



Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Steeton Bowling Pavilion, on Wednesday 20 April 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mullen (Chairman),
In Attendance: Councillors Blagden, Callon, Emmott, Lambert, Marriott, Pickard and Thompson.
Councillor Naylor, Craven Ward Councillor
PC Southgate, Neighbourhood Policing Team
Mrs. C. Brown, Clerk
1 Member of the public

1. Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Townend and Kelly.
2. Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 21 April 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. Police Report: PC Southgate circulated copies of the NPT newsletter and reported on the crime figures for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 which represented a total of 104 crimes in Steeton and 30 crimes in Eastburn. The priority crimes logged included:
 - 4 burglaries
 - 11 burglary (other) e.g. sheds and outbuildings
 - 15 thefts from motor vehicles
 - 27 violent crimes
 - 23 criminal damage

The crime figures continue to be very low in comparison to other areas in the district.

PC Merifield had retired during the year after over 30 years' service. PC Ian Shreeve has taken over PC Merifield's duties in the Craven Ward. PCSO Jon Turnbull patrols the parish and he now has a blog on the NPT website where he describes his patrols and the issues he is addressing.

The Chairman asked PC Southgate to thank Inspector Sanderson for police officers attendance at parish council and steering group meetings.

4. Chairman's Report: The Chairman gave his annual report (Appendix 1)
5. Public questions:
 - The cutting down of the elm tree saplings by the Parks and Landscapes maintenance team was reported. The issue will be discussed at a future parish council meeting.
 - The capacity of the railway station car park was questioned. Train passengers cannot park at the station after 8.00a.m. which means that users with concessionary rail cards cannot park as the passes can only be used after peak times. The Highways Department will be asked if it is possible to provide extra parking spaces on Old Station Road on one side of the carriageway. Parking problems have also been exacerbated by Northern Rail issuing parking tickets to owners of vehicles not parked within the designated parking spaces and on grassed areas in the car park. Northern Rail and Metro will be asked if more effective use could be made of the car parking areas and if more parking spaces can be provided.
 - The status of the Village Green Space application for the development land on Thornhill Road was queried. The parish council has not been consulted on the application.
 - The problems with a single access to the Thornhill Road development site were also questioned. The Chairman reported on the extensive efforts of members of the parish council to have constructive discussions with the developers and Senior Planning Officers, Bradford Council. It was also reported that the parish council had carried out its own traffic survey to challenge some of the traffic data included in the planning application documentation.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55.p.m.

Chairman.....

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