

## **STEEP PARISH COUNCIL**

**CHAIRMAN** Mr Richard Coles

**CLERK** Mrs Bridget MacMillan  
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Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at Steep Village Hall

Present: Richard Coles (in the chair) Terry Cook Philip Mileham  
Fran Box Charles Gibson  
Lyn Peters

In Attendance:  
Bridget MacMillan (Clerk)  
Michael Cartwright (County Councillor)

There were 4 members of the Public

05/54 **APOLOGIES**

Jenny Gray (District Councillor) Caro Robinson and Peter Cruttenden sent their apologies.

05/55 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

05/47 Fran asked that the amount of detail in the public comment be increased. After a short discussion it was agreed to add the word 'significant' to concerns raised. The minutes of the previous meeting dated Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2005 were altered and agreed as an accurate record.

05/56 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Richard reminded the Councillors that any interests should be recorded.

05/57 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR COMMENT**

Michael reported that he had had a successful visit to Steep Primary School. He was unable to confirm date for the footpath extension from Bedales to Steep Primary but was aware that it was in this financial year's plans. He asked to be kept up to date with any correspondence on the matter. Tony Struthers had also sent a report that he was chasing the Steep Traffic Management proposals after the departure of Graham Clifford.

**REPORT FROM FRAN BOX**

Fran reported that she had met a group of approximately 9 residents who repeated their request for more communication in relation to the shop/housing proposals, concerns for the viability of the shop and their wish to abandon the project. She reported that they felt that the answer to whether the housing would go ahead without the shop was evasive. They had highlighted the comment in October 2004 that the scheme would only go ahead with the agreement of the village. Finally they felt that the minutes from September 2005 were inaccurate due to the lack of detail. Richard thanked her for report and Fran thanked the meeting for listening.

05/58 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

**Common and Hangers:**

Charles reported that the sub-committee had met regarding the new play equipment and were meeting a prospective supplier this week with the intention of seeking a written quotation. Alternative quotations would also be sought when the final detail of desired equipment was settled.

Charles reported that the current level of Developer Open Space contributions was currently £3000.

Caro had sent a report outlining her feeling that the current play equipment was unsafe and needed to be removed. It was agreed to carry out a risk assessment and safety check on the equipment before a decision was made.

Terry thanked the Council for its support of the bonfire night event. He added that it had been a success and provided enough money for next year's event.

Terry informed the council that the next working group on the Hangers was set for 27<sup>th</sup> November when work would be carried out on the Blue Pool. Philip added that he would try to bring a number of waders for the volunteers.

Finally Terry informed the Council that the next meeting at Q.E. Park was now set for after this work morning.

**Footpaths:**

No comment to be made.

**Roads:**

05/49 Caro sent a report regarding the shingle in Church Road. She had reported it the problem to the Highways department and if they could see which house it came from they would request them to sweep it up. If they couldn't tell, they would do it themselves. She reported that the department was not keen on either idea but if the problem arises again she would get in touch again.

Caro also reported that a new Steep Marsh sign had been erected by the golf course coming up from sheet although this had not been requested. It was not known if the one from the A3 had been corrected.

05/49 Caro has spoken to Grahame Clifford regarding the reflective posts in Steep Marsh, which were requested by the immediate resident who is very happy with them. Caro has requested on behalf of the council that next time there should be a discussion about such matters, though it would obviously take much longer to have any effect. She also talked about the possibility of wooden reflective posts more in keeping with the surroundings or their removal. She will continue to work on this when she returns.

Caro has reported the ditch outside the new house in Steep Marsh but nobody has approached her with any further problems.

**Steep Village Hall and War Memorial:**

Terry reported on behalf of the Film Society that a sound engineer had recommended the movement and addition of speakers to improve sound quality which the Film Society would pay for with the permission of the trustees. The sound engineer had also recommended the addition of ceiling tiles and Terry requested that the trustees agree to this and the payment of half this cost as it was understood that all users of the hall would benefit. Richard called a meeting of the Trustees of SWMVC to discuss these items on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30pm. Philip requested a copy of the written report prior to the meeting. **Terry** to provide.

Bridget reported that Rachel had worked hard and secured the hire of the hall to the Swingdance group for a Wednesday night beginning in January which meant that the hall was in full use during the week again. The Council acknowledged her hard work.

**Allotments:**

Terry reported that Richard and himself had met Clinton Brown (landscape gardener) at the Church Road allotment to discuss the maintenance of the trees and hedge line with the headmaster’s house. It was agreed that the area was in need of pruning and new planting to re-establish the hedge and tree line. **Terry** to request a meeting with Neil Bower. **Philip** to attend.

Richard reported meeting with David Pike regarding the boundary with his land and the Steep Marsh allotment. **Bridget** to investigate whether the boundary is registered accurately with the Land Registry before contacting Mr. Pike to confirm boundary markers. **Charles** to assist if necessary.

