

STEETON-WITH-EASTBURN PARISH COUNCIL

Working for the community

April 2009

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Budget priorities for 2009/10

The parish council agreed its budget for 2009/10 at the January meeting and identified the following priorities for the coming year:

- ◆ £3,000 for further improvements to existing play facilities. This brings the total amount pledged and available to fund improvements to £16,900. This amount has been built up over the last four years and will, hopefully, result in better facilities at Eastburn Playing Field by July 2010
- ◆ £500 to enhance the Memorial Garden, Steeton, including extra seating, and bulb planting to supplement the annual displays provided by Bradford Council.
- ◆ £500 in addition to £500 budgeted in 2008/9 to construct some raised beds with perennial planting in the Rose Garden, Eastburn.
- ◆ £2,200 to pay for extra cleaning of the recreational areas owned by the parish council including the removal of litter and glass as the contractor has improved the cleanliness of the play areas significantly over the last 6 months.
- ◆ £1,500 for extra seating and litter bins
- ◆ £3,300 to provide outreach youth activities throughout the year.
- ◆ £1,200 for equipment to enable the parish council to consult electronically on planning applications

- ◆ £2,000 to implement some of the actions identified in the Parish Plan.

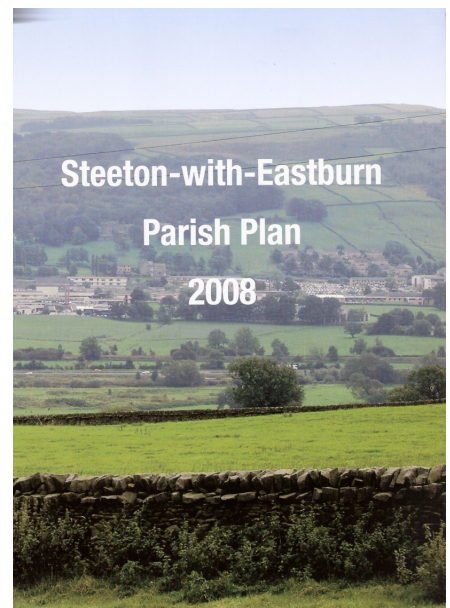
The council has budgeted £9,700 for administration which includes the clerk's salary, photocopying, postage, stationery, internal and external audit and e-mail and telephone costs. The maintenance and development of the parish council website and the printing and distribution of a quarterly newsletter will cost a further £1,500. Other running costs of insurance, subscriptions to professional bodies, room hire etc have been given a budget allocation of £2,035, a saving of £440 over 2008/9. £1,000 has also been included for both miscellaneous provision and repairs and renewals. With a small income from bank interest and wayleave payments and an under-spend of approximately £4,215 for 2008/9, due to careful management of costs and some extra funding from Bradford Council, the council has set a precept of £23,671. This equates to an annual payment of £16.84 per Band D property, an increase of £0.36 on last year.

Parish councillors give their time freely and work hard on your behalf to improve the facilities available to all residents so please get involved and support your parish council.

Work Starts on Implementing the Parish Plan

The recently published Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Plan was presented to the Keighley Area Committee on 11 March 2009. The quality of the plan was praised and the work that had gone in to the production of the plan was applauded. If you do not have a copy contact the Clerk. Four focus groups have now been set up to start work on addressing some of the issues that were highlighted in the plan:

1. Provision of a Community Facility-Roger Lambert, William Mitchell, David Mullen and Su Thompson.
 2. Speedwatch Initiatives including the recruitment of more volunteers-John Hargreaves and John Weller
 3. Footpaths and Rights of Way- Pam Blagden and Lorraine Harding
 4. Communication and website development-Karen Pickard and Cheryl Brown
- The groups will report to the monthly parish council meetings and every six months there will be an audit of progress with reference to the Parish Plan Policy Statement. The Parish Plan has already attracted an extra £6,500 of funding from the Keighley Area Committee.
If anyone would like to be involved in one of the focus groups please contact the Clerk



Improvements at Steeton and Silsden Station

The Joint Transport Working Group, under the chairmanship of Ward Councillor Andrew Mallinson, has made significant progress in proposals for the improvement of access at Steeton and Silsden station. Some of the improvements are shown in the photographs below.

The group has been meeting regularly with other stakeholders and can report:

- ◆ £51,000 of scheduled works and investment already identified (Projects 1, 2 and 3 below)
- ◆ £31,000 funding already secured
- ◆ Ongoing discussions to put forward a £250,000 bid to the Department for Transport (Project 4 below)
- ◆ A car park user survey to be carried out soon with £500 secured to do this work
- ◆ Ongoing talks to provide a larger car park scheme
- ◆ Discussions to integrate all public transport timetables.



