



Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council

The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Bowling Pavilion, Steeton, Wednesday 7 February 2007.

Present: Councillor Dr. Harding (Chairman), Councillors Mrs. Blagden, Mrs. Emmott, Hargreaves, Miss Moorhouse, Mullen, Mrs Townsend and Weller.

In attendance: Mrs. C. Brown, Clerk
Councillor Mrs Bottomley, Silsden Town Council
Councillor M Kelly, District Councillor
1 Member of the press
2 Members of the public

07/024 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Mrs. Budimir, Mrs Lear and Mrs Mitchell
Apologies from Councillors Mallinson and Naylor were noted.

07/025 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Mrs Emmott declared a prejudicial interest in Planning Application 05/03620/OUT as she is one of the applicants and withdrew from the meeting during the discussion of this item.

07/026 Minutes

Resolved- That the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 10 January 2007 and 17 January 2007 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Update on matters discussed at the meeting held 10 January 2007

The clerk's update report is appended to these minutes. (Appendix 1)

Pursuant to minute 07/006 Bowling Club: The clerk reported that she had met with a representative from Bradford Council to discuss the disabled access. A full report will be prepared for the next meeting.

07/027 Youth Issues

i)Councillor Bottomley gave a presentation on the formation and work of the Silsden Youth Council:

Councillor Bottomley was originally approached by two rival groups of youngsters all of whom wanted to keep out of trouble. The Neighbourhood Police Officer was involved right from the start. The Youth Council meets monthly and the members soon started to understand the importance of following procedures. They elect a chair and vice-chair and have another 10 committee members within the 10 to 19 age range. They have a Constitution, Child Protection Policy and Equal opportunity policy. The Youth Council has its own bank account supervised by the clerk and 2 town councillors. A project to work towards focused the group and opened doors to funding streams. The group has had help from schools, police, churches, local businesses and local people.

Councillor Dr. Harding thanked Councillor Mrs Bottomley for her informative presentation and it was hoped that she would attend a future meeting with an update of their work.

ii) Area Co-Ordinator's Office Grant:

It was suggested that a question be added to the Parish Plan questionnaire asking young people if they would be interested in setting up a Youth Council in Steeton and Eastburn.

Resolved: Councillor Hargreaves, Miss Moorhouse and Weller will attend the next meeting of Silsden Youth Council and report back to the council. (Tuesday 6 March at 6.30 p.m.)

Resolved: To defer a decision on spending the £2000 grant until feedback from the Silsden Youth Council has been discussed.

07/028

Police Issues

i) Reply from Inspector Mark Allsop

A replacement PCSO for PCSO Walton has been patrolling in Steeton, Eastburn, Silsden and Addingham. PCSO Walton will return on 26 February 2007 after further training.

ii) Crime figures for December 2006 were noted.

- 1 Burglary
- 0 Vehicle Crime
- 1 Violent Crime
- 0 Serious Violent Crime
- 0 Criminal Damage
- 12 Youth Nuisance
- 7 Anti-Social Behaviour

iii) Police Tasking Meeting held

Councillor Mrs. Blagden reported that the following issues were discussed:

- Logs have been kept by PCSO's to show days and times patrolling in the villages.
- Parking down Station Road-some cones have disappeared. The cones are not going to be replaced
- Parking on double yellows on industrial estate-Warnings were given and this has now stopped
- Speedwatch has been carried out in the villages and Cllr Budimir has been contacted
- Illegally parked cars have been ticketed.
- Elmsley Street- The police maintain that the street markings are not clear. The clerk will contact Bradford Highways again to try and find out if the marking is to be made clearer.

iv) Reports for communication with the police (Cllr Blagden)

- High Street-speedwatch needed to apprehend speeding vehicles.
- Police box has not been reinstated in the post office in Steeton
- Noisy youths congregating outside newsagents on Elmsley Street every night on bikes with no lights

07/029

Bowling Club

i) Fire Safety Action Plan:

Resolved: To accept the Fire Safety Plan. (Appendix 2)

ii) Councillor Dr. Harding gave a brief report of the meeting held 24 January 2007 with members of the Bowling Club Committee..

iii) Draft agreement between the parish council and Bradford Council

Resolved: To accept the draft agreement and forward it to Bradford Council for consideration.

iv). Draft agreement between the parish council and the Bowling Club

Resolved: To accept the draft agreement and forward it to the Bowling Club for consideration.

07/030

Transport Issues

i) Highway improvements at the junction of Skipton Road and Thornhill Road

Resolved: To make the following comments:

- 1) Council request that double yellow lines are put on both sides at the top of Thornhill Road from the junction with Skipton Road to a point between numbers 1 and 3 Thornhill Road.
- 2) Ask Highways to look again at the informal crossing facility to east of Thornhill Road as the pavement on the south side of Skipton Road is very narrow.

ii) Old Station Road parking

Resolved: To forward the e-mail to the Transport Working Group for consideration.

07/031

Parish Plan

i) Draft questionnaire: Councillor Mullen gave an update on the draft questionnaire.

ii) Steering Group recommendations:

Resolved: To accept the recommendations of the Steering Group and approve spending up to the budget limit agreed for the parish plan and subject to confirmation that the parish plan grant has been awarded by Bradford Council.

