

STEEP PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN Mr Richard Coles

CLERK Mrs Bridget MacMillan
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Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 9th March 2005, at 8.00pm at Steep Village Hall

Present: Richard Coles (in the chair) Terry Cook Philip Mileham
Peter Cruttenden Maggie Owen Caro Robinson
Fran Box

Bridget MacMillan (Clerk)
John West (County Councillor)
Tony Struthers (Co-ordinator of Steep Traffic Management Group)

There were four members of the Public

- 05/12 APOLOGIES
Jennifer Gray, Charles Gibson and Sue Onslow sent their apologies.
- 05/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Richard reminded the Councillors that any interests should be recorded. Bridget reminded Councillors that any changes to Members Interests Forms should be remembered.
- 05/14 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
The minutes of the previous meeting dated Monday 10th January were agreed as an accurate record.
- 05/15 PUBLIC COMMENT
John West was pleased to inform the meeting that Hampshire County Council's portions of the Council Tax was the lowest for over 30 years at 3.5%. He added that this was due in large to a substantial grant from central government and suggested this would not be the case next year.
He told the meeting that a copy of the County Council's 'Now' magazine would be distributed with a questionnaire relating to the consultation on the S.E. Plan. He urged people to respond to this rejecting any further development of the region above that already planned especially without the increase in infrastructure such as roads and transport links.
John thanked the Parish Council for their proactive work over the last eight years and wished them success in the future.
Terry asked John whether the wheelie bin stickers issued approximately two years ago were still available. **Bridget** to ask Petersfield Town Council, as they had been the local distributors.
Richard thanked John for his support and wished him every success in the election for his new ward.
There was no public comment.
- 05/16 Bedales Estate Plan
Fran Box and Philip Mileham declared a prejudicial interest as employees of Bedales School.

Notes relating to the Bedales Estate Plan and a report from the Steep Community Liaison Group had been distributed prior to the meeting.

Mark Taylor, Bedales Bursar informed the meeting that approximately 45 residents had visited the exhibition on Friday 4th March.

Terry reported that although the exhibition was well laid out there were no conclusions as to whether they considered traffic on Church Road to be a problem or whether they would do anything about it.

Peter reported on behalf of the Steep Community Liaison Group that the exhibition showed that the group had failed its objective to arrive at a consensual agreement on revisions to the Master Plan enabling the community and the Parish Council to support it.

He gave the meeting a brief background to the Steep Community Liaison Group and informed Councillors that despite nearly a year of constructive meetings the school had announced just 10 days prior to the exhibition that it would not go ahead with any other initiatives other than the travel plan. The school declined to give any reasons or provide any information to support its decision.

The Steep Community Liaison Group therefore recommends that the Parish Council does not support the Bedales Master Plan Application, if it remains as it was at the public exhibition, which they are due to put to EHDC by 20th March as nothing substantive has changed since the previous application.

Richard reported that the letter requesting a meeting with the Co-Chairs of the Board of Governors had been accepted by the school. **Bridget** to arrange.

05/17 Traffic Management Initiatives

Tony Struthers reported that Hampshire County Council had promised to start work on the passing places in Steep Marsh before the end of this financial year. All the other initiatives would be carried out within the agreed time. He informed the meeting that Graham Clifford had been approached by a member of the public to do a speed/volume check in Church Road and that he would be doing this in the vicinity of the village hall.

05/18 Meeting with Petersfield Housing Association

It was confirmed that the next discussion meeting with Petersfield Housing Association would take place on Monday 14th March at 7pm. Peter informed the meeting that the public consultation was still some time away and looked more likely for the end of April than the end of March as had been hoped. Following comments from outside bodies and local residents the housing association still had a lot more work to do before the council would be in a position to share proposals with the local community.

05/19 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Common and Hangers

Terry informed the Councillors that proposals from the Hangers Committee were not complete as yet and he would report to the next meeting. He told the meeting that the workday on the 27th February had been a great success and the large scrub was now cleared from the Shoulder of Mutton hillside. A good working relationship has been formed with Ian Livermore.

Terry will report to the next meeting regarding the plans for the left over money from the bonfire night.

Footpaths

There was no comment on footpaths.

