



## *Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council*

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### **The Minutes of the Meeting held at the Eastburn Junior and Infant School, Wednesday 3 October 2007 at 7.30p.m.**

Present: Councillor Dr. Harding (Chairman), Councillors Mrs. Blagden, Hargreaves, Mrs Lear and Mrs Thompson.

In attendance: Mrs. C. Brown, Clerk  
12 Members of the public  
1 Member of the press

07/190 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Mrs Emmott, Miss Moorhouse, Mullen, Mrs Townend and Weller.

07/191 Declaration of Interest

None

07/192 Minutes

Resolved- That the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 5 September 2007 and 21 September 2007 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Update on matters discussed at the meeting held 5 September 2007

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

07/193 Resignation by Councillor Mrs Mitchell

The Chairman thanked Councillor Mrs Mitchell for her contribution over the past two years and asked the clerk to send a letter of appreciation. The Clerk reported that the notices of vacancy had been posted and the deadline date for a request for an election is 10 October 2007. If no election is requested by this date then the council will need to take steps to co-opt a member to fill the vacancy.

Resolved: If no election is requested the clerk will post notices advertising the vacancy for co-option with a closing date of 23 November 2007.

07/194 Police Issues

i) Crime figures for August 2007:

- 1 burglary
- 0 Violent crime
- 0 Serious Violent Crime
- 3 Vehicle Crime
- 6 Anti-Social Behaviour
- 8 youth Nuisance
- 6 criminal Damage

ii) Police Tasking Meeting

Councillor Mrs. Blagden reported on the last tasking meeting held 13 September 2007

The following concerns were reported to the meeting:

- Chapel Road: This has been monitored but the police have not identified any vehicles travelling the wrong way but this will continue to be watched.
- Speeding on Thornhill Road: The culprits have been spoken to and if they are apprehended again will be issued with an official warning.
- Cars parking on Skipton Road close to the junction with Sutton Lane. This is also being monitored.
- Cars parking on St Stephens Road close to the junction with Skipton Road: Even though this is an unadopted road cars should not be parked within a certain distance of the junction. The police will speak to the owners of the offending vehicles.

- A window had been broken at the Methodist Chapel and enquiries are ongoing.
  - Police are dealing with youths who are sitting on the wall of the football ground and drinking.
  - Topstones have been stolen from walls on Summerhill Lane.
- iii) Reports for communication with the police at the next Tasking Meeting
- There is still a problem with speeding vehicles on High Street, Mill Lane and Barrows Lane
  - School Street and Market Street are still being blocked by cars picking up children from school. Some of the children in the cars do not wear seatbelts or sit on the required booster seats. The wing mirrors of vehicles parked on the footway are a danger to passing children.

07/195

Transport and Traffic Issues

i) Extension of 30mph speed limit on Keighley Road, Steeton. It was reported that the section of road beyond the proposed extended 30mph speed limit that includes Hawcliffe corner does not conform to the requirement of a 30mph limit as set out in government legislation. The stretch of road between the extended 30mph zone and Utley will be considered for a 40mph or 50mph speed limit in next year's budget for Highways.

Resolved: To note the comments of the Highways officer.

ii) Box junction at the junction of East Parade and Station Road. The 'Keep Clear' is not effective at the junction of East Parade and Station Road.

Resolved: To request Highways to consider putting in a box junction at the junction of East Parade and Station Road, Steeton.

iii) St Stephen's Road: Representatives of the local residents consider that making the road up to adoption standard would not be appropriate in this part of the Conservation Area. A residents group is going to make temporary repairs to the road surface. Written quotations will be obtained by the residents and forwarded to the council for consideration.

Resolved: To consider at the November meeting whether the parish council will contribute towards the cost of the temporary repairs.

07/196

Play Provision Issues: Eastburn Playing Field

i) Steering Group Meeting held 13 September 2007: Councillor Mrs Lear reported on the meeting at which the inclusion of railway sleepers for use by the bikers was thrown out and a decision was made to hold a public meeting to discuss the inclusion of a push-bike skills area in Eastburn Playing Field.

ii) Public meeting held 1 October 2007: Councillor Mrs Lear gave a report on the meeting at which opinion was divided as to whether to include a push-bike skills area in Eastburn Playing Field. It was decided to hold a site meeting on Saturday 6 October at 4.00p.m to look at where a skills area could be put and to look at plans of what the area could look like.

iii) Push-bike skills area in Eastburn Playing Field:

Resolved: The decision as to whether to include a push-bike skills area in Eastburn Playing Field was deferred to the next parish council meeting.

07/197

Funding from the sale of Leeds/Bradford Airport

Various projects were discussed for inclusion on a list to submit to the Ward Councillors.

Resolved: To submit a list of projects for consideration in the following order:

- The drainage of Eastburn Playing Field
- Disabled toilet facilities at the Bowling Pavilion
- A new bridge in the Memorial Garden

07/198

Steeton Beck

Concerns were expressed about the possible blockage of Steeton Beck below the bridge on High Street to Corn Mill Green and beyond through the Memorial Garden. There are cut tree branches and vegetation partially blocking the back. There are also large saplings growing in the retaining wall which may cause the wall to collapse in to the back effectively blocking it entirely leading to what could be catastrophic flooding in the area.

Resolved: The clerk will find out who is responsible for clearing out the beck and make a request that this be done immediately.

07/199

Land at 13 Ash Grove

i) Resolved: To defer any decision on the use of the land to a future dedicated meeting.

ii) Maintenance of the site

Resolved: The clerk will write to the individuals who have access rights to the land and ask what plans they have for the future cultivation of the garden.

- 07/200 Parish Council Liaison Meeting  
As Councillor Mullen gave his apologies there was no report available.
- 07/201 Post Office Consultation and Closures  
Councillor Dr. Harding gave a report on the consultation process and dates.  
Up to 23% of post offices will close in the Bradford area, this being some 21 offices. There is to be a formal consultation between the government and local authorities. The Keighley area closures will be decided first. A consultation meeting between Bradford Council and the public is scheduled for the beginning of November 2007. After this public consultation Bradford will feed the information gleaned to the government. Parish Councils are not mentioned explicitly in the consultation process. A case by case argument for the community value of each office will be prepared.  
Resolved: To send the following comments directly to Bradford Council.
- Both the post offices in the parish are a vital community resource especially for older residents.
  - Steeton-with-Eastburn has a high proportion of 75+ residents in comparison to the rest of the Bradford District. Steeton-with-Eastburn 9.1%, Bradford Area 6.7% (2001 census). These residents are the least mobile and are more likely to be dependent on a local post office.
  - There are no other banking services in Steeton or Eastburn.
  - Public transport to the nearest banking facilities, in Silsden, is very limited.
  - The parish covers a large geographical area and it would be difficult for residents from either settlement to walk to the other settlement to access post office facilities.
- 07/202 West Yorkshire Rural Transport Partnership  
As Councillor Mullen gave his apologies there was no report available.
- 07/203 Steeton Cricket Club Bonfire Security Arrangements  
Resolved: To make a grant of £150 towards the cost of security at the bonfire on 5 November 2007.
- 07/204 Neighbourhood Improvement Strategy No report  
As Councillor Mullen gave his apologies there was no report available.
- 07/205 Remembrance Wreath  
Resolved: To purchase a Remembrance Wreath, at a cost of £25, from Section 137 funds. (Local Government Act 1972)
- 07/206 Budget 2008/9  
Resolved: To include the following projects in the projected budget for 2008/9
- Play Provision in the parish
  - Disabled toilets and Safety lighting at the Bowling Pavilion, Steeton
  - Football club for junior players in Eastburn -set up costs
  - Repairs to the Memorial Garden Bridge
- 07/207 Staffing Committee  
Resolved: Members of the Staffing Committee will meet at 7.00p.m 7 November 2007.
- 07/208 Finance  
i) Accounts for payment  
Resolved- That the accounts detailed on the schedule circulated to members be paid. (Appendix 2)  
ii) Quarterly Cashbook  
Resolved: To accept the quarterly cashbook for the period ended 30 September 2007. (Appendix 3)
- 07/209 Correspondence-(For information and inform future agendas.)
- Bradford Vision: Neighbourhood Review Consultation. (Circulation envelope)
  - Eastburn School Newsletters (Circulation envelope)
  - Keighley Area Committee Minutes 21 June 2007, 12 July 2007 and Agenda 13 September 2007. (Circulation envelope)
  - The Lord Mayor's Centenary Poster: Noted
  - Education Contract Services: A second letter offering a speaker to attend a council meeting re School Meals: Noted
  - LDF Team: Asking for information on Parish Plans: The clerk has responded
  - YLCA Information for member councils (Circulation envelope)
  - Bfunded Newsletter: Filed for future reference

