

**MINUTES of the COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING of BURLEY PARISH COUNCIL**
held on **Monday 20th January 2020 at 6:30pm**
Queen's Hall, Burley in Wharfedale, LS29 7BT



Present: Councillor Chris Turner (Chairman)
Councillor Vicky Evans
Councillor Bob Felstead
Councillor Duncan Ault

Peter Riley, Burley Wildlife Group
Terry O'Connor, Friends of Burley House Field
Juliette Newsham, Allotments Representative
Becky Berry, St Mary's Parish Church

Clerk: Clare Smith

Also present: 5 members of the public

CE071/1920 Item 1 – Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

CE072/1920 Item 2 – Apologies for Absence

All members of the Committee were present.

CE073/1920 Item 3 – To receive any disclosures of interest

Councillor Turner declared an interest in Item 8 as he is a member of Plastic Free Burley.

CE074/1920 Item 4 – To consider written requests for a dispensation on any matter to be discussed.

None requested.

CE075/1920 Item 5 – Public Participation

5.1 Becky Berry – "Unique" – St Mary's Parish Church

Becky Berry (St Mary's Parish Church) attended the meeting to speak about "Unique" which is a course currently being delivered in primary schools in Burley. The course content is centred around wellbeing and mental health awareness among young people. It is currently being delivered once a week (for an 8-week block) to Year 5 and Year 6 pupils at Burley & Woodhead school. Due to lack of qualified course leaders and funding restrictions, the course is not currently available to all Year 6 pupils at Burley Oaks. Only Year 6 girls are attending at present with Year 6 boys being referred if there is a need for them to attend.

The cost to train a leader is approximately £200 per person and the Parish Council was asked for support to ensure that this valuable course continues.

Several sources of funding were suggested (Community Chest, Children in Need, Burley in Wharfedale Community Trust) and the leaders were also encouraged to complete a funding application to the Parish Council.

5.2 A member of the public requested that the use of herbicides be stopped around the village. It was explained that this had been carried out by Bradford Council in the summer and they should be approached.

5.3 A member of the public requested that tree planting be treated as urgent across the village. They also stated that the Parish Council should be seen to be using renewable energy suppliers. The Clerk would look into this.

- 5.4 A resident reported that sometime ago, some trees on the embankment were removed for safety reasons. The residents responsible for removing the trees donated £100 towards the trees' replacement. The resident asked whether this money had been spent and whether new trees had been planted in place of the ones that had been felled. The Clerk was not in post at that time and would therefore investigate.
- 5.5 Some members of the public made a request for the Parish Council to declare a climate emergency. This would need to be taken to Full Council but it would be useful for the Bradford Council climate officer to attend a future meeting to look at different options and policies prior to any decision being made.
- 5.6 **Burley Lady Gardeners**
The Burley Lady Gardeners, who maintain the flower beds in Grange Park, asked the Council to consider applying for Green Flag status. It was agreed that this would be placed on the next agenda for formal discussion and approval.

CE076/1920 Item 6 – Minutes of the previous meeting

Proposed by Councillor Vicky Evans

Seconded by Councillor Duncan Ault

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

CE077/1920 Item 7 – Matters Arising from Minutes

Nothing to report.

The Chairman moved Item 12 forward to be considered at an earlier stage in the meeting.

CE078/1920 Item 12 – Burley House Field

Reconstruction work on the South Ha-Ha is now complete to its intended extent. The Friends of Burley House Field propose to focus working parties on minor repairs to sections of the Ha-Ha towards Bradford Road, where groups of two or three stones have fallen away, and minor repair and clearance work would enhance the appearance and stability of the Ha-Ha wall.

There have been a couple of incidents of vandalism over the last few weeks. One of the beck-side benches was pulled from its ground fixings and dumped in the beck. A member of the public pulled it out of the water, it has now been locked in the tool container pending a Council decision on further action. A nearby tree that was planted in early 2019 was broken off at ground level, apparently as part of the same action. More recently, one of the orchard trees has been similarly broken off.

If the Committee agrees, we can source and replace the orchard tree before the Spring.

It was **RESOLVED** that the orchard tree should be replaced by the Friends of Burley House Field (funded by the Parish Council).

The Chairman moved Item 13 forward to be considered at an earlier stage in the meeting.

CE079/1920 Item 13 – Burley Village Wildlife Group

It was reported that recent working parties had been well attended. The verge cutting reduction along the Bypass had increased biodiversity significantly and as a result of introducing this programme Peter Riley had been asked to speak to a group of residents in Otley who were trying to encourage Leeds City Council to introduce a similar programme.

CE080/1920 Item 8 – Plastic Free Burley

Councillor Turner reported that a litter pick was in the process of being planned for either 28th or 29th March.

All local business were now in the process of being contacted to involve them in the plastic reduction initiative.

CE081/1920 Item 9 – Allotments

it was agreed that an allotment meeting would be arranged for late February and that the Chairman of the East End Allotment Society would be invited along with all Parish Council tenants.

CE082/1920 Item 10 – Grange Park

It was reported that the gym equipment had been repaired and the surface under the swing had also been repaired.

It was reported that the Council had approved the zip wire and that the permission of BMDC (as Landlord) was now being sought.

Two litter bins had been vandalised and the Clerk reported that replacements were currently being sourced.

CE067/1920 Item 11 – Tree Management

11.1 Letter from Resident re: Long Meadows Tree

It was agreed that the ownership of the tree in question needs to be established and the Clerk will take the relevant action depending on the outcome of this.

11.2 Tree Survey and Tree Management Working Group

The working group will meet on 3rd February 2020 at 6:30pm.

CE068/1920 Item 12 – Burley House Field

See Minute No.

CE069/1920 Item 13 – Update from Burley Village Wildlife Group

See Minute No.

CE041/1920 Item 14 – Date of next meeting

Monday 20th January 2020 at 6:30pm.

Meeting closed 7:50pm.

Signed (Chairman): _____ Date: _____