4 – To consider written requests for a dispensation on any matter to be discussed.**

None requested.

**CE043/2122 Item 5 – Public Participation**

A Trustee of the Burley Relief in Need charity attending the meeting. The Burley Relief in Need Charity was originally founded to help individuals and families in the village who are struggling financially. The charity owns properties on West Terrace which is leased to people who are in need of housing. The charities provide funding for various purposes such as school trips, assistance with the carpeting and furnishing of homes for families that have been rehoused, and a deposit on a rental home for a family with limited income. No referral is required from a specific service to access the charities funding. It is open to everyone.

**CE044/2122 Item 6 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Councillor B Felstead

Seconded by Councillor J Lepley

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**CE045/2122 Item 7 – Matters Arising from Minutes**

None.

**CE046/2122 Item 8 – Walkers are Welcome**

David Asher reported that new gates have now been installed at Derry Hill and strimming work has taken place along Stead Lane/Bingley Road to clear bracken. The Summer Festival walks were successful with 140 individuals taking part in 260 walks.

**CE047/2122 Item 9 – Burley House Field**

Terry O'Connor reported that the working group had recently been removing Himalayan Balsam along the Beck, and finding places for some 'whip' shrubs left over from the Scout Hut landscaping. Late summer pruning of plums and damsons has been started and will be completed when all crop is off. The Community Orchard was reviewed for condition of trees and fruiting.

**Burley House Field Community Orchard. Sept 2021**

Variety		Condition	Fruit	Notes
Apple	James Grieve	Healthy	Few	
Apple	Non Pareil	Healthy	Few	
Apple	Hunthouse	Healthy	Ample	
Apple	"Fortune"	Healthy	Good	Possible mis-labelling Fortune and Fiesta
Apple	Ribstone Pippin	Healthy	Some	
Apple	Court Pendu Plat	Healthy	Ample	
Apple	"Fiesta"	Healthy	Sparse	Possible mis-labelling Fortune and Fiesta
Apple	Charles Ross	Healthy	Sparse	Label to re-write
Apple	Worcester	Healthy	Few	Fruit very scabby
	Pearmain			
Apple	Lord Derby	Healthy	Ample	Leaning but stable. Label to re-write
Apple	Howgate Wonder	Healthy	None	Label to re-write
Apple	Egremont Russet	Healthy	None	2019 replacement of original tree
Apple	Katy	Healthy	Some	
Apple	Cockpit Improved	Healthy	Ample	Delicious
Apple	Grenadier	Healthy	Some	
Apple	New Bess Pool	Healthy	Ample	
Apple	Pitmaston	Healthy	Ample	
	Pineapple			
Apple	Yorkshire Greening	Healthy	Few	
Apple	Tydemans Late	Healthy	Ample	
	Orange			
Apple	Newton Wonder	Healthy	Few	
Apple	Dog Snout	DEAD	Removed, not replaced	
Apple	Grandpa Buxton	Healthy	Few	Much insect damage on fruit
Apple	Hornsea Herring	Healthy	Ample	
Apple	Greensleeves	Healthy	Some	Much insect damage on fruit
Pear	Beurre Hardy	Fair	None	Label to re-write
Pear	Hessle	Fair	None	
Pear	Conference	Poor	None	Weak growth, yellow leaves
Damson	Shropshire Prune	Fair	Some	Aphid leaf curl
Damson	Merryweather	Poor	None	Aphid leaf curl
Damson	Westmorland	Fair	Some	Minor aphid leaf curl
Plum	Laxton's Cropper	Poor	Few	Aphid damage
Plum	Anne Spath	Healthy	Ample	
Plum	Czar	Poor	Few	Aphid leaf curl. Branch broken off

The Committee previously asked for price estimates for young trees around 1m height to increase planting around the edges of Burley House Field. Few nurseries have had prices available owing to trading uncertainties, and most deal either in small 'whips' for hedging or more mature trees that are difficult to establish (and expensive). As an indication Hopes Grove nursery has bare root native species at 90-120cm typically for about £5 each. If this price holds

when they have Autumn stock available, a mixed batch of 20 plants (so about £100) would allow useful bulking-up around current single trees.

It was **RESOLVED** to order up to £250 worth of trees for Burley House Field to include the replacement of the Dog Snout apple tree which has died and the Conference pear tree which is dying.

It was also reported that one tonne of hardcore would be required shortly to make repairs to the footpaths. Terry O'Connor will liaise with the Clerk to arrange the ordering and delivery of this.

**CE048/2122 Item 10 – Burley Village Wildlife Group**

Peter Riley reported that Bradford Council were continuing to work on the repair of the anti-pollution system at the Nature Reserve. Peter also reported a possibly dangerous tree to Bradford Council.

The grass on the Bypass will be cut between 26-28 October.

**CE049/2122 Item 11 – Allotments**

The Clerk reported that a quote has now been received from Yorkshire Water for the connection of mains water to Aireville Terrace allotment site. The quote is £4254 + VAT. The committee **RECOMMENDED** that this quote be accepted and the order placed for the work to be carried out by Yorkshire Water.

**CE050/2122 Item 12 – Footpaths**

The Committee is currently waiting for Bradford Council's legal department to provide advice on the letter that it intends to send to the landowner prior to improvements being made to the footpath.

**CE051/2122 Item 13 – Tree Management & Tree Planting**

Bradford Council will remove three dead/diseased trees from Grange Park in October. They have recommended some species of trees which they feel would be appropriate replacements and have also provided details of their supplier.

It was agreed that a record should be established of all tree planting carried out by the Parish Council. The Clerk will begin to work on this.

**CE052/2122 Item 14 – Grange Park and Playground Equipment**

The Clerk reported that the replacement trampoline part was proving very difficult to source. One quote has been received and two other quotes were in the process of being sourced.

**CE053/2122 Item 15 – Recreation Ground and Open Spaces**

It was noted that the gate at the Recreation Ground (at the York Rd entrance) was yet to be installed. The Clerk will take this up with the contractor.

**CE054/2122 Item 16 – Date of next meeting**

The next Committee meeting will take place on Monday 11th October at 7:30pm at the Queens Hall.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm

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