



## EASTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH HELD AT 1830HRS ON THURSDAY 17 MARCH 2011 IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: Cllr B Simpson (Chairman), Mr S Simpson (Clerk), Sgt Millington and PCSO Walton – NY Police, Borough Cllr Evans, Watch Manager Head – NY Fire and Rescue, Mrs Croft and 2 members of the Overdale Brownie Pack, Mr D Spencer – Groundworks NY, 20 members of the public.

#### 011/001/1 – THE CHAIRMAN OPENS THE ASSEMBLY.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

#### 011/002/2 – TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMANS REPORT.

The Chairman read out a prepared report, a copy of which is attached.

#### 011/003/3 – TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.

Both Cllr Simpson and Cllr Evans read out a prepared reports, a copies of which is attached.

#### 011/004/4 – A PRESENTATION FROM DAVID SPENCER, THE DELL RANGER.

The Chairman introduced David Spencer who provided a Power point presentation which explained the work on The Dell to date as well as plans for The Dell in the future. He explained that a notice board has been installed at the entrance to The Dell which included a map of the area and handouts were passed out which explained the proposed work for the area. He advised that activities have been, and will continue to be, organised and details of events will be placed in public areas. Volunteers are always welcome and he mentioned work done by volunteers to date. He advised that he was interested in the public comments and they can either be passed to him or via the survey on [www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com). He then answered a number of questions from those present and was thanked by the Chairman for the presentation.

#### 011/005/5 – A PRESENTATION BY THE 23RD (OVERDALE) SCARBOROUGH BROWNIES

Mrs Croft initially explained the role of the Brownies and advised that this was the only female pack in the area; she was dismayed that there was no guide pack (the next step up) locally and youngsters had to travel to Filey if they wish to continue in the guiding tradition. She explained that the Brownies were open to girls aged from 7 to 10 and that numbers were limited by the number of adult leaders available. She felt that the Guiding movement as a whole gave good all round learning and then went on to explain that 2010 was the Centenary year for the movement and she explained the award of the Centenary Badge to the audience. She then handed over to Sophie, a Brownie who had completed the award, to explain how the funding provided by the Parish Council was used to enable to Brownies to complete elements towards the Centenary Badge. An informative Power point presentation was presented by Sophie which was appreciated by all. Mrs Croft and Sophie was thanked for the presentation by the Chairman.

#### 011/006/6 – TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON YORKSHIRE AMBULANCE SERVICE COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER SCHEME BY MR TONY DYER.

Mr Dyer did not attend the meeting but the time was used to allow Watch Manager Head to give a short talk about NY Fire and Rescues 'Super Output' areas and the way they worked.

#### 011/007/7 – TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT FROM SGT MILLINGTON.

The Chairman introduced Sgt Millington who explained the way the force will be restructured and the affect that will have in Eastfield. He went through the current priorities and advised that they can be viewed at [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk). He gave a breakdown of the latest crime figures which had seen an overall reduction of 24% in the last year, which was the best in the area. The downside of that was that next year, the force will be compared with the improved crime figures though every effort will be made to reduce them even further. He advised that Operation Liberal was in force which was to stop doorstep crime. He advised that a survey had recently been done which showed members of the public

were more concerned about Anti Social Behaviour and he suggested that this should be one of the priorities for Eastfield. There was a general agreement of those present and Sgt Millington advised that it would not just be youths targeted by also young adults. Questions were asked about under age drinking and the apparent ease that youths can obtain alcohol and Sgt Millington advised that this will be taken up with local shopkeepers. Sgt Millington was thanked by the Chairman for the presentation.

011/008/8 – OPEN FORUM.

The Chairman opened up the Open Forum to members of the public. Queries about the library and the Environment Group he advised would be covered at the Parish meeting on 28 Mar 11. It was asked if mud could be removed from the paths on The Meads and how residents could contact the DPA Office re a possible infringement; the Chairman advised that the former would be passed to SBC and he would speak to the resident asking the latter query after the meeting. There was a general consensus that Eastfield should have town status and the Chairman advised that this would be discussed by the Parish Council. The Chairman mentioned that the Parish Council have currently applied for Village Green status for the area on Westway but hoped to also apply for status for The Dell and the land on Manham Hill and explained the criteria for obtaining such status. The question of allotments for the area was raised and the Chairman advised that this would be the first area of business for the Transition Town scheme that would form part of the Environment Working Group. Asked why the Business Park was not used to provide more supermarkets, the Chairman advised that SBC were currently doing a retail assessment for the area and we would have to await the results of that.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 2000hrs and thanked everyone for attending.

