

## STEEP PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN Mr Richard Coles

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### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2005 At Steep Village Hall

Present: Richard Coles (in the Chair) Terry Cook Peter Cruttenden  
Caro Robinson Fran Box Charles Gibson  
Maggie Owen

In Attendance: Councillor Ken Graham (Chairman EHDC)  
Bridget MacMillan (Clerk)

5 Members of the Public were present

#### 05/24 APOLOGIES

John West (County Councillor), Philip Mileham and Sue Onslow sent their apologies. Due to technical problems apologies were sent, but not yet received, by Jennifer Gray (District Councillor)

#### 05/25 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Caro Robinson proposed that Richard Coles should be elected as Chairman of Steep Parish Council and Terry Cook seconded the proposal. Councillors were unanimous in supporting the proposal and Richard was duly elected Chairman of Steep Parish Council. Terry reminded the meeting that Richard had been chairman for 4 years during which he had worked very hard, especially in 2004. He added that the village owed a great deal of gratitude for his efforts. The Councillors agreed. Richard thanked Terry and the Councillors.

#### Responsibilities

It was decided that responsibilities would be shared out as follows:

Allotments - Richard

Common – Terry and Charles

Footpaths – Sue and Fran

Roads – Caro and Maggie

The Hangers – Terry and Philip

Steep War Memorial Village Club –Richard and Caro

Housing /shop development – Peter to be contact point.

Planning – All members, as required

#### 05/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Richard reminded the Councillors that any interests as they arise should be recorded.

Charles Gibson declared that he was a board member of Petersfield Housing Association and any discussion relating to the housing/shop project would be of prejudicial interest.

Caro Robinson declared personal interest in the planning application from Steep Tennis Club, as she is a member.

05/27 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting dated Wednesday 9th March 2005 were agreed as an accurate record

05/28 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

There were no matters arising from the annual parish meeting.

05/29 PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council was asked if any action could be taken over planting on private land. Richard responded that as there was no planning constrictions no action could be taken. Peter suggested he approach the Citizen's Advice Bureau's mediation service in an attempt to resolve matters with the owner. **Peter to action.**

The Council was asked if the shop feasibility study had been completed. Richard answered that it had been and it would be available at a public meeting if and when the project moved to the next level. This included the business plan.

The Council was asked if, like other traffic management measures mentioned in the Annual Parish Meeting, the pavement from Bedales to the Primary School was going ahead. Richard replied that it was due to be done this financial year. Peter added that the Council had the support of Hampshire County Council and other measures might be taken if the current ones had no impact on traffic. With regards to Bedales Peter reported that a meeting with the Co-chairs of Governors showed they saw no reason to do anything over physical access for the next 10 years. They did agree to take the Council's concerns to the Governors. The Parish Council has objected formally to the Master Plan, which would allow Bedales not to do anything about the traffic they generate for 10 years. He added that Bedales were not the only generator of traffic and the council was in discussion with all the parties.

Charles reported that a member of the public had telephoned him regarding the use of land by the Waltham Chase Motorcycle Club. Caro replied that the owner was aware that a limit of 14days per year was in place.

05/30 FINANCE

Bridget informed the meeting that draft accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 had been circulated with the agenda. Charles Gibson proposed the adoption of the accounts and Caro Robinson seconded. The Council agreed unanimously to adopt the accounts for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2005.

Section 137 payments had been set at £5.30 per elector.

Bridget informed the meeting that the Portman Account stood at £7705.43

The following cheques were approved at the meeting:

800212	Allianz Cornhill	(Insurance)	£350.09
800213	HAPTC	(training)	£25.00

It was noted that the Citizen's advice Bureau had not requested a donation last year and Bridget agreed to contact them with regards to the current year.

05/31 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Common and Hangers

Terry requested that the following matters be taken to the Consultative meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May:

1. Removal of silt from the pond – to pursue the toxicity tests by HCC
2. Trim around the seat next to the pond

3. Silt traps under Ashford Lane – not yet done.
4. Regrading of grips at Jacks Meadow put in 3 years ago.
5. Improve grips on Old Stoner Hill as they are rutting out.
6. Fencing of top half of Little Shoulder to stop sheep nibbling before tree guards are put in place.
7. Check progress of dogwood spraying on Junipers.
8. To ask if the Tree Management for the Hangers is in place.