- Yorkshire and Humber Assembly: Getting the Solution Right: A guide to improving access to services for rural communities.(Circulation envelope)
- Social Enterprise Link Information Pack (Circulation envelope)
- Bradford Safeguarding Children Board: Information Pack: Filed for future reference
- Bradford Council: Licensing Act 2003-Licensing Policy Review: passed to Councillor Hargreaves
- DEFRA: Ways to tackle climate change:(Circulation envelope)
- Bradford Council: Information regarding Disabled Persons Blue Badge Scheme (Circulation envelope)
- Standards Board: Town & Parish Standard: 1 copy passed to Councillor Dr Harding, 1 copy (Circulation envelope)
- E-mail from a resident regarding parking at Steeton & Silsden Station and the extension of the 30mph limit on Keighley Road, Steeton: forwarded to Councillor Mallinson to address at the Joint Transport Working Group
- NALC, Quality Counts: Conference at Coniston Hall Hotel, Skipton, 23 & 24 November 2007: Next agenda
- A petition from 25 residents, representing 19 properties close to Eastburn Playing Field objecting to the provision of a push-bike skills area in Eastburn Playing Field.: This will be considered along with other representations at the next parish council meeting.

07/210

City of Bradford Council Minutes and Reports

Councillors reported the following observations:

There was a critical report from the Audit Commission on the administration of the Supporting People Programme.

The Bradford Remploy Factory is under threat of closure.

There is an ongoing consultation exercise regarding a price increase for meals to housebound people. Corporate Parenting Panel. A white paper has been drafted by the government regarding children in care.

The Adoption Service has been inspected by Ofsted

07/211

Planning Matters:

i) Local Development Framework Documents Received: None

ii) Local Development Framework Comments : None

iii) Planning Applications to be considered: None

iv) Planning decisions to be noted:

Granted:

a) 07/05318/FUL, Single storey extension at 12 Elm View, Steeton

Refused:

a) 07/05715/FUL, Conservatory at 3 Nutt Head Cottages, Whitley Head, Steeton

Appeal Notices:

a) 06/01512/FUL, Extension at West Barn, 7 Westy Bank Croft, Steeton: This is on the agenda of the Regulatory and Appeals Committee, 3 October 2007.

07/212

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

- There is still a hole in road outside 18 High Street which was not repaired when other works were done because of parked vehicles.
- There is a leaking stop tap on Upper School Street which is the responsibility of Yorkshire Water.
- St Stephen's Road: Youths were reported sitting on cars and throwing stones at traffic. Councillor Mrs Blagden will report this to the next tasking meeting.
- Dog fouling on St Stephen's Road and Keighley Road Recreation Ground.
- Anti-social behaviour by a resident of the Willows. Councillor Mrs Blagden will report this directly to the Manager at the Willows.
- Possible drug dealing at a venue in Steeton. Councillor Mrs Blagden will report this to the next tasking meeting.

To note the date of the next meeting-

Wednesday 7 November 2007, 7.30 p.m. at **Steeton Bowling Pavilion.**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.36p.m.

Chairman..... Date: 7 November 2007