

**Minutes of the Burley Parish Council Meeting
held at the Queens Hall, Main Street, Burley in
Wharfedale on Thursday 12th January 2023 at 7.30pm**



Present:

Cllr Steve Goodwill (Chairman)
Cllr Duncan Ault
Cllr Chris Turner
Cllr Bob Felstead
Cllr Katherine Howard
Cllr Jan Lepley
Cllr Chris Turner
Cllr Gary Scott
Cllr Mike Wild

Also present:

Clare Smith – Parish Clerk
12 members of the public (re: Item 12 – Burley Bridge)

123/2223 Item 1 – Chair’s Welcome

Councillor Steve Goodwill welcomed those present to the meeting.

124/2223 Item 2 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Councillor Vicky Evans.

125/2223 Item 3 – To receive any Disclosures of Interest

There were no interests declared by Members in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and the relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 regarding items for consideration on this agenda.

126/2223 Item 4 – To consider written requests for a dispensation on any matter to be discussed.

None requested.

127/2223 Item 5 – Public Participation

A member of the public asked why the Parish Council had taken the decision to hold a poll on the concept of bridge. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council had decided to hold a poll to assist with its planning application response to ensure that the Parish Council’s response was in line with public opinion.

A resident spoke and stated that they felt the current plans for the bridge go against the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Chairman of the Burley Bridge Association spoke of his disappointment with the poll results. He raised concerns that the poll cannot be attributed to individuals and the question does not separate people’s opinions on the concept of a bridge and the design of the bridge.

Another resident stated that Burley was the only settlement within the Wharfe valley without a bridge.

A resident of Leatherbank spoke against the concept of a bridge stating that the footfall in the area would increase and consequently have a negative impact. The landowner on the other side of the river was also against the concept of a bridge.

Two members of the public spoke in favour of the bridge stating that it would open up a wonderful area of the valley to walkers and it would make the public footpath much more accessible for people with disabilities who currently cannot use the stepping stones.

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Item 6 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 8th December 2022 and 10th November 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

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Item 7 – Matters arising from previous minutes

Nothing to report.

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Item 8 - To receive the minutes of Council Committees:

8.1 Planning Committee 19th December; 2022

8.2 Environment, Maintenance & Allotments Committee; 12th December 2022

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Item 9 - Finance

9.1 Schedule of Receipts and Payments

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Receipts and Payments for November 2022 and December 2022 be approved.

November 2022:

Total Receipts (ex. VAT): £11,364.72

Total Payments (ex. VAT): £24,171.00

December 2022:

Total Receipts (ex. VAT): £6,784.86

Total Payments (ex. VAT): £20,196.49

9.2 Bank Reconciliation November 2022 and December 2022

RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliation for November 2022 and December 2022 be approved.

November 2022:

Account balance: £292,949.13

Cashbook balance: £292,949.13

Difference: £0.00

December 2022:

Account balance: £279,165.34

Cashbook balance: £279,165.34

Difference: £0.00

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Item 10 – Election 2023

It was agreed that an article is to be published in the next e-newsletter to advertise the forthcoming local election to residents and that they can stand as a parish councillor along with details of how they can apply.

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Item 11 - Wharfedale Greenway

Cllr Gary Scott reported that he attended a meeting with Cllr Ault, Cllr Goodwill and the Parish Clerk at Otley Golf Club to discuss the contract for the purchase of land. Unfortunately, no positive progress could be made and the specification for the work required has now changed significantly from the initial agreement.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will not complete the fencing or work to create a ramp and will allow the long-stop date in the contract to lapse. The Clerk will inform the solicitor of this decision.

Cllr Scott also reported that the Mott McDonald report was now complete and Sustrans are in the process of putting together a proposal of the work that can be covered under the available funding to create a strategic business case to WYCA.

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Item 12 – Burley Bridge

The results of the recent poll were as follows:

Do you support the proposal to build a footbridge over the River Wharfe near to the stepping stones?

889 votes in total with the results as shown below:

Votes in favour of the bridge: 285 (32.06%)

Votes against the bridge: 599 (67.38%)

Don't Know: 5 (0.56%)

Members took into account the comments made by the 12 members of the public present at the meeting and each expressed their own personal opinion on the bridge in order to form a complete response.

Cllr Goodwill stated that in the adopted neighbourhood plan, the Parish Council supports the “concept” of a bridge. While previous consultations have suggested public support, they were from much smaller numbers – 50 and 120 – our recent survey received almost 900 responses and was clearly opposed to the bridge;

Cllr Goodwill proposed that the following statement be approved by the Council: “The Parish Council still support the concept of a bridge, but it remains the prerogative of the Burley Bridge Association to pursue this, including the persuasion of opinion, pursuance of planning permission and the raising of funds.”

RESOLVED: The Parish Council still support the concept of a bridge, but it remains the prerogative of the Burley Bridge Association to pursue this, including the persuasion of opinion, pursuance of planning permission and the raising of funds.”

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Item 13 – King Charles III Coronation

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will request further information and costs of

buying a commemorative gift for each child at the village's primary schools and bringing this information back to the next Council meeting.

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Item 14 – War Memorial Centenary Ceremony

The Royal British Legion have contacted the Clerk to request permission to hold a ceremony to mark the centenary of the Cenotaph in Grange Park. It was **RESOLVED** that permission be granted.

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Item 15 – Reports from Clerk and/or Councillors on other members attended.

Cllr Ault & Cllr Scott attended a meeting with Burley Trojans and the Football Foundation regarding plans to build a new pavilion at the Recreation Ground.

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Item 16 - Reports from Clerk and/or Councillors on other meetings attended – for information only

Nothing to report.

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Item 17 - Diary Dates:

23 rd January 2023	EMA Committee; 7:30pm
24 th January 2023	Volunteer's Event; 7:30pm
6 th February 2023	Planning Committee; 7:30pm

Meeting ended: 9.15pm

Signed (Chairman, Councillor Goodwill): _____ Date: _____