



## *Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council*

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### **The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Eastburn Junior and Infant School, Wednesday 4 July 2007.**

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

In attendance: Mrs. C. Brown, Clerk  
Mr. Sean O'Hanrahan, Manager, The Willows Independent Hospital  
Mandy Gregory, Deputy Manager, The Willows Independent Hospital  
1 Member of the public  
Councillor A. Naylor (from 9.00 p.m.), ward Councillor

07/126 Apologies  
Apologies were noted from Councillors Mallinson and Kelly, District Councillors.

07/127 Declaration of Interest  
Councillor Dr. Harding declared a personal interest in item 6iv, Resident's parking scheme for East Parade and Ash Grove as her partner owns a property on East Parade.

07/128 Minutes  
Resolved- That the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 6 June 2007 and 20 June 2007 be approved, subject to Councillor Mrs Thompson's apologies being accepted under Minute No. 07/101, and signed by the Chairman.  
Update on matters discussed at the meeting held 6 June 2007  
The clerk's update report is appended to these minutes. (Appendix 1)

07/129 The Willows Independent Hospital  
Mr Sean O'Hanrahan attended the meeting and welcomed the opportunity to address the council. He explained some of the problems in the recent past with high management staff turnover and a critical report from the Healthcare Commission. He went on to give a summary of his nursing background and his extensive experience working and having a management role in medium and high security hospitals. Mr O'Hanrahan reported that a major refurbishment is currently being carried out at the Willows and £1.2M is being spent to bring the hospital up to standard with all single sex facilities with en-suite provision. There is an active recruitment drive for staff and an ongoing process of the assessment of staff capability.  
There are 21 patients resident at this time, being a mixture of sectioned and informal patients, which represents 50% occupancy. The admissions procedure has changed recently and the hospital will no longer be admitting patients with a primary diagnosis of drug and alcohol abuse or with a psychopathic disorder.  
He explained that some patients can be detained following risk assessment procedures and the hospital can invoke the powers of the Mental Health Act 1983 for the protection of vulnerable patients. Monitoring and management of patients will be more proactive and anti-social behaviour will be challenged by the staff.  
Mr O'Hanrahan accepted that there were valid concerns being expressed by the local community about some of the patients and he is anxious to establish communication links between himself and the local community so that concerns can be addressed immediately. He distributed business cards with contact details and encouraged councillors to contact him directly with any concerns.  
The Chairman thanked Mr O'Hanrahan for attending the meeting and welcomed his comments.

07/130 Police Issues  
i) Crime figures for May 2007 were noted:

- o 3 criminal damage

- o 15 anti-social behaviour
- o 2 youth nuisance
- o 2 vehicle crime
- o 0 burglary
- o 2 violent crime
- o 0 serious violent crime

ii) Police Tasking Meeting

Councillor Mrs. Blagden reported that unfortunately, due to illness, she had not attended the last tasking meeting but had received an update from the police

- o Steeton parking problems on Gamel View and Elmsley Street: Cars had been ticketed and warning leaflets distributed.
- o Damage to school gates, damage to safety surfacing at Keighley Road Recreation Ground: Anti-climb paint been applied to the boundary of the MUGA and the Park Rangers have been asked to patrol the area.
- o The school caretaker had reported that a bench adjacent to the school boundary is being used to access the school grounds. It was suggested that the bench could be moved away from the wall. It was decided to keep this under review.
- o The removal of shelter from Keighley Road Recreation Ground has been threatened if anti-social behaviour in the area persists.
- o Speeding on Barrows Lane & High Street-Speedwatch has commenced again and is planned to be used again.
- o HGV going through the village: There was a request that the company details of vehicles going through the villages be reported to the police through Councillor Blagden.