Two stiles are also in need of repair.

Footpaths

Richard to mend the stile one on his land.

Roads

Caro reported that the mild winter had led to limited damage to the road surfaces. It was reported:

1. That the road was damaged in Ashford Lane by Rock Pit Hollow.
2. The blowing through of ditches in Mill Lane was not yet completed.
3. Ridge Common Lane by Aldersnapp Farm had been repaired.
4. A proper cavity drain and cover were needed for the end of Church Road by the Cricketer’s Pub where a large, deep puddle formed in the rain.

Village Hall

Due to new Licensing Laws a new set of plans to the scale of 1:100 were needed to apply for a new license. Charles agreed to do this. Bridget to give Charles the necessary details and old plans.

Allotments

These had all been let for the year.

05/32 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR STEEP TENNIS CLUB

After discussion the Parish Council agreed to object to this application due to excessive light pollution in an AONB.

05/33 PLANNING

**Decisions Made** (March 11th 2005 – May 4th 2005)

F.26264/007	<b>Natterjacks, Steep Marsh</b>	Change of use of land (part stable yard) to tennis court with 2.75m high chain link fence.	No Objection subject to conditions	Permission
F.23793	<b>The Dragon House, Tankerdale Lane</b>	Detached triple garage and conversion of existing to habitable accommodation	No Objection	Refusal
F.32975/002	<b>Broadhurst, Ridge Common Lane</b>	Bay window to front	No Objection	Permission
F.23813/004	<b>Garden Hill, Ashford Lane</b>	Extension to existing garage and one flat over	No Objection with comments	Refusal

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F.31954/005	<b>Oakridge, Mill Lane</b>	Two storey and single storey extensions to front (revised scheme)	No Objection with comments	Permission
F.36201/001	<b>Low Wood, Ridge Common Lane</b>	Single Storey Extension	No Objection	Permission
F.31136/002	<b>Island West, Island Estate.</b>	Detached Summer House	No Objection	Permission
F.27772/08	<b>Oakwood House, Steep Marsh</b>	Two additional dormer windows to front and rear.	No Objection	Permission

**Decisions Pending**

F.30928/020 F.30928/021	<b>Adhurst St Mary</b> – 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
F.31241/011	<b>Bowyers, Steep Marsh</b>	Triple garage with games room over after demolition of section of stable	No Objection subject to conditions
F.30928/020	<b>Adhurst St. Mary</b>	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

**New**

F.39719	<b>Land at 9 Church Road</b>	Outline Planning for Detached Dwelling	No Objection with comments
F.30928/20	<b>Adhurst St. Mary</b>	Further consultation re: hotel and houses.	Objection
F.27898/012	<b>Land to East of Garden Hill Cottage,</b>	Relief of Condition 5 (hours of use) of F.27898/010 to allow livery users to use the sand school	Objection with comments
F.20100/057	<b>Bedales Schools</b>	Outline Master Plan Proposals for Bedales Estate – Amended Scheme	Objection with comments

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F.21382/009	<b>Steep Tennis Club</b>	Installation of floodlighting to tennis courts (nos. 5 & 6)	Objection
F.39801	<b>Chynhale, Steep Marsh</b>	Dormer to front.	

Peter informed the meeting that EHDC need to produce a statement of community involvement in planning and this could lead to additional consultation on some planning applications. EHDC has asked the parish Council how they would like to be involved and Peter has made some suggestions.

05/33 CORRESPONDENCE

Bridget reported that she had received the second review of the Local Plan from EHDC and as far as Steep was concerned no changes were being suggested.

McCoys had informed the parish of the notification of new landlady for the Cricketers Pub.

Jenny Gray had asked if Steep would be interested in fitness classes for the over 50's.  
**Bridget to contact EHDC to suggest a piece for the parish newsletter.**

05/34 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday July 4<sup>th</sup> – 7.30pm

Monday September 5<sup>th</sup> – 7.30pm

Monday November 7<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm