

**MINUTES of the COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING of BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Queens Hall on Monday 21s March 2022 at
7:30pm**



Present: Councillor Chris Turner (Chairman)
Councillor Bob Felstead
Councillor Steve Goodwill
Councillor Katherine Howard
Councillor Jan Lepley
Pete Burnell, Allotments Rep (Co-opted member)
Terry O'Connor, Burley House Field (Co-opted member)
Sylvia Tilford, Village Green Working Party (Co-opted member)

Clerk: Clare Smith

CE108/2122 Item 1 – Chairman’s Welcome

Cllr Chris Turner welcomed those present to the meeting.

CE109/2122 Item 2 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from David Asher, Walkers are Welcome (Co-opted member) and Peter Riley, Burley Wildlife Group (Co-opted member).

CE110/2122 Item 3 – To receive any disclosures of interest

None.

CE111/2122 Item 4 – To consider written requests for a dispensation on any matter to be discussed.

None requested.

CE112/2122 Item 5 – Public Participation

No members of the public present.

CE113/2122 Item 6 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Councillor Jan Lepley

Seconded by Councillor Bob Felstead

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

CE114/2122 Item 7 – Matters Arising from Minutes

The wall at the village green has not been repaired. It was agreed that a new quote would be requested.

CE115/2122 Item 8 – Walkers are Welcome (WaW)

David Asher sent a report for the Clerk to circulate in his absence:

1. A working party to improve the surface of Hag Farm Road up to the bench will take place on Tuesday 22nd March. Eight Open Country volunteers will join seven from WaW. In addition the new owner of Hag Farm has just offered to assist with moving plantings, the use of a second whacker plate and a small roller, plus himself and a couple of work colleagues. This now means we can guarantee to finish without going into a second day.
2. A second working party with Open Country will take place on Friday 1st April to improve the surface of Eastfield Lane as far as Goit Stock Farm. So far we have 4 WaW volunteers plus 8 Open Country volunteers for what will be a shorter section than Hag Farm Road.

3. A working party will be held on Monday 25th April to improve a section of footpath adjacent to a beck near to Old Wood Farm, close to Bingley Road. This forms a part of the Yorkshire Heritage Way.
4. Referrals have begun to be received for the 'Mini-walks' project offering one to one support to enable people to regain confidence in walking after illness including Covid from the Social Prescriber at Grange Surgery.
5. Ilkley Brewery have agreed to sponsor the 4 local Walkers are Welcome communities and the Burley Bridge Association. They will produce a beer called either 'Yorkshire Heritage' or 'Welcome Way' depending on the proximity of the pub to either route, donating 10p a pint. It will be launched at the Hermit on 29th April (end of day 1 of the inaugural Yorkshire Heritage Way trail) and at Ripon Cathedral Beer Festival on 2nd May (end of day 4).
6. A reminder that Councillors are warmly welcomed to the launch of the Yorkshire Heritage Way at Bradford Cathedral on Friday 29th April, 9.00am to 10.00am, and to walk one or more of the stages. Three Ilkley Community Transport minibuses are booked to ferry walkers back to Burley Station at the end of stages 3 to 5, and back to start points for stages 4 and 5.

CE116/2122 Item 9 – Burley House Field

Terry O'Connor reported that the hardcore was delivered and has been used on repairs to the paths. More hardcore will be required in October. It was requested that the contractor avoid cutting the snowdrop area at the Langford Lane end. The Clerk will communicate this to the contractor.

CE117/2122 Item 10 – Burley Village Wildlife Group

Nothing to report.

CE118/2122 Item 11 – Allotments

It was agreed that the mains water supply would be turned back on after the winter. The Clerk will order the skip for some time around Easter.

CE119/2122 Item 12 – Recreation Ground, Village Green and other Open Spaces

Recreation Ground – the land has now been transferred from Highways England to Bradford MDC. A meeting with the Head of Parks has been requested to discuss the future management of the Recreation Ground.

Quotes have been obtained by Sam Needham for a pump track. The quotes range from £141k - £175k.

Village Green – There has been a lot of tidying up work to be done following the recent storms. Some tree work has been identified and will be carried out by Bradford MDC. The uneven footpath has now been repaired by the contractor.

Church Garden – the maintenance of the Church Garden was discussed. Sylvia Tilford very kindly maintains this area voluntarily at present and the future arrangements were discussed. This will be revisited at a later meeting.

CE120/2122 Item 13 – Grange Park and Playground Equipment

Quotes for compost bins have now been received. The bins will cost £640 each and it was **RESOLVED** that one bin be ordered for Grange Park and one bin be ordered for the Village Green.

The gardening team would like to apply for the Green Flag award but are unable to complete the application. The Clerk offered to assist with the application and would contact the gardening team to discuss it further.

CE121/2122 Item 14 – Footpaths

The allotment path will be improved by Bradford MDC in April. The Clerk will contact the Highways Team to ask for assurance around the potential for dealing with any complaints which may arise relating to this work.

CE122/2122 Item 15 – Tree Management & Tree Planting

The Clerk reported that a dangerous tree was going to be removed from the Greenway land which borders Millstone Close.

The Parish Council would like to plant a Jubilee tree(s) and have asked the Committee to come up with an appropriate location(s). It was agreed the Jubilee trees could be planted to replace the 3 mature trees which are to be felled in Grange Park. This will initially be discussed with Bradford MDC.

CE123/2122 Item 17 – Date of next meeting

The next Committee meeting will take place on **Thursday 21st April** at 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 8:35pm

Signed (Chairman): _____ Date: _____