

Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council

Annual Report 2005/6

The parish council has had another very busy year. It was also a year of great sadness with the untimely death of Councillor David Emmott who had given ten years dedicated service to the council for which he will always be remembered.

The Chairman for the last three years, Jason Humphreys, has had to resign due to work commitments and the council would like to place on record its thanks to Jason for the hard work he has put in during his time as a councillor. This, of course, leaves a vacancy on the council for a member to represent Eastburn Ward.

The council welcomed two new councillors this year, David Mullen in June 2005 and Adele Mitchell in March 2006.

The two main projects completed this year were the total refurbishment of the Keighley Road Recreation Ground and the provision of a basketball court at Eastburn playing field.

The Keighley Road Recreation Ground project cost in excess of £52,000, money well spent when you see how many children are using the equipment almost every day. The council committed £8,000 of its own budget and attracted a grant of £24,700 from Yorventure. Bradford Council contributed £17,000 and gave their technical support free of charge. Keighley Area Committee, under the Chairmanship of Councillor Andrew Mallinson, also supported the project with a grant of £3500. The local youth club raised nearly £900 themselves and this helped the council make a strong case in its grant application to Yorventure as they like to see co-operation between groups in the community. The play area was officially opened by the Mayor of Bradford in January 2006. The basketball court at Eastburn playing field cost over £5000. £3,000 of this was paid by the parish council. Grants were obtained from the Craven Trust (£500), and Bradford Council (£800). Local company, Eldon Technology, held a September Fayre and donated the proceeds, £525, to the project. The Eastburn Playing Field Association contributed £350. The developer of Woodlands Mill also demolished the vandalised building on site, free of charge.

The council is committed to keeping you, the residents, informed. To this end our first newsletter was published in March 2006 and a website has been set up. You can download the minutes of meetings and the newsletters from the web.

New low voltage lights were bought for the Christmas tree on Corn Mill Green and the council is still looking for a site for a tree in Eastburn.

The council carried out a survey of potential bus users down Thornhill Road and has been in negotiations with Metro to try and get a bus service provided.

Three new seats and 3 litter bins have been provided by the parish council.

The illegal fencing at the common land at Redcar Lane was removed by the parish council.

Invited guests have included representatives of Bradford Care Trust, Airedale NHS Trust, Keighley Voluntary Services, and the Cleansing and Highways Departments, Bradford Council. Many traffic issues have been discussed and action taken e.g. Barrows Lane, Station Road, the sequencing of the traffic lights at Steeton Top.

Co-operation and close communication with the local neighbourhood policing team has also been and will continue to be a priority for the council.

The parish council is looking forward to 2006/7 and welcomes all residents to come along to the parish council meetings.