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Eastburn Playing Field Steering Group

Notes of a meeting held Thursday 13 September 2007
at Eastburn Junior and Infant School

Present:

Councillor Dianne Lear (Chairman), Councillor Gladys Emmott, Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council
Gill Biggs, Parks and Landscapes Department, Bradford Council
Elizabeth Pratt, Headteacher, Eastburn Junior & Infant School
John Peacock, Shelley Smith, Josh Roberts, Danny Appleby, Ian Pickard, Karen Pickard, Representatives of the bikers group.
Cheryl Brown, Clerk, Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council

Apologies:

P.C. Merifield, Louise Hargreaves, Youth Worker, Bradford Council.

Gill Biggs gave an update on the progress of the plans for the playing field after the consultation exercise with the children of Eastburn Junior and Infant School. Due to staff shortages the plans have been delayed but should be available soon. There may be funding available from Yorventure and WREN. The deadline for the COMMA funding has passed but there may be another round of funding.

The tenders for the drainage work to the field have been sent out and should be available in October.

As the weather has been very dry recently the advice not to travel across the field with heavy machinery could be reconsidered.

The recommendation from the police to put railway sleepers in the park for the use of the bikers was considered. Information received from Ian Day, Bradford Council Parks and Landscapes Department, suggested that there are many Health and Safety considerations if railway sleepers were to be put in. It was decided not to continue with this idea.

Karen Pickard reported that conversations with Bradford Council's Parks and Landscapes Department have been very positive and the department is happy to work with the bikers' group to facilitate the inclusion of a push-bike skills park in Eastburn Playing Field. Gill Biggs will provide information on any requirements/regulations for the inclusion of natural features, such as rocks, in the play area. An outline plan will also be prepared.

Any developments to include a push-bike skills area will need consultation with the local residents prior to a decision being made by the parish council.

It was decided to hold a public meeting on Monday 1 October at 6.30p.m. at Eastburn Junior and Infant School to allow for this consultation. Posters will be put in the parish council notice-boards and there will be a notice in the village news section of the Keighley News. A note with the meeting details will also be delivered with the parish council's September newsletter to residents in Eastburn.

Cheryl Brown
Clerk, Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council