

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

**Notes of the meeting held Wednesday 9 May 2007 at 7.30 p.m in the
Bowling Pavilion, Steeton.**

Present: Councillors Mallinson (Chairman), Mrs. Bottomley, Hargreaves, Miss Moorhouse, Mullen and Phillips.
Mrs C. Brown.

Apologies: Councillors Atkinson and Mrs Townend.

1. The Chairman apologised for the delay in arranging a meeting. The notes of the meeting held 27 October 2006 were confirmed.

2. Land ownership update

The Chairman has a map of land ownership around the Steeton and Silsden railway station and will e-mail it to Mrs. Brown for circulation.

3. Next steps and the way forward

It was reported that at a meeting of the West Yorkshire Rural Transport Partnership a survey of use of the parking facilities at the station would be considered.

A letter will be sent to Metro asking if a survey of car park users is to be carried out and if there are any plans to charge for car parking at the station.

Members of the group regard the co-ordination of bus and train timetables to be important but accept that this may be logistically difficult.

It was felt analogous that both Steeton and Silsden are high up on the hierarchy for development due to them being 'good nodes of public transport' but the problems of actual use of the public transport is limited due to parking constraints.

Concerns were expressed that some bus services operating in the two areas may be withdrawn. **A letter will be sent to Clare Davies at Metro asking her to identify any services that may be in imminent danger.**

There have been estimates of costs to build a footbridge over the A629 close to the junction with Station Road. Unfortunately, the long ramps required would take the access in to land owned by farmers either side of the A629.

It was suggested that there should be a pedestrian crossing on the A629 to allow pedestrians to cross safely. This will be raised at the next Neighbourhood Forum meeting at Eastburn School on Tuesday 26 June, which has a Traffic and Transport focus.

It was reported that a local company is to apply for planning permission to construct a car park close to the Steeton and Silsden railway station.

The owner of the company will be invited to attend the next meeting to outline his plans.

It was suggested that any new housing development, irrespective of size, should be required to make a contribution to a fund to improve and develop public transport facilities. **Councillor Mullen will raise this issue in response to LDF consultation documents.**

4. Arrange a date for the next meeting.

Wednesday 13 June 2007, 7.30 p.m., Bowling Pavilion, Steeton.

Members of the working party:

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

Silsden Town Council: Councillors Atkinson, Mrs. Bottomley, Phillips and Savage.

Craven Ward Councillors: Councillors Mallinson and Naylor.

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