**SIGNED ..... THIS  
CHAIRMAN**

## **Chairman's Report**

**Ladies & gentlemen, fellow Parish Councillors, it is my great pleasure to put to you the following report.**

**Eastfield has come along way since this Parish Council was formed, those of us who lived here before the community campaigned for the creation of a Parish Council can probably remember a very different Eastfield, with next to no funding coming in to improve or support the community, assets left to fall into disrepair, and practically no co-ordination when it came to making the communities voice heard.**

**This is the first year we have had an assembly without any of our founding members, I am of course talking about the late Brian O'Flynn and Alex Abiola, two people who cared passionately about Eastfield and who fought so hard to further this communities cause. Indeed they were prominent in enabling the creation of this Council, collecting signatures and lobbying the Town Hall until Eastfield residents had the Council they wanted.**

**Since this Parish Council has been in existence we have been able to turn all of that on its head, we have been able to kick start funding for many community projects, we put up the initial funding for the Skateboard Park, Coasters Café, the Dell project, the improvements to or play areas. We have put up the funding for additional litter bins which is a project not yet finished as we intend to place more bins where residents have pointed out that we need them, we have a policy of erecting one new bus shelter per year on bus stops where currently there is no cover, one a year may not sound like much but at £6000 plus a time they are not cheap, it is the residents who brought the lack of shelters to our notice therefore we came up with this policy. Residents told us we need a better plan to deal with winter weather, so we came up with a plan to place extra salt in key places in the event of snow and ice, we have also bought additional grit bins.**

**Indeed it is the residents who wanted improvements to our play areas, to our Dell, extra litter bins, they wanted a skateboard park, all the things other areas have, residents wanted a greater say in how funding is allocated, so we supported Voice Your choice, now half of our total budget will be allocated through this mechanism, residents having the final say in which community groups are funded, we have now had two voice your choice events in Eastfield, first was the pilot funded by the North Yorkshire Police authority, the second was the first one fully funded by Eastfield Parish Council, in fact we were the first Parish Council in North Yorkshire to hand over decision making responsibility to its residents.**

**Nobody in their right mind can say that we as a Council do not engage with residents, when one looks at the work we have done and the achievements we have enabled, all of our meetings are open to residents, residents have their own agenda item where they can raise issues, indeed allot of the above mentioned was brought to our attention in this way, in addition to this every month on the Friday before a Council meeting we hold an open surgery where residents can speak to us outside of the formalities of a Council meeting.**

I strongly believe that the strength of this Council, is its current membership, as a Council we have met, head on, every challenge thrown at this community, I am proud to be a member of this Council, I am proud of my fellow Council members, their commitment to Eastfield is second to none, and I pay tribute to each and every one of you, Parish Councillors are not paid, Parish Councillors are community volunteers and I think the level of responsibility placed at Parish level is a heavy one.

Eastfield yet again is in a period of great change, we have the Middle Deepdale development about to take off, As a Parish Council we have formed a partnership with Scarborough Borough Council and Groundworks North Yorkshire to ensure the benefits in terms of regenerating Eastfield on the back of funding created by the development will have full resident involvement so the community as a whole will direct and shape the future of Eastfield. I am confident that the current membership of Eastfield Parish Council can achieve this, we will achieve this.

As a Parish Council we are now engaged in the Localities pilot, The Scarborough Borough Council Southern Area Committee has been disbanded and its functions and responsibilities devolved to Parish level across the Southern area, this means Eastfield Parish Council will have those functions and responsibilities relating to Eastfield from April 1<sup>st</sup> and also our part of the Area committee budget. The rest of the budget and functions will be devolved to the Southern Area Parish Cluster who are made up of the rural Parish Councils.

There is one other person too who this Council depends on, as it is his role to ensure we members act within the law, I am of course referring to the gentleman sitting next to me our clerk, Steve Simpson, in my opinion he is the best clerk this Parish Council has had, what he doesn't know about Parish Council procedure is not worth knowing, he is always there to give advice to us as members and ensure we fully fill our Councillor role within the rules laid down by government. We members may not always like the advice he gives but you can bet your bottom dollar it's the right advice... so we had best follow it, I'm sure every time I walk into the office and say the words I've had an idea he worries a little. Thank you for all your hard work.

Finally I would also like to say thank you to the residents of Eastfield for their continued support and encouragement.

Borough/County Councillors report *CLLR Simpson*

Like every year this has been another busy year in the world of local government. I have been involved with most of the various groups in Eastfield, I have worked to bring about the Voice your Choice events which we have seen and currently involved with organising the next on to be held this summer, the ultimate in community involvement as far as I'm concerned. I am involved with the pop in club and currently vice chairman of its management committee.

