

Joint Transport Working Party, Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council, Silsden Town Council & Craven Ward Councillors.

Notes of the meeting held Wednesday 31 July 2008 at 7.30 p.m in the Bowling Pavilion, Steeton.

Present: Councillors Mallinson (Chairman), Hargreaves, Mullen, Phillips and Mrs Townend, Mr. M. Deveney, PCSO Andrew Blood.
Mrs C. Brown, Clerk, Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council

Apologies: None

1. The notes of the meeting held 19 December 2007 were agreed. Councillor Mallinson agreed to follow up the action points assigned to Councillor Naylor.

2. The next steps?

- Steeton with Silsden station car park user survey: Councillor Mallinson reported that the £10,000 funding request from the Airedale Partnership was turned down. Councillor Mallinson agreed to submit a funding application to Bradford Council's portfolio holders for Regeneration and Highways and Transport. The importance of the railway station to the sustainability of the area will be emphasised. If there is no funding from Bradford Council an in-house survey will be considered. Mr Deveney offered to draft an appropriate questionnaire. PCSO Blood agreed to ask Inspector Sanderson and BTP for police support if volunteers carry out the survey. The Clerk agreed to ask the council's insurance company about liability insurance for the volunteers. Councillor Mullen reported that accurate user numbers for the station should be available in the near future as passenger counters have been installed on some trains.
- Airedale Tree Surgeons Car Park Extension Proposal: It was reported that this initiative has been shelved as the owners of the land are not prepared to pay to have detailed proposals prepared.
- Steeton Grove: It was confirmed that a TRO to stop cars parking on the car park approach can not be processed as the road is sufficiently wide to allow the parking of cars.
- Extension of the Metro area to Skipton is still being considered by WYPTE.
- Councillor Mallinson presented a plan to improve the crossing of Station Road for pedestrians. The plan showed dropped kerbs on the south side of the bridge on Station Road close to the junction with Steeton Grove. The proposed improvements would cost in the region of £10,000 and will encourage pedestrians to cross Station Road at the safest point. It is not possible to put a Puffin crossing on Station Road.
- Disabled access: It is accepted that it is dangerous for passengers with mobility difficulties to access the Leeds bound platform as they have to cross Station Road close to the junction with the A629. Councillor Mallinson agreed to investigate the

feasibility of constructing a footway from the east side of the bridge down to the disabled access path close to the junction with the A629.

- Installation of lifts for disabled access: It was reported that lifts are being installed at Shipley railway station and may also be installed at Keighley railway station. The clerk agreed to contact Caroline Young, Metro, to ask if this initiative will be rolled out along the length of the Airedale line and ask for Steeton and Silsden to be considered in any funding round due to the serious problems experienced by disabled passengers.
- Media Campaign: Any media campaign should be targeted at influencing the Regional Spatial Strategy and highlighting the problems that disabled passengers experience at Steeton and Silsden, especially if funding for the installation of lifts is refused.

3. Any other business:

Mr Deveney asked for clarification about the resurfacing of Platforms 1 and 2 at the railway station as the surface is now worse, especially for passengers with mobility problems.

4. Date for the next meeting.

Wednesday 15 October 2008, 7.00 p.m, Steeton Bowling Pavilion

Members of the working party:

Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council: Councillors Hargreaves, Mullen, Mrs. Townend.

Silsden Town Council: Councillors Atkinson, Phillips and Savage.

Craven Ward Councillors: Councillors Mallinson and Naylor.

Local resident: Mr Deveney.

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