

# STEETON-WITH-EASTBURN PARISH COUNCIL

Working for the community

July 2011

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- Steeton

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## Eastburn Open Event



A celebration event to mark the completion of the refurbishment of Eastburn Playing Fields was held on 14 May 2011. Keighley Cougars' mascot 'Freddie Cougar' attended and delighted his fans with his kicking skills. The event was also supported by Eastburn Junior and Infant School's choir and samba band, the Youth Services staff and members of the local youth group, Eastburn Fitness Centre and the Neighbourhood Police Team. The day was a great success and well attended. Free refreshments, art workshops and face painting were provided. Donations collected on the day raised over £50 for Manorlands.



## Free Fitness Workshops

The parish council, in partnership with Eastburn Fitness Centre and with a small grant from the lottery have been providing free fitness workshops at Eastburn Playing Field. The workshops have been really enjoyed by all participants and there is a programme of further workshops planned. The workshops are aimed at family groups and individuals and will be:

All sessions are 10.00a.m. To 11.00a.m.

Monday 25 July 2011	Zumba Fitness Class
Tuesday 26 July 2011	Hula Hooping Fun
Wednesday 27 July 2011	Zumba Fitness Class
Thursday 28 July 2011	Thai Boxing Class
Friday 29 July 2011	Hula Hooping Fun
Monday 1 August 2011	Dance Class
Monday 8 August 2011	Dance Class

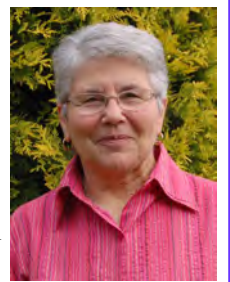


Contact Vicky at Eastburn Fitness Centre, 07702904668, eastburnfitness@aol.com if you are interested in attending any of the workshops



## New Parish Councillor

Elisabeth Pugh has been co-opted on to the council to fill the ordinary vacancy after the recent parish council elections.



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# Annual Report 2010/11

This is the report of Parish Council's work for 2010/11. Councillors Natalie Henson and William Mitchell resigned due to work commitments. We were able to recruit two new Councillors, Dorothy Marriot and Derek Callon. After 38 years service to the community of Councillor John Hargreaves retired. I would like to thank him for all the help and support he gave me and also that he gave to the rest of the community. There have been 13 full council meetings and 4 extraordinary meetings. There has also been many sub group meetings including Community Hub Steering Group and Eastburn Playing Fields Steering Group. Special meetings have been called to allow developers to present their plans allowing councillors to comment before the plans are submitted. The Community Hub Steering Group has continued to work on plans for the development of a new community facility. An architect has been appointed and there have been many meetings between him and the group. An outline plan was presented to Council at the March meeting, following which a public consultation drop in session was held, 12 members of the public attended to express their views which were, in the main, supportive.

April 2010 saw the official opening by Freddie Cougar of Eastburn Playing Field. It was a well supported event with about 250 residents having an enjoyable afternoon. We have listened to comments from residents and have responded by adding more equipment for both toddlers and adults. Funding has been secured to allow fitness workshops to be run for all sections of the community. There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary event on the 14 May 2011 and once again we have managed to secure the services of the mascot and players from Keighley Cougars.

The Council has also responded to resident's comments regarding the Christmas lights in Steeton. A new set was purchased and there have been many positive comments about these.

In the Memorial Garden removal of all the ivy on the Skipton Road frontage has been completed. How much better this now looks.

## **FINANCE**

The accounts for 2010/11 were agreed at the meeting held in April 2010 and are available for inspection in this newsletter and on the website.

The council has been prudent and the precept for each household in 2011/12 is the same as 2010/11. This means that the precept for a band D property remains at £17.88 this year. The Budget for 2011/12 is £25,675

We have made provision within the budget for youth activities, play provision, and to continue the implementation of projects identified in the Parish Plan.

The reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> of March are approximately £21,000 and these will be carried forward to 2011/12. The level of reserves recommended by the National Association of Local Councils is 50% of the precept but as the council owns many pieces of land that bring with them liabilities it was felt prudent to increase our reserves. From 2012 Bradford Council will no longer fund by elections and these will also have to be paid for by the Parish Council from our reserves.

## **CRIME**

Once again speeding and inconsiderate parking are the main issues. The Police are continuing the speed watch initiative and are still catching quite a number of speeding motorists. Inconsiderate parking is still causing many problems. The Police are monitoring this and issuing tickets where appropriate. Councillors have had meetings with senior management at Airedale Hospital on this issue. They have agreed to include an article in the staff magazine reminding staff to be considerate to neighbours. The information sent to patients asking them to be considerate will be amended.