I am working with incredible edible Eastfield in the first instance to get the community growing food and sharing it, also it has involved local schools, our youngsters growing plants and tending them, it has been right up the gardening clubs street and the lids love it. At present we are getting started on the new growing season and organising one of the Eastfield big lunches.

Along with Geoff & Johan I have fought to ensure Eastfield benefited form various forms of funding, when the Middle Deepdale section 106 funds were put at risk of being spent outside Eastfield I stood up in Council and fought our corner, in fact all three of us did this, we were able to get an agreement which means any funding coming form the new development stays in Eastfield to help regenerate our community, we could have in excess of £1m in terms of funding, this will be essential in order to create a new Town Centre for Eastfield, in fact you could say we will be creating a new Town altogether when you take into account all the planned development in Cayton as well as Eastfield.

This year I along with Geoff & Johan I supported the borough Council budget, the Borough Council share of Council Tax will be frozen at last years level, we have still being able to invest in major projects, no front line services will be cut, we will have more in the way of shared back office functions which have delivered efficiency savings and taken the pressure off the front line.

I am in full support of getting a new by law in place to deal with parking on grass verges, this will mean cars can be ticketed for parking on them, of course in some streets this is unavoidable, the street s were just not designed for so many cars, so as part of the master planning exercise it is important to look at where we can create additional parking areas, I would not want to tickets cars which genuinely have no where else to go.

As well as all these larger scale projects there is also the more every day work of a Councillor, reporting potholes, replacing broken footpaths, reporting broken street lights, looking at where we need new litter/dog waste bins and so on. I have had the mystery water on the path between The Meads and Holme Hill investigated, this is now in the hands of Yorkshire water, been to visit numerous when they ring me to report something, taken on case work on behalf of individuals, it never stops.

Two years ago my role as a Councillor was expanded when I was appointed to the Cabinet of SBC, one of my Cabinet portfolios includes community projects and involvement, one of my first acts in this role was to bring forward the Localities pilot, I chose the Southern areas because of the benefits it can bring to Eastfield and the fact that we have an existing cluster arrangement for the rural smaller Parish Councils, and a larger Parish Council which can stand alone (Eastfield) I want to devolve more responsibilities to community level, the Parish Council model is at the grass roots of communities and represent the only community groups with democratic accountability.

Being a Borough Councillor your not only are there to champion your own ward, you also have collective responsibilities for the Borough as a whole and the communities within it. Being a Councillor is not just another job, it is not 9 to 5, nobody does it because of the money, the allowance is in fact quite small so if your looking to be paid well don't become a councillor, we do this role because we care about the community, we ant the best for our residents, we want to take forward the ideas residents have and enable the community to be shaped the way they want it, we do not tell residents what to do, in fact it is quite the opposite.

As County Councillor I listened to residents when they wanted the Library to stay open, I acted and its still there, I am now fighting to ensure its long term future, I will not stop until we have that assurance which means we will not have a Library run solely by volunteers, we must have our professional and dedicated team of staff in place.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> April the County Council will take over all Highways functions from the Borough Council, currently an SBC officer attends Parish Council meetings to take back reports relating to Highways for actioning, from 1<sup>st</sup> April I will be taking this link role on as County Councillor, not only in Eastfield but also in Osgodby as my County electoral division includes Eastfield & Osgodby.

Thank you for listening.

# CLL R EVALS

The last year has has been one of steady progress in a number of areas however we have had one major disappointment in that we did not get the lottery funding for the allotments that EPC and the Osgoby OAT had work so hard to develop,

In response to Eastfield Flooded, SBC brought a schema forward with help of outside funding for a system of swales to run behind Overdale and Dale Edge to drain surface water in to the dell work is due to start on them soon

## Middle Deepdale

Last Wednesday I went to signing of the partnership agreement between all the major partners involved in MDD, It should go to planning in April with a start date in august

## Dell

The Dell project is well under way the other day I was looking down on it from overdale it is starting to look good, in another 12 months it will look even better I must congratulate the dell rangers and the deel group.