iii) Reports for communication with the police at the next Tasking Meeting

- o Chapel Road: Speeding cars are going wrong way up Chapel Road putting the lives of children in danger. A request for Speedwatch to be deployed between 2.30 and 4.30 p.m. will be made to the police.
- o Local residents have complained about excessive noise from the club on High Street.
- o Parking by snicket through to Airedale Hospital: Aggressive drivers of the vehicles are abusing local residents.
- o Thornhill Road area: Youngsters about 12/13 years of age are going round causing a nuisance and annoying elderly residents e.g. throwing stones and ringing door bells.
- o Racial abuse has been suffered by residents from passing car drivers on Skipton and Keighley Road.
- o Stone Grove residents have reported drug use in the area between 1.00 am & 4.00 a.m. at weekends

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Transport Issues

i) Joint Transport Working Group: A report of the meeting held on 13 June 2007 was given by Councillor Mullen. An architect and a traffic engineer had attended the meeting and outlined plans for a car park on land owned by Airedale Tree Surgeons. The plans also showed an improvement in access for disabled passengers being dropped off at the station. An article about the problems for disabled passengers had been featured in the Craven Herald. It was felt that it is still early days but some progress is being made.

ii) Press campaign to highlight the problems with disabled access at Steeton and Silsden Station  
Resolved: To defer any decision to the next meeting when a media and press policy will be discussed.

iii) Traffic Regulation Order, Station Road, Steeton: The clerk reported that the TRO is now being processed and the yellow lines will be applied shortly.

iv) Resident's parking scheme on East Parade and Ash Grove:

Resolved: To ask the Highways Department to look again at a resident's parking scheme for East Parade and Ash Grove and to confirm the process for initiating the scheme.

v) 20mph speed limit on the side roads in Eastburn: It was reported that there was no call for this at the Neighbourhood Forum held 27 June 2007.

Resolved: To assess the need for a 20mph speed limit on side roads in Eastburn when the data from the parish plan questionnaires has been analysed.

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Play Provision Issues : Eastburn Playing Field

i) Meeting with Mick Priestley, Technical Manager, Parks and Landscapes Department: The clerk reported that the Parks and Landscapes Department will give technical support to the development of

the Eastburn Playing Field site. The liability and insurance provision required is being looked at by Mr. Priestley. Mr. Priestley will arrange for tenders for the drainage of the field.

ii) Steering Group Meeting, 19 June 2007. Councillor Mrs Lear gave a report of the meeting. She praised the presentations made by the children. They liked the equipment that the council has put in at Keighley Road Recreation Ground, Steeton. The children's ideas are being collated in to a play area plan by the Parks and Landscapes Department. The importance of consultation with all of the Eastburn residents was stressed. No decision about the inclusion of a bike trail can be made until the liability and insurance requirements have been clarified. The next meeting will be arranged when feedback from Parks and Landscapes Department is available.

iii) Neighbourhood Forum: Councillor Dr. Harding reported on feedback from the Neighbourhood Forum held 27 June 2007. Some concerns were expressed about the inclusion of a bike trail but full consultation will be carried out with all resident prior to any decisions being made.

iv) Charity Commission Annual Return

Resolved: That the completed return be signed by Councillor Mrs Lear and submitted to the Charity Commission.

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Seat on Green Lane

There was no support for a seat at the top of Green Lane at the Neighbourhood Forum meeting held 27 June 2007 although the turnout at that meeting may not represent the whole of the community in Eastburn.

Resolved: Not to replace the seat at the top of Green Lane at this time but to consider this again at a later date.

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Community Clean Up

Resolved: Not to participate in the Community Clean Up on this occasion.

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Planning Protocol

The final version of the proposed Planning Protocol was circulated and considered

Resolved: That the Planning Protocol be accepted providing that its effectiveness can be reviewed in 12 months.

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Football Ground

A hole/well close to the boundary wall of the football ground was discussed.

Resolved: The clerk will write to the resident and inform her that as the grass has been cut and the well is visible the council does not feel it is necessary to take any further action.

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Finance

i) Accounts for payment

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

ii) Quarterly Cashbook

Resolved: That the quarterly cashbook presented at the meeting be accepted. (Appendix2)

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Correspondence-(For information and inform future agendas.)