## **YOUTH**

There has been a lot of positive engagement this year. Youth Services are providing activity sessions outside during the summer months and indoor sessions over the winter months which are held in the community room. This has proved to be very successful and will continue in 2011/12.

## **NEWSLETTER and WEBSITE**

Newsletters continue to be delivered with The Advertiser in Steeton and by hand in Eastburn. The website continues to be used to advertise activities and two local groups now include their information on it.

## **OTHER ISSUES**

As part of the planting scheme at Eastburn Playing Field councillors this year agreed to take part in the Great British Elm Experiment. This is a national project the aim of which is to reintroduce elm trees across the whole country. The trees used are from stock that has survived Dutch Elm disease. We agreed to purchase 10 trees. These were divided between Eastburn Playing Field and Keighley Road Recreation Ground at Steeton. The trees will be monitored and the results will be entered on the Great British Elm Tree website for all to see.

## **FINALLY**

Special thanks must be given to the members of the community and the other people who became involved with the Steering Groups. I would like to thank councillors for all their hard work and special thanks must go to the clerk, Cheryl Brown.

David Mullen  
Chairman

## **Councillor John Hargreaves**



John Hargreaves has retired from the parish council, after 38 years service, due to ill health. John has a wealth of local information which has been invaluable in informing decisions taken by the council over many years. Members of the council would like to thank John, on behalf of all the residents of the parish, for his outstanding commitment to the community during his time as a parish councillor and wish him well.

## **Community Hub Building Update**

The parish council has instructed an architect to prepare plans for submission for full planning approval for a small Stage 1 community building on the bowling green site. The bowling green will be unaffected and the building will replace the run down council owned building currently on site which is becoming more of a liability with increased maintenance and running costs. The new building will be flexible, available for use by the whole community, well insulated and use renewable energy sources where possible.

The council has earmarked reserves of over £100,000 from the sale of a piece of land towards the cost of construction. The Clerk is preparing grant applications to fund the shortfall in the budget. The Steering Group, consisting of members of the parish council, local residents and a representative of the Neighbourhood Policing Team will consider the prepared plans and report back to the parish council before they are submitted.

# Annual Accounts 2010/11

The annual accounts 2010/11 were approved at the April parish council meeting. The accounts have been scrutinised by the Internal Auditor and have now been sent for external audit by Mazars LLP, the company appointed by the Audit Commission. The full cash flow summary for 2010/2011 is available to download from the parish council website.

	2009/10	2010/11	
Balances brought forward	£55,192	£56,573	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year.
Annual Precept	£23,660	£25,246	Precept received
Total other receipts	£134,455	£166,546	The parish council was successful in being awarded grants totalling £29,413. The sale of a piece of land owned by the council brought in £110,000. A large VAT repayment from the cost of refurbishing Eastburn Playing Field and other sundry income represents the rest of the income.
Staff costs	£8,388	£9,997	The Clerk's salary scale was increased and some overtime was paid during the project management of the refurbishment of Eastburn Playing Field.
Loan interest/ capital repayments	NIL	NIL	
All other payments	£148,346	£96,512	£57,270 was spent completing the refurbishment of Eastburn Playing Field. £3,071 was spent on actions identified in the Parish Plan, £7,399 of costs were incurred in the sale of the land. Administration, training, publicity and maintenance costs represent the rest of the payments.
Balances carried forward	£56,573	£141,856	There is an outstanding VAT claim for £1,926. The balances carried forward represent reserves of £20,962 plus earmarked funds of £10,720 for play provision, £105,600 for the Community Hub Building, £4,500 for Youth provision and £2,000 for Parish Plan implementation.
Total cash and short term investments	£56,573	£141,856	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year
Total fixed assets and long term assets	£153,125	£153,322	The capital cost of all play equipment and furniture at Eastburn Playing Fields has been added to the asset register along with all equipment and fixtures and fittings owned by the council. The land that was sold was previously valued at £100,000 and this has been removed from the asset register.
Total borrowings	NIL	NIL	
Trust funds (including charitable) disclosure note	Yes	Yes	The council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing trust funds or assets of Eastburn Playing Fields Association.

## Police Update

Over the past few months the Neighbourhood Policing Team have been working in Steeton and Eastburn to ensure that residents feel safe and secure in the community.



