



EASTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2011

Eastfield Library. Everyone will be aware that the library is under threat of closure. Cllr Simpson, as the County Councillor, is leading the fight to keep the library open. He has already held meetings with various officials and arranged an 'Open Forum' on the library closures in Scarborough. His next step is to arrange a meeting later this month with various stakeholders to see what can be done to save the library, in whatever format. Once agreement, however tentative, has been agreed between the stakeholders, residents will be consulted so that a formal plan can be presented to North Yorkshire County Council.

Rubbish bins. Hopefully you will have noticed that additional rubbish bins have been distributed throughout Eastfield and it is hoped that further bins will follow in due course. Dog Fouling is a major problem in Eastfield, as it is in the majority of parishes throughout the UK. Dog walkers are reminded that Yorkshire Coast Homes have supplied the Dog Warden and the PCSO's with doggy bags which can be deposited in the public/green rubbish bins.

Bus Shelters. After a delay by Scarborough Borough Council (SBC), they have now given permission for a bus shelter to be erected on Overdale near to Goldings Close. The Parish Council are committed to providing at least one extra shelter per year for the foreseeable future.

Middle Deepdale Development. You will have seen in the local press that the developers hope to submit plans to Scarborough Borough Council for 'outline' planning permission in the near future. Whilst the Parish Council will be consulted on these plans when published, residents are strongly advised to submit their comments to the Planning Department, either by visiting the department or via the SBC website (www.scarborough.gov.uk and click on the planning icon) as once outline permission is granted, there is no going back.

Census. You may have seen in the press that 2011 is the year of the census, which will be done as at 27 March 2011. Census forms will be dropping through your letter boxes shortly and you are reminded that it is an offence not to complete and return them.

Village Greens. Unfortunately, the only way to protect green spaces is to have them declared as 'Village Greens'. Eastfield currently has two such areas, one at Loders Green and the second around the Beech Walk play area; a third application is being considered by the Commons Registration Officer (CRO). As owners the The Dell, SBC has been asked by the Parish Council if they were willing to declare that area a village green under Section 15(8) of the Commons Act; to date they have not responded. The Parish Council has therefore decided to apply to the CRO for The Dell to be declared a village

green. Unfortunately, by doing it this way, the Parish Council has to produce evidence that The Dell has been used for 'recreational' purposes for at least the last 20 years. We therefore require residents, who have lived in Eastfield for at least 20 years and have used The Dell for recreational purposes to write to the Parish Council stating that they have used The Dell in the last 20 years or so and by how i.e. dog walking, picnics, children playing etc. Once the evidence is gathered, an application will be submitted. As part of this process, the Parish Council are also looking at other 'green spaces' that may be suitable for 'village green' status and you will be kept informed.

Eastfield Ward. You may be aware that Eastfield (as a stand alone parish) and the Southern Area Cluster (nine parishes who have banded together) have been selected by SBC to complete a 12 month trial on how some services are delivered within the area. The idea will be to devolve certain services (and funding) down to parish level thereby giving a greater control to residents. Whilst the Parish Council will be involved, other stakeholders/groups within the parish will also be able to have their say. Details have not yet been finalised on how this will work but residents will be advised as soon as they are known.

Annual Meeting of the Parish. By law, there must be an Annual Meeting of the Parish (AMP) between 1 March and 1 June each year. Usually this is held in April but due to the elections and the Bank Holidays in April, this years AMP will be held on 17 March in the Community Centre commencing at 1830hrs and members of the public are invited to attend.

Borough and Parish Council Elections. You will be aware that Borough and Parish Council elections will be held on 5 May 2011. The voting stations will be at the Community Centre and Braeburn School. To be eligible to vote, residents must be over 18 and on the electoral roll. If you are not on the electoral roll, contact the Electoral Officer at SBC who will advise you what the procedure is to be registered.

Councillors Surgeries. Councillor surgeries are being re-introduced for a trial period. The first one will be held in the small meeting room in the Community Centre on 25 Feb 11 from 1130hrs to 1230hrs. All are welcome to attend.

Parish Councillors 2010/2011

Chairman of Council:

Mr B Simpson, 45 Sweetbecks Close, Eastfield.

Vice-Chairman of Council:

Mr G Elliott, 11 The Leas, Eastfield.

Councillors:

Mrs C Cooper, 167 Overdale, Eastfield.

Mr G Evans, 144 Prospect Road, Scarborough

Mrs A Gregory, 8 Knolls Close, Osgodby.

Mrs A Jackson, 110 Eastway, Eastfield.

Mrs C Parsons, 13 Braeburn, Eastfield

Mrs E Vickers, 5 Bradworth Close, Osgodby.

Mr J Zegstroo, 5 Overdale Gardens, Eastfield