- YLCA: White Rose Update, Agenda Annual Meeting 21 July 2007, Minutes Meeting 15 July 2006, Annual Report and Accounts (Circulation envelope)
- Minutes Keighley Area Committee, 12 April 2007 (Circulation envelope)
- YLCA: Joint Training Conference for Parish & Town Councillors and Clerks, 28/30 September 2007, Scarborough (Circulation envelope)
- Eastburn School Newsletters 22.6.07, 8.6.07. (Circulation envelope)
- Minutes Neighbourhood Forum 13 March 2007 (Circulation envelope)
- Dates of Area Planning Panel meetings 2007/8: Noted
- Letter from a resident regarding the council's comments on a planning application: Noted
- Bradford Council Education Department, School Meals: Noted

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Councillors reported the following observations:

Area Planning Panel: A petition regarding the removal of a wall on Queen Street was noted

Safer & Stronger Communities-The Strategic Director for Culture Media & Sports will find a suitable site for a motor bike trials park in the Bradford area and report back.

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Planning Matters:

i) Local Development Framework Documents Received: None

ii) Local Development Framework Comments :

a) Draft Shop-front Design Guide, Supplementary Planning Document: No comments

iii) 2007 Planning White Paper Information Event: Seminar to be held on Saturday 14 July 2007 in Selby: Noted

ii) Planning Applications to be considered:

a) 07/03939/REM, Construction of 6 apartments in single block and 3 detached houses with associated garages at Longlands, Skipton Road, Steeton.

Resolved: To express the following concerns:

i) Council is still unhappy about the overbearing size of the single block of 6 apartments that will dominate the aspect from Skipton Road resulting in a loss of visual amenity.

ii) The site has been cleared of many trees, can you confirm that the trees shown on the plan to be retained have been retained and that they can be protected by TPOs?

iii) Condition 7 of the outline planning consent requires the developer to erect protective fencing around retained trees prior to machinery being brought on to the site. Heavy machinery has been on the site for weeks but the council is not aware of any protective fencing in place.

iv) Council would like a condition applied for the use of Yorkshire stone and roof tiles to match the construction of the adjoining properties and Longlands House itself to improve visual amenity.

b) 07/03965/FUL, Ground floor extension to rear and conservatory to side at 23 Styveton Way, Steeton

Resolved: No objections

c) 07/04243/FUL, Single storey kitchen extension, single storey flat roof extension to front with wrought iron balustrade and enlargement of gable window at 11 Grange View, Eastburn.

Resolved: Council considers that the proposal is out of keeping with this traditional stone terraced property. There are concerns regarding overlooking from the balustrade leading to a loss of privacy and amenity of the adjacent property

Note: 07/03981/FUL, 1 James Avenue: Amended plans have been received showing a 1.8m wall to prevent overlooking from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor balcony in to the adjoining property's garden.

Resolved: To support the planning officer's decision.

ii) Planning decisions to be noted:

Granted:

a) 07/03883/FUL, Two storey extension at 4 Heron Close, Steeton

b) 07/02006/ADV, Club sign at The Ash, High Street, Steeton

Refused:

a) 07/02963/REM, Agricultural workers dwelling at New Redcar Farm, Redcar Lane, Steeton.

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Member's Community Reports (For information and inform future agendas)

- Gullies need clearing on Mill Lane, High Street, Station Road, Lyon Road and Skipton Road: Councillor Mullen will report these.
- Mill Lane: Residents Parking Scheme The clerk will find out the correct procedure to ask for this.
- Garforth Avenue and Halsteads Way: Weeds need clearing
- Street Cleaner: Councillor Naylor will find out about any staff re-deployment in Waste Management.
- Bushes at Cherry Tree Cottage, Green Lane, are overhanging the footway.
- Property on Styveton Way has erected a high fence. The clerk will find out if the houses are subject to a planning condition regarding the height of boundary fences.
- Potholes on Lyon Road were marked for attention but have not been repaired.
- Old Station Road: Trees are overhanging the path
- Bridge over the beck in the Memorial Garden: needs clearing of weeds and inspecting for safety.

To note the date of the next meeting-

Wednesday 1 August 2007, 7.30 p.m. at Eastburn Junior and Infant School.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.46p.m.

Chairman..... Date: 1 August 2007