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Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to you
all from the parish
council

Parish Plan Steering Group gets underway

At last the Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Plan is underway!

A parish plan is a booklet that spells out a vision of the future for a community. The information in the plan is based on the views and aspirations of the community and how they want the villages to develop over the next five years.

The plan can be used as evidence to support applications for improvements in services and facilities for the parish.

A steering group has been formed with representatives of different organisations and groups from within the parish as well as some of the parish councillors.

Chairman, Councillor David Mullen, would like to thank local residents Helen Firth, Rachel Edmonds and Giles Bateman, Steeton Methodist Youth Club Leader, Joanne Stokes, Parochial Church Council members Val Hodgson and Su Thompson, Airedale NHS Trust representative Julia Hickling and Headteachers Elizabeth Pratt and

Christine Newson for agreeing to be part of the Steering Group.

The group would still welcome other residents or representatives who feel they may have some time to offer to this important project.

A questionnaire is being designed which will be sent to every household in the parish in the new year. A junior school questionnaire will also be sent to the schools for their students to express their own opinions.

It is really important that as many questionnaires as possible are filled in and returned.

This is your chance to have your say on issues as diverse as road safety, housing and planning, sport and leisure facilities, public transport and the environment.

Make your voice heard- look out for your questionnaire in the new year and please fill it in.

Check out the parish council website:

www.steeton-with-eastburnparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Ambitious Plans for Eastburn Playing Field

Keighley Road Recreation Ground
The Keighley Road Recreation Ground is owned by the parish council and is maintained and checked for safety by City of Bradford Council. Please note that Steeton School is NOT responsible for the field or the equipment. If you have any comments or complaints about the recreation ground please contact the parish council clerk..

In the financial year 2007/8, the parish council will embark on its biggest project in recent years– the redevelopment of the playing field and play area at Sun Street, Eastburn. Completion of the scheme will take some time, but, in a staged process, what is envisaged is a much-improved facility with:

- ◆ A properly drained football field
- ◆ Exciting new play equipment
- ◆ A wildflower meadow to attract butterflies
- ◆ Scrub and wetland areas as habitats for wildlife
- ◆ Tree planting
- ◆ New walkways, information boards and seating..

A report by Bradford Council's Biodiversity Officer lists the plants and tree species at the site and suggests that the best location for a wildflower meadow would be the sloping area at the south end of the field. It will need draining and clearing. A sown wildflower meadow is an ecologically sound idea-95% of our native flowering meadows have been lost in the last 60 years.

It is hoped to involve local schools and the community in the more detailed planning to be undertaken by the parish council.

Of course the parish council can not fund such an ambitious scheme on its own.

We have committed £12,000 over two years; but the total cost is estimated to be in the region of £170,000 and the council has an annual budget of only around £20,000! As with the upgrading of the Keighley Road Recreation Ground, completed in January 2006, outside funding will be sought from a variety of organisations, such as landfill tax credit, sport, environmental and educational grant-awarding bodies. The Steeton Methodist Youth Club has already started to raise funds! Many thanks to them.

A start on the work is currently delayed by some legal difficulties relating to the trusteeship and status of the erstwhile Eastburn Playing Fields Association, but these are being resolved with the help of the Charity Commission. The council is confident that the redevelopment can begin soon. **Watch this space!**

Lorraine Harding

If you notice a problem

Are there holes in
the road, uneven
pavements, lamp
standards not
working etc.
etc.....

Ring The City of
Bradford Council
on

01274 431000
and report it.

Steeton Primary School receives national recognition for good practice.

Congratulations go to Steeton Primary School on becoming one of only 26 schools nationally to be named a 'National Support School' and the headteacher, Chris Newson, is a 'National Leader'. The award by HM Inspectorate is in recognition of:

- ◆ Excellent teaching and learning opportunities
- ◆ Good use of ICT to engage children
- ◆ High quality support of children with special educational needs
- ◆ An extensive range of music, art and sport activities after school
- ◆ Clear behaviour policy with appropriate rewards and sanctions
- ◆ Very supportive parents, Friends of School and Governing body.

Well done!!

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