## Jobs

MDD will generate construction Jobs, Yorkshire Pot ash real jobs if you willing to travel

## Voice Choice

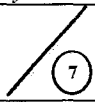


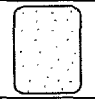
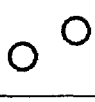














## Southern area Committee

<u>Habitat</u>	<u>Proposed Work</u>
<u>Type/Feature</u>	
Mature Trees: zones 1, 4, 6	Annual inspection, effect any measures necessary to maintain public health & safety.
Amenity Grass: all zones, see map	Mow during spring and summer to maintain public access.
New hedgerows: zones 1, 3, 4, 5, 6	Plant double row of whips, 6/linear metre, yr 1. Re-stock as necessary in yr two. Allow ten yrs' growth before laying. Leave one metre strip uncut adjacent to line of hedge to avoid accidental damage/loss of trees.
Long grass/wildflowers: zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 6	Create new marginal meadow adjacent to ponds (Zone 2). Mow and remove clippings from year two, late summer (August). Sow new grass and wildflower strips (zones 3 & 4) on spoil from wetland scrapes and bare area created in wetland scrape creation, yr one. Allow existing diverse grassland areas (zones 1, 3, 4 & 6 (around fruit trees, see below)) to grow during spring & summer, year two onwards. <i>Allow all areas – new and existing - to grow during spring &amp; summer, year two onwards. Mow and remove clippings, late summer (July/August).</i>
Surfaced Paths: all zones	Install new stone path in zones 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7. Install Tarmac path along western edge of zone 3, linking Dale Edge & Merrydale. Inspect paths annually and arrange/effect repairs and encroachment of vegetation maintenance as necessary to maintain visitor access. Mow one metre either side of paths, where bordered by long grass/wildflower area, during spring & summer as part of <i>amenity</i> cutting regime.
Litter: all zones	Undertake weekly litter-sweeps and arrange prompt removal of fly tipping.
Stream: zone 2	Maintain flow and water quality through removal of obstacles.
Wetland area: zone 2	Dig out two new wildlife ponds. Remove spoil to site edges and create seed bed. After allowing to establish for 8 years, $\frac{1}{8}$ of the scrapes should be cleaned out annually, in rotation. Install steps leading out of wetland area, towards path in zone 4.
Bridges: zone 2	Remove concrete culvert in southern half of zone. Replace with timber version of similar width (1.5m) to boardwalk in zone 3.
Boardwalk: zone 3 (&4?)	Create new boardwalk over wet area at foot of slope, zone 3. 1.5m wide. Link to path with ramps (timber at northern end, stone at southern). Create dipping platform to immediate west of larger pond. Install new bridge at southern end of wetland, once created. Link with path to east (zone 4) with stone causeway. Inspect regularly and effect necessary repairs/maintenance. <i>(Monitor zone 4 in first winter and construct stretch of boardwalk over potentially flooded area if necessary, yr2)</i>
Furniture: zones 2, 3 & 4	Install steps leading out of wetland area (zone 2), towards path in zone 4. Install two new flights of steps over scraped ground and spoil area, zone 3. Install benches and picnic tables towards foot of slope, zone 4, in vicinity of wetland. Inspect regularly and effect necessary repairs/replacements. Install rubbish bins at northern apex of paths and adjacent to wetland, zone 4. Zone 5: to west of bridge. Zone 7 at southern entrance to site.
New orchard: zone 6	Plant 8 fruiting standard trees – apple, plum, pear and cherry – and allow grass to grow around each in south eastern cul-de-sac.

General points

- Control illegal vehicular access to site by liaising with North Yorkshire Police; reporting all sightings to Anti-Social Behaviour telephone number (01723 384444).
- Devise and create on-line interpretative material, and site interpretation board.
- Commence educational activities with local schools and community as a whole, on and off-site.
- Establish Friends group or similar, composed of locals and parties with interest in site and its activities, to maintain project and objectives beyond the end of Access to Nature funding in 2012.
- Arrange taxonomic surveys of site flora and fauna (ponds, woodland, meadows, glades etc.), to facilitate accurate, appropriate targeting of management effort and on-going evaluation thereof by monitoring populations of BAP and other species

Map Key

Symbol	Description	
	Zone border, with zone number. Red line on interior side of border.	
	New grass & wildflower areas (terrestrial). Sown 2010.	
	Wetland, includes ponds and marginal areas (sown with grass & wildflower mix)	
	Wildflower meadow area, existing sward. (Plain white areas mown as amenity grassland.)	
	Manhole covers	
	New orchard (planted) with wildflower meadow area surround (existing sward)	
	Trees, existing. May run adjacent to zone border, as with western edge of Z4: 	
	Boardwalk/dipping platform (brown & black)	
	Steps (black)	
	Path (stone)	
	New hedgerow (to be planted)	
	Stone circle & totem pole	
	Bin	
	Area for control with Glyphosate	
	Path, Tarmac	
	Stream (Zone 2, with wetland)	
	Bridge	 Bench (l) & picnic table (r)