07/032

Eastburn Playing Field

i) Charity Commission Documents

Resolved: To amend the name of the council to Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council and forward the document to the Charity Commission.

ii) Redevelopment Project

Resolved: To go ahead with a grant application for the drainage and refurbishment of the football field along with the provision of new goalposts.

Resolved: To commit £3000 of the play budget towards the development of the football pitch.

07/033

Safer, Cleaner, Greener Neighbourhoods

Resolved: Write to Bradford and stress the difficulties for councillors to attend a Saturday event in Bradford.

07/034

Tree planting in the football field

Resolved: To plant two native species trees to replace the sycamore that was felled.

07/035

Newsletter:

i) Circulation with the Target

Resolved: To regularly circulate the newsletter with the Keighley Target to households in Steeton and hand deliver to Eastburn

Resolved: To print 1800 copies of the March 2007 newsletter and circulate it with the Parish Plan questionnaire.

ii) Number of copies to be printed

Resolved: To regularly print 1500 copies of the newsletter in each quarter.

07/036

Christmas Lights:

Resolved: The low voltage blue lights will be offered to the Cricket Club free of charge.

Resolved: To dispose of the mains voltage Christmas lights.

07/037

Circulation of parish council papers by e-mail

Resolved: The clerk will investigate the cost of providing 500 sheets of paper and a black ink cartridge to councillors with e-mail facilities. Councillors should inform the clerk what sort of ink cartridges they use.

07/038

Finance

i) Accounts for payment

Resolved- That the accounts detailed on the schedule presented at the meeting be paid.

07/039

Correspondence-(For information and inform future agendas.)

- Wright, Atkinson & Pearson: Copy of a letter sent to Messrs. Turner's Solicitors: Noted
- Highways agency: Letter confirming the council's objections have been noted
- Lord Mayor, Bradford Council: Invitations to Civic Reception: Distributed to members
- Keighley Area Committee Minutes 19.12.06-Circulation envelope
- Keighley Area Committee Agenda 1.2.07-Circulation envelope
- Zurich Municipal: Insurers asking for the post code of the Bowling Pavilion: The clerk has responded
- Highways Dept: Notification that strengthening work will commence at Silsden Broidge on 12 February 2007. Noted
- Mr. C. Kirby, BNP: Letter expressing the opinion that the graffiti on the Old Co-Op building is more likely to be the work of anti-social youths than BNP members or supporters. Noted
- Eastburn School newsletter: Circulation envelope
- YLCA advice note (Elections) Circulated to members
- White Rose Update-Circulation envelope
- Assembly Digest-Circulation envelope
- NISP Network event-Circulation envelope

- 07/040 City of Bradford Council Minutes and Reports
Councillors reported the following observations:
- Training for parish councils will not take place due to resource constraints but council has been informed that training on the Code of Conduct will be provided after the May elections.

- 07/041 Planning Matters:
- i) Local Development Framework:
Core Strategy Consultation on Issues- Councillor Mullen agreed to read this and report back at the next meeting.
- ii) Planning Applications to be considered:
- a)06/09560/FUL, 12 Apartment block and 4 detached houses (Amended plans) at longlands, Skipton Road, Steeton
Resolved: Council still recommends refusal as the amendments do not address any of the councils previously recorded objections. A parish councillor will attend the Area Planning Panel, if necessary, to explain the council's objections.
- b)07/00183/FUL, Single storey extension at 17 Styveton Way, Steeton
Resolved: Council has no objections and will support the decision of the Planning Officer.
- c)07/00475/FUL, Two storey extension at 28 Styveton Way, Steeton
Resolved: Council will support the decision of the Planning Officer.

Notes:

- 05/03620/OUT, New Redcar Farm, Redcar Lane, Steeton: The independent consultation stating that the need for an agricultural dwelling has been proven was accepted. The council withdrew its objections to the application.
- 06/07457/FUL, Bridge Farm, Aire Valley Road, Steeton: Council accepted the report from the Environment Agency stating that a further flood risk assessment was unnecessary.
- 06/09057/OUT, 2 detached houses and creation of new access at 23 Thornhill Road, Steeton: This application was withdrawn on 19 January 2007.
- iii) Planning decisions to be noted:
None

- 07/042 Member's Community Reports (For information and inform future agendas)
- Notice to the entrance of the football field has been damaged by vandals. The replacement of this sign will be put on the agenda for the March meeting.
 - The oak sapling on Corn Mill Green needs a new stake.
 - Clough Avenue lighting: The clerk will ask if this can be considered by Bradford Council.
 - Blocked gullies on Lyon Lane-Cllr Townend will report this to Bradford Council.
 - Lamp standards on Green Lane have been damaged again and are leaning over. The clerk will contact Street Lighting.

To note the date of the next meeting-

Wednesday 7 March 2007, 7.30 p.m. at the Bowling Pavilion, Steeton.
There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.37p.m.

Chairman..... Date: 7 March 2007