We have been involved in a number of events in the villages including a security event at Airedale Hospital, Eastburn Playing Fields Open Day and we attended at Neighbourhood Forums and Parish Council meetings.

Both Steeton and Eastburn generally have very low crime levels as a comparison to other parts of the Bradford area. However, in recent weeks we have seen a slight increase in crime. We need the help of the community to ensure that further offences are prevented and offenders caught. You can help by making sure that your houses

and cars are always locked and secured. Please don't just rely upon the central locking system of your car, physically try the door – we have had numerous cars and houses entered where they have been inadvertently left insecure. Secondly, if you see anything suspicious – report it. As many of you will be aware the sale of metals such as lead and copper are fetching high prices. This has led to an increase in scrap collectors in our area. Many of the collectors are acting perfectly legitimately but unfortunately there are some people who will help themselves to anything left in gardens regardless of whether it has been left for collection or not! If you are unsure about a vehicle or person in the area – obtain a description and registration number and contact us. The NPT are keen to hear your concerns and receive any feedback you may have regarding the Policing of the villages. PCSO Turnbull holds surgeries within the villages which are detailed on our website: [www.westyorkshire.police.uk/npt](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/npt). The website also has direct reporting links allowing you to contact the NPT. We can also be contacted on Tel: 01274 475301 which is a direct number to Ilkley Police Station.

Inspector Susan Sanderson

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## Walking For Health Group

The group has been going for three years now and has a membership of 10. The average number walking is 6/8. We meet each Monday at 9.30am at Steeton Hall car park to drive, walk or take public transport to begin our walks. We are a group of mixed ages and enjoy varied company, always have fun and are very enthusiastic and all have roles to play. Our walks are arranged in advance but are always subject to change, taking account of conditions, weather etc. Favourites are river walks and are usually between 5 and 6 miles but we are always ready to change things to meet any special needs. Shorter walks on flat ground are no problem (we don't do "big hills"). We are lucky to have beautiful countryside on our doorstep - Bolton Abbey and the Dales are great favourites. Two men from Keighley have joined us recently (our fame is spreading) and one member who moved away travels 1 hour each Monday to be with us! Please come along with a packed lunch and suitable clothing and footwear for all weathers!

The walking group on a recent walk



### Planned future walks:

**July 11th** Carleton Glen  
**July 18th** Rylstone Cross  
**July 25th** Top Withens  
**August 1st** Malham  
**August 8th** Barden to Appletreewick  
**August 15th** Saltaire/Tong Park  
**August 22nd** Addingham/Skipton (on the old Roman Road)  
**August 29th** Barden Reservoir

Everyone welcome!!!



Bluebell Wood.  
Photograph taken by Pam Blagden on a recent walk.

### Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings are usually held on the second Wednesday of each month starting at 7.30p.m. The meetings are at Steeton Bowling Pavilion from November through to April and at Eastburn Junior and Infant School May through to October. Members of the public are always welcome to attend the meeting and there is time set aside for members of the public to address the council. Agendas for the meetings are available in the noticeboards and on the parish council website.

### Future meeting dates:

**13 July 2011**  
**10 August 2011**  
**14 September 2011**

## St Stephen's Church, Steeton, Flower Festival 'Our Heritage'

**Friday 8 July 7.00p.m.**

Preview and Grand Opening by Mr Roger Lambert of Steeton High Hall  
Admission £5 Including wine and nibbles

### Saturday 9 July

Church open 10.00a.m. to 4.00p.m.  
Admission by programme £2 (excludes workshops and garden)  
10.30 a.m. Textured Tile Workshop £2  
2.00p.m. 'Garden Party' with band, stalls etc  
High Hall Open Garden £2 by kind permission of Roger and Christine Lambert  
7.00p.m. Concert with 'Musical Youth'

### Sunday 10 July

Church open 12 noon to 4.00p.m.  
Songs of Praise 6.00p.m. Followed by auction of flowers.

### Notice a problem?

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

Ring Bradford Council

01274 431000

or use their website: [www.bradford.gov.uk](http://www.bradford.gov.uk) to report it.

Newsletter Deliveries. Copies of the parish council newsletters are delivered with the Target newspaper in the Steeton area but as the Target is not delivered in Eastburn parish councillors deliver in Eastburn by hand. Copies are available in Steeton Post Office and it can be downloaded from the parish council website. If you do not receive your own copy of the newsletter contact the clerk to receive one in future.

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