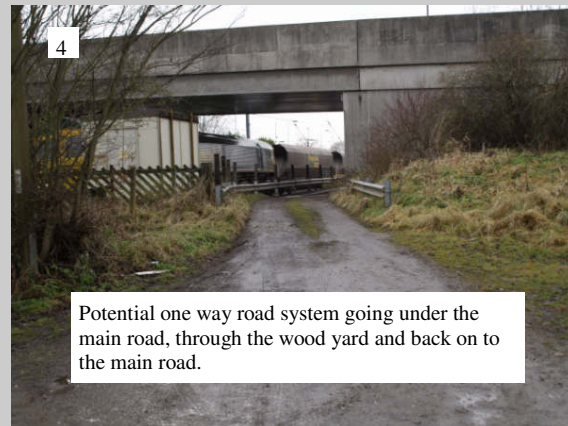
Plans are being put together to set back the Armo barrier and install a footpath at a cost £40,000.



Junction improvements are planned, including dropped kerbs and new anti-skid road surface.



Access by vehicles down the footpath will be eliminated with the installation of barriers..



Potential one way road system going under the main road, through the wood yard and back on to the main road.



New Councillor

Roger Lambert has been co-opted to the council to represent Steeton Ward after the resignation of Lorraine Harding. Roger has lived in Steeton for six years and is a retired architect.

Eastburn Playing Field Update.

Councillors Pickard and Lambert have attended a number of meetings over recent months with Bradford Community Environment Project designers and real progress has been made with plans for the refurbishment of the play area. Draft plans are to be considered and will be displayed in the notice-boards and will also be available to download from the parish council website. The plans incorporate elements of natural play as well as a range of exciting play equipment that addresses the play needs of different age groups. The plans will also be presented to children at Eastburn Junior and Infant School for their consideration.

The plans and equipment specifications will be used to inform some large grant applications to fund the project. The parish council has already committed £18,000 to the project from its own budget and an application for £10,000 from the Ward Investment Fund has been supported by Ward Councillors.

The plans for redevelopment respond to issues raised in the Parish Plan and will benefit all members of the community. The proposed date for completion of the play area, subject to funding, is summer 2010.

Newsletter Deliveries. Copies of the parish council newsletters are delivered with the Target newspaper in the Steeton area but as the Target is not delivered in Eastburn parish councillors deliver in Eastburn by hand. Copies are available in Steeton Post Office and it can be downloaded from the parish council website. If you do not receive your own copy of the newsletter contact the clerk to receive one in future.

News from the Neighbourhood Policing Team

The government has announced a Policing Pledge to which the Neighbourhood Policing Team is committed.

The pledge states that Steeton-with-Eastburn Neighbourhood Policing Team Will:

1. Always treat you fairly, with dignity and respect, ensuring that you have fair access to our services at a time that is reasonable and suitable for you.
2. Provide you with information about your dedicated Neighbourhood Policing Team.
3. Ensure we and other police patrols are visible and on your patch at times when they will be most effective and when you tell us you most need them. We will ensure that your team are not taken away from neighbourhood business more than is absolutely necessary. We will spend at least 80% of our time visibly working in your neighbourhood, tackling your priorities. Staff turnover will be minimised.
4. Respond to every message directed to us within 24 hours and where necessary, provide a more detailed response as soon as we can.
5. Deploy officers to emergencies immediately, getting to you safely and as quickly as possible. We will aim to get to you within 15 minutes.
6. Ensure that, if attendance is needed, the most appropriate resource is sent, and:
 - If you are vulnerable or upset aim to be with you within 60 minutes.
 - If you are calling about a neighbourhood priority and attendance is required, we will aim to be with you within 60 minutes.
 - Alternatively, if appropriate, we will make an appointment to see you at a time that fits in with your life and within 48 hours.
 - If agreed that attendance is not necessary we will give you advice, answer your questions and/or put you in touch with someone who can help.
7. Arrange public meetings to agree your priorities, at least once a month, giving you a chance to meet your local team with other members of your community.
8. Provide monthly updates on progress and on local crime and policing issues.
9. If you have been a victim of crime agree with you how often you would like to be kept informed of progress in your case and for how long. You have the right to be kept informed at least every month if you wish for as long as is reasonable.
10. Acknowledge any dissatisfaction with the service you have received within 24 hours of reporting it to us. To help us fully resolve the matter, discuss with you how it will be handled, give you an opportunity to talk in person to someone about your concerns and agree with you what will be done about them and how quickly.

The pledge talks about 'local priorities' which will be discussed at a variety of meetings including the Parish council, Neighbourhood Forums and Police Surgeries. Details of these consultation meetings will be posted in the parish council notice-boards and on the website.

Steeton and Eastburn Local Priorities Identified (March)

- Reduce anti-social behaviour in the Robin Drive area between 7p.m. and 11p.m.
- Conduct regular Speedwatch and casualty reduction operations on the B6265, Skipton Road.

Domestic burglary is the only crime type which is on the increase locally and nationally. The preferred means of entry is through an insecure door or by breaking the euro-profile style of lock that many people have fitted. The police advise everyone to ensure that all their doors and ground floor windows are secured at night and to consider further security on any euro-profile locks. If you are not sure what a euro-profile lock looks like please ring the Neighbourhood Policing Team on 01274 475301 and an officer will call round to check the locks and offer crime prevention advice.

Anti-social behaviour at Steeton and Silsden railway station.

Please report any and every incident to the British Transport Police on 0800 405040

The level of security is driven by reports to the British Transport Police and the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Issues of security at the station will

Notice a problem?
Are there holes in the road, uneven pavements, lamp standards not working?
Ring Bradford Council
01274 431000
or use their website:
www.bradford.gov.uk
to report it.

Community News

New Local Community Radio Station Launched

Drystone Radio is based in Cowling and reports news and events in the local area.

106.9fm

Walking For Health Group

There will be a meeting to talk about a programme of walks for 2009:

15th April at 3.00p.m.

'Greenhill', Station Road, Steeton
All walkers welcome.

Local Musician Wins National Award

Steeton musician, Tom McConville, was voted Musician of the Year at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. Tom is regarded as a leading fiddle player and is known on the folk circuit as the Newcastle Fiddle Player due to his roots in Tyneside folk clubs in the late 1960's.

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Important Diary Dates

Wednesday 22 April 2009 7.00 p.m.
Steeton Bowling Pavilion

**Eastburn Playing Fields
Association
Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 22 April 2009 7.30 p.m.
Steeton Bowling Pavilion

Annual Parish Meeting

This is an open public meeting called by the Chairman of the parish council who will present the council's annual report.

The parish council's draft accounts 2008/9 will also be available for inspection.

This meeting is an opportunity for all residents to tell the council what is important to them and suggest projects or issues that they would like the parish council to consider.

Thursday 7 May 7.00 p.m.

Eastburn Junior and Infant School Neighbourhood Forum

In association with Bradford Council

An opportunity to meet Ward Councillors and staff from the
Keighley Area Co-Ordinator's Office
Information available about Bradford Council Services

JAI FREESTYLE MARTIAL ARTS & FITNESS ACADEMY

Unit 7, Eastburn Mills, Main Road, Eastburn, Nr. Steeton, BD20 7SJ

Eastburn's Jai Freestyle Martial Arts & Fitness Academy, over the past 5 years, has gone from strength to strength. What started out as merely a hobby, for owner Robin Shepherd, has grown via word of mouth into a very well established site offering something for every member of the family. Robin sought a base to teach the martial art Muay Thai Boxing to benefit both juniors and adults within the local and surrounding communities. In order to cover the running costs of the site Robin approached an A.B.A. boxing coach, asking if he wanted to set up Eastburn A.B.A. Boxing Club, which he agreed to do. Neither of them could ever have imagined the success that has resulted. Since opening, the gym has produced Yorkshire, National, European and World Champions! Our next major focus is the London 2012 Olympics.

The Academy has encouraged many children to take up exercise in a fun, safe & controlled environment and has provided the opportunity for talented young people to reach the top in their sport. In doing so, they also learn respect for others, self-control, discipline & improve self-confidence. Also we are regularly involved with fundraising & charity events & work closely with a huge number of primary & secondary schools promoting extra-curricular activity.

To fit in with your lifestyle we provide daytime, evening and weekend classes for children (4+), Teens & Adults. Various styles of martial art, dance, aerobic & fitness based workouts, endurance, strength & body conditioning training, plus ladies only classes, Tai Chi & personal training are available. Whether it's to learn valuable self-defence skills, to keep fit, lose weight, tone up, relieve stress, boost self-confidence, meet new friends or to seriously spar & compete to amateur or professional level, our training venue provides it all. Alternatively if you'd prefer to relax & take it easy after a busy day at work, we have a 10-seater sauna, plus a treatment room providing holistic treatments, sports massage therapy, injury rehabilitation & much more!

Classes are on a 'Pay As You Train' basis from as little as £2.00 per class. You are not tied in to a contract and there are no monthly subscriptions. For more information, please visit www.jaifreestyle.co.uk and if you have any questions, please give us a call on 07949 502185 (Robin) or 07702 904668 (Vicky) or email us at jaifreestyle1@aol.com.

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