

**MINUTES of the COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING of BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
held at the Queens Hall on Thursday 21st April 2022 at  
7:30pm**



**Present:** Councillor Chris Turner (Chairman)  
Councillor Duncan Ault  
Councillor Steve Goodwill  
Councillor Jan Lepley  
Pete Burnell, Allotments Rep (Co-opted member)  
Terry O'Connor, Burley House Field (Co-opted member)  
David Asher, Walkers are Welcome (Co-opted member)

**Clerk:** Clare Smith

**CE124/2122 Item 1 – Chairman’s Welcome**  
Cllr Chris Turner welcomed those present to the meeting.

**CE125/2122 Item 2 – Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies received from Councillor Felstead, Councillor Howard and Sylvia Tilford (Co-opted member).

**CE126/2122 Item 3 – To receive any disclosures of interest**  
None.

**CE127/2122 Item 4 – To consider written requests for a dispensation on any matter to be discussed.**  
None requested.

**CE128/2122 Item 5 – Public Participation**  
No members of the public present.

**CE129/2122 Item 6 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting**  
Proposed by Councillor Jan Lepley  
Seconded by Councillor Steve Goodwill  
**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**CE130/2122 Item 7 – Matters Arising from Minutes**  
None.

**CE131/2122 Item 8 – Walkers are Welcome (WaW)**  
David Asher reported that two working parties had recently taken place. Pot holes have been filled on Hag Farm Road and Eastfield Lane. The next work scheduled is to dig out a ditch at Oldwood Farm to stop it flooding the footpath.  
Referrals from the Social Prescriber are continuing for 'Mini Walks' which starts next week. The Heritage Way launches on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 with an event at Bradford Cathedral.  
It was reported that some of the stepping stones had sunk under the water level making it dangerous to cross. This has been reported to the Highway Structures team at Bradford MDC.

**CE132/2122 Item 9 – Burley House Field**  
Terry O'Connor reported that the hard core work had now been completed and vegetation cut back on the beck side. Snowdrops have been extended and marked out to prevent being mown. Terry thanked all volunteers that helped with the hardcore.

**CE133/2122 Item 10 – Burley Village Wildlife Group**

Peter Riley reported that the reed beds were no longer effective at the Nature Reserve and Bradford MDC has agreed to install a new filtration system to prevent pollution entering the River.

**CE134/2122 Item 11 – Climate Change**

The Climate change working group met recently and has written an article for the forthcoming newsletter which also includes a pull-out recycling guide. The group has put together some aims and objectives and is currently reviewing the Council's Sustainability Policy. Any recommendations will be brought to the next Committee meeting for consideration.

**CE135/2122 Item 12 – Allotments**

It was agreed that an inspection was required now that the growing season has commenced. The Clerk, Cllr Ault and Cllr Turner will arrange a visit and report back to the Committee.

**CE136/2122 Item 13 – Recreation Ground, Village Green and other Open Spaces**

The wall on the village green has now been repaired and the compost bins are now in place. No other matters to report.

**CE137/2122 Item 14 – Grange Park and Playground Equipment**

The trampoline has now been installed. It was reported that the surface under both swings requires repair. The Clerk will ask if Bradford MDC are able to assist.

**CE138/2122 Item 15 – Footpaths**

The allotment path improvements began on Tuesday morning. They are being carried out by Bradford MDC's contractor as the route is a Public Right of Way and they therefore have a duty to ensure that the surface is safe. Unfortunately, the landowners of a small section of the path (East End Allotment Society) would not allow Bradford MDC's contractor to carry out the work on their land. There is therefore a short section which is still not tarmacked. It was agreed that Committee members will attend the East End Allotment Society AGM to discuss this matter further.

**CE139/2122 Item 16 – Tree Management & Tree Planting**

The Clerk will contact Bradford MDC to ask when the tree work in Grange park is due to be started. There are several trees which are overhanging the play area in Grange Park which belong to Salem Church and require pruning. The Clerk will contact them.

**CE123/2122 Item 17 – Date of next meeting**

The next Committee meeting will take place on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** at 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm

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