05/59 PLANNING

**Decisions Made** (September 6<sup>th</sup>- November 6th)

F.20100/057	<b>Bedales Schools</b>	Outline Master Plan Proposal for Bedales Estate – Amended Scheme	Objection with comments	Deferred
F.23813/005	<b>Garden Hill, Ashford Lane</b>	Extension of and first floor storage area to garage.	No Objection subject to conditions	Permission
F.29289/009	<b>Coppicefield Cottage, Ridge Common Lane</b>	Replacement single storey home office incorporating double garage.	No Objection with comments	Refusal
F.22339/003	<b>The Dell, Durford Wood</b>	Conservatory to Rear	No Objection	Permission
F.39954/002	<b>Island Covert, Island Estate</b>	Two storey extension to west and single storey extension to south elevation. Alterations to windows.	No Objection	Permission
F.39982	<b>Westmark Farm House, Midhurst Road</b>	Detached outbuilding for use as games room /store	No Objection subject to conditions	Withdrawn
F.24962/001	<b>Little Waggoners, Tankerdale Lane</b>	Single Garage and vehicular access with retaining and boundary wall and fence	No Objection	Permission
F.33377/002	<b>Taylor's Copse</b>	Outbuilding for Storage	No Objection	Permission
F.40047	<b>Starlings, Bell Hill</b>	Two storey side extension, single storey front extension, porch, 3 bay carport, store and alteration	No Objection	Permission

		to access		
F.31954/006	<b>Oakridge, Mill Lane</b>	Two storey and single storey extensions to front (revision to that approved under F.31954/005)	No Objection	Permission
F.29135/001	<b>Winters, Ridge Common Lane</b>	Replacement garage and kitchen extension following demolition of existing.	No Objection	Permission
F.39738/002	<b>Land to east of Maewood, Mill Lane.</b>	Change of use of agricultural land to mixed agricultural and equestrian use with entrance gates –	No Objection with comments	Permission
F.35044/004	<b>Rose Cottage, Rockpits Lane, Steep Marsh</b>	Conservatory to rear	Objection	Permission
F.20271/005	<b>Argyll Farm, Ashford Lane</b>	Folding external door to north elevation, relocation of front door, removal of chimney stack and alterations to fenestration	No Objection	Permission

**Decisions Pending**

F.39994	<b>Barn on land north of Little Stodham House, Farnham Road, Liss</b>	Agricultural Barn	Objection
F.230100/058	<b>Bedales School</b>	Construction of Music School after demolition of existing	Objection
F.27898/013	<b>Garden Hill Cottage, Island Farm Lane</b>	Retention of implement store	No Objection with comments
F.26346/008	<b>Land adjacent to 73 Church Road.</b>	Outline for one dwelling (renewal of planning permission F.26346/007)	No Objection

**New**

F.39982/001	<b>Westmark Farm, Midhurst Road</b>	Replacement Outbuilding and Summer House	
F.20271/006	<b>The Butts, Ashford Lane</b>	Lean-to-shed	
F.33825/002	<b>Oakhurst, Mill Lane</b>	Conversion and extension of outbuilding to form residential dwelling.	

Richard reported that he had received confirmation that despite our request GOSE were not calling in the decision on Adhurst St. Mary for review.

Bridget reported that the new Head of Planning was seeking a meeting with groups of local parishes. Petersfield and Liss have approached steep to join together but no dates have been put forward. **Bridget** to follow up.

05/60 FINANCE

Councillors had received the seven-month figures prior to the meeting. Councillors agreed that spending was on track for the year and thanked Bridget for the report.

The Audit Commission had agreed the Annual Return with no comment or action necessary. Councillors congratulated Bridget on her work.

The current account stands at £13067.01 after the second part of the precept and the gift from the Blacker family were received. The Developers' Contribution for Open Space Provision is approximately £3000.

Bridget reported that she had received donation requests from Victim Support Hants and Isle of Wight and FWAG (Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group Ltd.)

The Councillors agreed to the donation of £50 to Victim Support but declined a donation to FWAG at this time.

The following cheque was approved at the meeting:

800224	Victim Support	£50.00
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05/61 CORRESPONDENCE

08/48 Charles reported that he had been working on the proposal for gas supply to the village. Philip had spoken to Bedales who were broadly supportive of the idea due to their consumption of bottled gas in a large part of the site but said that they were aware of the large infrastructure costs. They expressed an interest in attending a meeting with the Parish Council and the supplier. Charles reported contact with Fulcum Connections who would be providing the infrastructure and said he would inform the Council when a meeting had been set up.

Bridget reported that she had received the following correspondence;

Hampshire County Council Bus Services – Consultation for review of services.

This could effect the village bus service due to the end of Tesco subsidy. **Bridget**

to ask Tony Struthers to complete the consultation on the Council's behalf having placed a request for comments in the Newsletter.

EHDC – Chairman Visits - Councillor Yvonne Parker has indicated that she would like to attend a Parish Meeting. **Bridget** to contact her office with the finalised date list for 2006.

Councillors had received a draft set of dates prior to the meeting. The following dates were confirmed for 2006.

Monday 9th January  
Monday 6th March  
Wednesday 10th May  
Monday 3rd July  
Monday 11th September  
Monday 6th November

05/62 **Next Council Meetings** –  
Monday 9th January – 7.30pm  
Monday 6th March