

STEETON-WITH-EASTBURN PARISH COUNCIL

Working for the community

April 2008

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Budget priorities for 2008/9

The council has agreed its budget for 2008/9 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 £15,000. This amount has been built up over the last three years and will demonstrate the parish council's commitment to improving play facilities when applying for funding from grant awarding bodies.
- ♦ £3,800 for improvements at the parish council owned bowling pavilion. £800 has been proposed to pay for safety lighting and £3,000 towards the installation of better toilet facilities, including the provision of disabled toilets.
- ♦ £1,500 to enhance the Memorial Garden, Steeton, including extra seating, replacement of felled trees with native species, perennial planting and bulb planting to supplement the annual displays provided by Bradford Council.
- ♦ £500 to replant and tidy up the Rose Garden in Eastburn.
- ♦ £2,000 to pay for extra cleaning of the recreational areas owned by the parish council including the removal of litter and glass. The council is aware of how important the local environment is to

residents and feels it has a duty to improve the appearance of the recreational areas.

- ♦ £500 to improve the cemetery including the provision of new litter bins.

The council has budgeted £9,300 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 £1500. Other running costs of insurance, subscriptions to professional bodies, room hire etc have been given a budget allocation of £2475. £1000 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 £2400 for 2007/8, due to careful management of costs, the council has set a precept of £22,861. This equates to an annual payment of £16.48 per Band D property, an increase of £1.18 on the precept for a Band D property in 2007/8. The parish council works hard on your behalf to improve the facilities available to all residents so please get involved and support your councillors' efforts.



New Councillor Co-Opted to the parish council

Karen Pickard has been co-opted to the council to represent Eastburn Ward after the resignation of Adele Mitchell. Karen has lived in Eastburn for seven years and is married with two children aged 13 and 15. The children attended Eastburn School and are now pupils at South Craven School. Karen works part time at Eastburn School developing the ICT curriculum and runs a Young Engineers club at the school. Karen is very interested in local issues and is prepared to devote some of her precious spare time to representing the residents of Eastburn.

Check out the parish council website:

www.steeton-with-eastburnparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Diary Dates

Saturday 12 April 7.30p.m.
Eastburn School Choir +
Cobbydale Singers in Concert
Kildwick Church
Tickets £5 , £3 concessions
available from school

Wednesday 23 April 7.00pm
Eastburn Playing Field Association
AGM
Eastburn School

Wednesday 23 April 7.30pm
Annual Parish Meeting
Eastburn School

Thursday 8 May 7.00pm
Neighbourhood Forum
Eastburn School

Thursday 22 May 6.30p.m
Children's Talent Show
Steeton School
Pie and Pea Supper
Tickets available from school

Sunday 6 July 6.00pm–7.30pm
Steeton School Centenary
Summer Fair
Children and staff in costume
All former pupils and staff
welcome

Notice a problem?
Are there holes in the
road, uneven
pavements, lamp
standards not working
etc. etc.....

Ring Bradford Council
01274 431000 or use
the Bradford Council
website:
www.bradford.gov.uk
to report it.

Wednesday 23 April 2008 7.30 p.m.

Eastburn School

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 2007/8 will be 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 8 May 7.00 p.m.

Eastburn 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 about Bradford Council Services
Preview of the draft Parish Plan

Puffin Crossings-some information

One third of respondents to the parish plan questionnaire expressed the need for a pelican crossing on Skipton Road close to the Chapel Road junction. The parish council has consulted with the Highways Department, Bradford Council, to explore the possibility of having a crossing put in. Their officer explained that a formula is used to assess the need for a crossing which multiplies the volume of traffic by the number of pedestrians crossing at this point. The location of bus stops, other pelican crossings and the position and width of pavements are all considered along with the numerical criteria. A count has been carried out at this location in the past and although the volume of traffic was high the number of pedestrians crossing was very low. The Highways Department are willing to repeat the count and have asked the council to inform them of the times when most pedestrians will want to cross. The parish council will discuss the most appropriate times to carry out the count and inform Bradford Council.

If the criteria are not satisfied then a crossing will not be paid for by Bradford Council. If the parish council offered to precept for in excess of £30,000, which is the cost of installation, a crossing still can not be put in if it does not meet the criteria set down. This is to stop parish councils putting in crossings in inappropriate places which would significantly affect traffic flow and not substantially increase the safety of pedestrians.

The Puffin crossing at Eastburn has been replaced in the last six weeks. The length of the safety barriers has been reduced. The council has been informed that this is to improve the visibility of small children waiting to cross and also to increase the width of the footway giving better access for pushchairs and wheelchairs..

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