Roads

Caro informed the meeting that she had not received any reports of problems from the village. The jet-patch work carried out in the autumn was not holding well in several places but she suggested that they were better than nothing. Fran reported the cracks in the road and pavement in Church Road near Five Oaks House. Terry had reported the road gulleys in Mill Lane between Cobblers and Oakhurst Farm Three out of four had been attended to and the final one was due to be dealt with soon.

Philip asked about the kerbing in the passing places in Steep Marsh and was assured that these were to be of rural appearance and the banks would be built up with soil.

Steep Village Hall

Richard reported that the redecoration programme was underway. The Main Hall, kitchen and disabled entrance are to be repainted in July this year.

Bridget reported that the recent visit from The Millennium Commission had been successful.

Terry asked the Management Committee to investigate the possibility of more storage for chairs, which are stored in the disabled entrance and tables, which are crammed in the cupboard in such a way as to damage the tops. **Richard to action.**

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PLANNING

Decisions Made (January – March 10th 2005)

F.25511/004	Cobblers, Mill Lane	Conservatory to rear. Detached home office. Conversion of loft for habitable accommodation including dormers to front and rear and porches to front entrances.	No Objection with Comments	Permission
F.31954/004	Oakridge, Mill Lane	Two storey extension to front.	No Objection subject to conditions	Refusal
F.32024/003	Redmayes, Steep Marsh	Conservatory to rear	No Objection	Permission
F.39551/001	The Bungalow, Steep Marsh	Two-storey extension to northwest side. Increase in roof height and alterations to roof to provide accommodation at first floor. Detached double garage	No Objection with comments	Permission

Decisions Pending

F.30928/020 F.30928/021	Adhurst St Mary – Listed building application as below	Alterations to existing building to create a hotel, 12 new dwellings and garage block. Leisure facilities and associated parking	Objection - Deferred
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F.30928/020	Adhurst St. Mary	Alterations and extensions to existing building to create a hotel, 12 dwellings, garage block and leisure facilities with associated parking and landscaping and new road junction with London Road (amended scheme)	Objection
F.26264/007	Natterjacks, Steep Marsh	Change of use of land (part stable yard) to tennis court with 2.75m high chain link fence.	No Objection subject to conditions
F.23793	The Dragon House, Tankerdale Lane	Detached triple garage and conversion of existing to habitable accommodation	No Objection
F.32975/002	Broadhurst, Ridge Common Lane	Bay window to front	
F.23813/004	Garden Hill, Ashford Lane	Extension to existing garage and one flat over	No Objection with comments
F.27772/08	Oakwood House, Steep Marsh	Two additional dormer windows to front and rear.	No Objection
F.31241/011	Bowyers, Steep Marsh	Triple garage with games room over after demolition of section of stable	
F.31954/005	Oakridge, Mill Lane	Two storey and single storey extensions to front (revised scheme)	

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FINANCE

Bridget reported that the balance in the Portman Account stood at £8633.80 on the 10th March.

Salary: Bridget left the meeting while the new salary and conditions were discussed.

The following cheques were approved at the meeting:

800209	HAPTC (Subs)	£188.00
800210	HAPTC (Local Council Review)	£13.00
200211	B. MacMillan (Salary and Expenses)	£727.37

05/22 CORRESPONDENCE

Bridget reported that the following correspondence had been received

HCC Mobile Library Service Review – It is intended to review the use of the service and there could be an opportunity to add an additional stop or move a current one. Bridget has advertised the review on both Parish notice boards. **Caro to ask librarian about its use in Steep and Steep Marsh.**

Phil Morris and David Greenman – two responses to the open letter inserted in the February Newsletter supporting the Parish Council. . Bridget read the contents of the David Greenman letter as Councillors had previously received the one from Phil Morris. Fran asked if all letter were circulated to Councillors. Bridget replied that Phil had specifically asked for his to be distributed. Other correspondence is dealt with either by the appropriate Councillor or brought to the next meeting if possible.

Richard informed the meeting that he had written to the Newsletter committee and they had responded that the insert had been a mistake and would not happen in the same way again.

Peter asked if the next meeting could be advertised in the newsletter and Bridget agreed to write a piece for the April edition. Terry asked if a litter pick could be organised but this was felt to be unsafe and it was agreed to flag up the problem in the newsletter and ask parishioners to pick up litter as they walk around the village. **Bridget to action.**

05/23 **Next Council Meetings –**

Wednesday 4th May – 7.15pm

Monday July 4th

Monday September 5th

Monday November 7th