

**MINUTES of the COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING of BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Queens Hall on Monday 11th October 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)

Clerk: Clare Smith

Also Present: Councillor Katherine Howard and Loraine Hughes (Youthquake)

CE055/2122 Item 1 – Chairman’s Welcome

Cllr Chris Turner welcomed those present to the meeting.

CE056/2122 Item 2 – Vice Chairman

Councillor Katherine Howard would like to stand as Vice Chairman. Councillor Howard will be elected to the Community & environment Committee at the next Council meeting and this item can then be revisited at the next Committee meeting.

CE057/2122 Item 3 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Councillor Bob Felstead and David Asher; Walkers are Welcome (Co-opted member).

CE058/2122 Item 4 – To receive any disclosures of interest

None.

CE059/2122 Item 5 – To consider written requests for a dispensation on any matter to be discussed.

None requested.

CE060/2122 Item 6 – Public Participation

Loraine Hughes attended as a representative of Youthquake which launched in 2019. The Youth Service now assist with the sessions which are held at the Queens Hall every Monday evening. Successful links have been built with the local secondary schools. Loraine is now working to develop Youthquake into a community-led youth group and is undertaking a VCS Leadership course. Consideration is currently being given to the constitution of the group and would like to request that the Parish Council nominate a representative. Councillor Turner will raise this at Full Council.

CE061/2122 Item 7 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Councillor Duncan Ault

Seconded by Councillor Chris Turner

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

CE062/2122 Item 8 – Matters Arising from Minutes

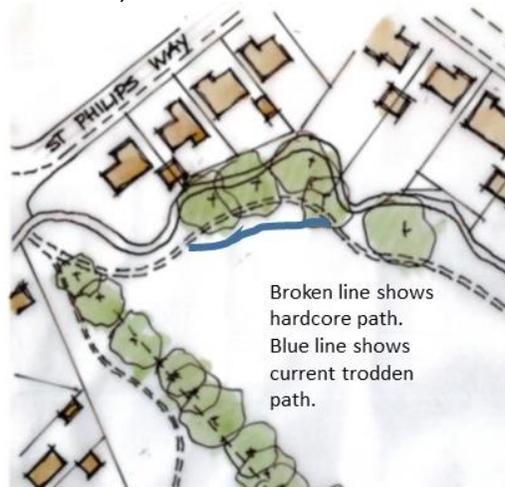
Nothing to report.

CE063/2122 Item 9 – Walkers are Welcome (WaW)

- WaW have now resumed monthly 3, 5 and 7 -10-mile walks without prior booking and with unlimited numbers, and these have been well attended.
- Countryside Services are training 3 more WaW volunteers on Thursday this week in use of their petrol trimmers/brushcutters. They will be able to practice their skills at a working party in Stead and along Moor Road next Monday finishing off bracken and brush clearance. Any suggestions for other footpath work welcomed.
- WaW plan to improve the footpath surface with hard core under the Cattle Arch adjacent to Heather Rise, which has become very muddy through the summer.
- David Asher attended the Zoom consultation exercise hosted by Sustrans last week which considered options for the Burley to Ben Rhydding section of the Wharfedale Greenway. David supported the purple route that follows the line of the railway line, as being a better option for walkers than the option adjacent to the A65. His preference would be that this did not use the existing Sun Lane footpath, but was created adjacent to Sun Lane as part of the new housing development. Concerns were also raised about the location of car parking for the Greenway in Burley. Like all other Greenways Sustrans have developed, it undoubtedly attracts visitors, and there does not appear to have been any discussion so far about where car parking would be. WaW would be concerned about the impact of on-street parking such as on Southfield Road (on the proposed route), which is a busy road already used extensively by railway users.
- The WaW AGM is being held this Wednesday at the Queens Hall at 7.30, with David Shaftoe from Open Country as the speaker. David has been advising the group on how to develop wheel friendly footpath routes in and around the village.

CE064/2122 Item 10 – Burley House Field

Work undertaken since the last meeting has largely been clearance and maintenance work on a length of beckside path close to the Prospect Road entrance and pruning of plum and damson trees on the orchard. The path will require some further work. The original hardcore was laid on a line hard up against bank vegetation, which now grows out over the path, and on something of a camber. As that section of path has become more overgrown, people have simply avoided it, stepping out onto the mown area and ‘cutting off the corner’. This has established a new trodden line (as shown below).



RESOLVED: It was agreed that hardcore should be laid on the new alignment of the path and the vegetation should be allowed to continue to grow.

CE065/2122 Item 11 – Burley Village Wildlife Group

Peter Riley reported that the grass verge on the bypass would be mown by Bradford Council on 25-27th October.

Peter attended the Zoom consultation exercise hosted by Sustrans last week which considered options for the Burley to Ben Rhydding section of the Wharfedale Greenway. Peter raised his concerns on one of the proposed routes. The Clerk informed the Committee that a meeting had recently been arranged with David Wilson homes (the developer of the Sun Lane development). A request was going to be put to the developer for the alignment of the Greenway to be placed within the boundary of the development site (rather than on the other side of the hedge near to the nature reserve). The Committee were supportive of this.

CE066/2122 Item 12 – Allotments

Pete Burnell reported that the dog fouling signs were in place and seemed to have made an improvement.

The Clerk reported that the Yorkshire Water quote was being considered by Full Council n Thursday 14th October.

CE067/2122 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.

CE068/2122 Item 13 – Tree Management & Tree Planting

Bradford Council has confirmed that three dead/dangerous and diseased trees were to be removed in Grange Park during the month of October.

CE069/2122 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.

CE070/2122 Item 15 – Recreation Ground and Open Spaces

Nothing to report.

CE071/2122 Item 16 – Riverside Management

It was reported that residents of Leatherbank have been contacted and have not requested a further meeting. It was noted that the wall has not yet been repaired by the Anglers. The Clerk will chase this up.

CE072/2122 Item 17 – Date of next meeting

The next Committee meeting will take place on Monday 15th November at 7:30pm at the Queens Hall.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm

Signed (Chairman): _____ Date: _____