

STEEP PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: Jim MacDonald

CLERK: Jenny Hollington

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 5th December 2016 at Steep Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. Jim MacDonald (in the Chair) Jenny Martin Simon Bridger
Terry Cook Peter Cruttenden Graeme Fairley
Nick Hurst

In Attendance: Jenny Hollington - Clerk

There was one member of the public in attendance throughout the meeting.

Minute	Item	Action
16/154	<u>APOLOGIES</u> – Cllr. Spurdle was absent from the meeting.	
16/155	<u>MINUTES</u> – The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 7 th November were approved and signed.	
16/156	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> – The Chairman reminded Councillors of their responsibility to declare any interest in any matter on the Agenda - none declared.	
16/157	<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> – There was no public comment	
16/158	<u>CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR FOR STEEP</u> – An expression of interest has been received and will be pursued in the new year.	
16/159	<u>FINANCE</u> (a) The November bank reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting and was approved and signed. (b) There were no cheques for December payment.	
16/160	<u>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH</u> – Cllr. Hurst said that the scheme no longer runs in the Marsh and that the local Petersfield Group appears to have disbanded. Residents should contact the parish Community Support Officer, John Payne, on john.payne@hampshire.pnn.police if they have any concerns.	
16/161	<u>MILL LANE MAP BOARD</u> – It was agreed that the map board at the top of Mill Lane should be replaced as it is starting to look very jaded. New photos of village highlights will be required and the Clerk was asked to write a short article for the February edition of the newsletter requesting submissions for inclusion. SGS funding will be sought towards the cost (deadline for applications 23 rd January).	Clerk
16/162	<u>STEEP WAR MEMORIAL</u> (a) The Remembrance Day Service on Friday, 11 th November was attended by children from Steep School and a bugler from Bedales, and was followed by coffee at the Village Hall. It was agreed that next year, notices should be placed at either end of the road to say that the road will be (unofficially) closed for the duration of the service (10 minutes). A note will also be	

published in the October newsletter so ensure residents are aware.

- (b) Mill Lane Corner - It was agreed that the Chairman and Cllrs. Cook, Cruttenden and Martin should meet with Kit Claxton-Wright to discuss proposals for the War Memorial corner and look at hedge issues in detail – they will report back at the January meeting. Chair/
PC
JM/TC

16/163 ROADS AND TRAFFIC –

- (a) **Stoner Hill** – Correspondence between a resident of Stoner Hill and Ian Janes of Hampshire Highways and copied to the Parish Council, about recent accidents on Stoner Hill was discussed. Ian Janes says there is nothing he can do to address speeding/traffic issues as there is no money in the budget. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Ian Janes to find out what has happened to the plans discussed several years ago to address speeding traffic and find out where Steep are in the process. The Chairman will also respond directly to the resident who has raised the issues. Chair
- (b) **EHDC Leaf Clearing Programme** – It was agreed that Ashford Lane, Mill Lane, Elmwood Lane and Pratts Lane should all be included in the programme. Clerk
- (c) **Hampshire Highways’ response to current concerns** – No response has been received.
- (d) **Wrought Iron Signpost** – The signpost at the Cricketers has been renovated and installed. Unfortunately, there is a spelling error on one of the finger posts which needs to be rectified. Hampshire Highways have been informed and this will be corrected as soon as possible.

16/164 FOOTPATHS –

- (a) HCC RoW Vegetation Cutting List – It was agreed that Cllr. Martin should review the cutting list and respond to HCC.
- (b) Footpath issues – Water leak on the Coach Road, Stoner Hill – S.E. Water have now resolved the leak - however, the surface of the path is now in a very bad condition. It was agreed that Cllr. Martin and the Chairman should meet with Chris Budd to discuss options and request a quote to repair the path. JM
Chair

16/165 STEEP COMMON –

- (a) Issues raised at Annual Inspection – The hedge has now been cut back hard and, as well as looking much better, this has vastly improved sight lines. Cllr. Cook was thanked for filling the large pot hole at the entrance and Cllr. Bridger thanked for installing the safety rail at the bottom of the fence.
- (b) Steep Bonfire and Fireworks – Concerns were raised that the oak tree appears to have suffered significant heat damage from the bonfire. It was agreed that the tree should be inspected in the spring, to ensure that it recovers sufficiently.

16/166 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE – Following a recent meeting of the working party, a second draft of the document has been forwarded for comment to the Chairman and Philip Mileham. A final draft will be circulated for discussion/approval at the January Parish Council meeting.

16/167 DEVOLUTION – The Chairman explained that through EHAP&TC, he has been made aware of a website “Councils for devolution” which bears the logos of EHDC, Fareham, Eastleigh, Gosport and Havant Boroughs and promotes the plan to form a combined authority with Portsmouth and Southampton. The website also invites answers to a series of questions, but these do not appear to offer an opportunity for honest feedback. The Chairman said that he has written to Ferris Cowper

Chair

on behalf of EHAP&TC setting out the Association's concerns that East Hampshire parish and town councils have not been made aware of the website and also objecting to the style of the survey. EHAP&TC members are encouraging all Parish and Town Councils to send their own response - it was agreed that Cllr. Cruttenden would respond, setting out concerns on behalf of Steep P.C.

16/168 MEETINGS ATTENDED

- SDNPA Workshop – Local Plan Consultation - Cllrs. Cruttenden and Fairley had attended the workshop on behalf of Steep P.C. The latest amendments to the local plan had been made available to parish and town councils and feedback invited before 9th January. PC
- EHDC – National Take Over Day with Steep School - The Chairman had attended this session in Cllr. Drew's absence and very much enjoyed it.
- EHAP&TC – This meeting had been held in conjunction with EHDC and focussed on "working better together". The discussion had been facilitated by Tom Horwood and concerns raised by members' present focussed on planning (lack of feedback, more frequent training sessions required, and stronger enforcement).
- Volunteer work morning – On Sunday, 20th November a small group of volunteers had gathered in Jacks Meadow for a very satisfying morning's work - a great deal had been achieved - thank you to all those who came along.

16/169 CORRESPONDENCE

- Free RoW Workshop – This item has been advertised in December's parish newsletter – the Clerk will co-ordinate responses Clerk
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16/170 DATES FOR P.C. MEETINGS 2017 – It was agreed that Parish Council meetings should continue to be held on the first Monday of each month (apart from January to allow for the bank holiday) in the small meeting room at Steep Village Hall. A suggestion for an Annual Parish Assembly speaker to talk on the flora and fauna of the Hangers will be followed up and a date for this May meeting confirmed nearer the time.

16/171 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of Steep Parish Council will take place on Monday, 9th January 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at Steep Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.