

STEEP PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN Mr Richard Coles

CLERK Mrs Bridget MacMillan
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Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 5th September at 7.30pm at Steep Village Hall

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

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

There were 5 members of the Public

05/43 APOLOGIES

Jenny Gray (District Councillor) and Maggie Owen sent their apologies.

05/44 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting dated Monday 4th July 2005 were agreed as an accurate record.

05/45 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Richard reminded the Councillors that any interests should be recorded.

05/46 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Richard informed the meeting that Lyn Peters had allowed her name to be put forward for the vacancy on the Council. Terry nominated her and Philip seconded the nomination. Councillors voted unanimously to accept the nomination and Lyn Peters was duly elected. She signed the declaration of acceptance of office and Richard welcomed her to the Council.

05/47 PUBLIC COMMENT

Questions and comments were received relating to the proposals for a shop and affordable housing development in Church Road. The Parish Council listened to the opinions and concerns of those present and there was some discussion on the matters raised. Richard apologised for the lack of communication on the subject for some time with the public, but assured those attending the meeting that no decisions had been made in that time. He assured everyone that a public meeting would take place before any plans were finalised or submitted to the District Council. It was agreed to add a piece for the Newsletter to this effect.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR COMMENT

Michael Cartwright thanked the Parish Council for inviting him to the meeting. He introduced himself to the Councillors and members of the public, explaining his background and duties within the County and its Council, adding the National Park as a particular interest. He would also now be acting as County representative for the Ashford Hangers Committee.

05/48 PROPOSAL FROM COUNCILLOR GIBSON: MAINS GAS

Charles reported that the price of Kerosene had risen to a point where it could be feasible to sponsor an approach to British Gas for the provision of mains gas to Steep. Councillors discussed the practicalities. Michael added that Liss had considered this too but householders had to pay for the infrastructure installation. **Charles** agreed to carry out the initial research. **Philip** agreed to ask Bedales for their position on this matter.

05/49 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Common and Hangers:

Terry reported that the Bonfire sub-committee would like to hold the annual event and asked for the Council's support for insurance purposes. Councillors agreed unanimously. Terry reported that due to Countryside Services staff resources no work had been done on the Hangers over the summer. He said he would continue to chase for a work day in the autumn. The Parish Council thanked Terry for his work.

Footpaths:

Fran asked if maintenance had been carried out on footpath 12. Richard reported that he had mended the stiles as requested. **Bridget** to Check if Barry Lockyer has responded.

Roads:

Caro reported that she was due to meet Graham Clifford this week regarding the traffic management measures in Steep Marsh. She had no reports of problems from parishioners to report. Philip asked about the new bollards that had appeared in Steep Marsh. Caro reported that the Council had not requested these nor had the Parish Council been informed or consulted. However they were popular with the residents as they slowed the traffic down and preserved the verges. Peter expressed concern that without any consultation with the Council decisions were being taken in isolation rather than as part of the whole picture. **Caro** agreed to pursue the matter.

Fran asked whose responsibility it was to clear shingle washed into the road after the heavy rain where it had gathered on the bend, making it slippery. Caro agreed to investigate and report back to Fran. If necessary a reminder could be placed in the newsletter.

Steep Village Hall and War Memorial:

Richard reported that the first stage of the maintenance programme had been completed with the main hall, kitchen and disabled lobby being painted. Bridget reported that the conversion licence application for the new licenses was being processed.

The Councillors considered a request to replace the bin from by the War Memorial with a dog litterbin. Terry proposed that it was removed entirely and people were to take all their rubbish home. After discussion it was agreed that **Bridget** would write to EHDC and request its removal.

05/50 PLANNING

Decisions Made (July 5th – September 5th)

F.39738/001	Land to east of Maewood Mill Lane	Change of use from agricultural land to equestrian use with new entrance gates, hard standing and field shelter	No Objection subject to conditions	Refusal
F.30820/007	Maewood Mill Lane	Change of use from agricultural land to agricultural and equestrian use and retention of field shelter	No Objection	Permission
F.22339/003	The Dell, Durford Wood	Conservatory to Rear	No Objection	Permission
F.39954/002	Island Covert, Island Estate	Two storey extension to west and single storey extension to south elevation. Alterations to windows.	No Objection	Permission

Decisions Pending

F.20100/057	Bedales Schools	Outline Master Plan Proposals for Bedales Estate – Amended Scheme	Objection with comments
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New

F.23813/005	Garden Hill, Ashford Lane	Extension of and first floor storage area to garage.	No Objection subject to conditions
F.29289/009	Coppicefield Cottage, Ridge Common Lane	Replacement single storey home office incorporating double garage.	No Objection with comments
F.39982	Westmark Farm House, Midhurst Road	Detached outbuilding for use as games room /store	No Objections subject to conditions
F.20271/005	Argyll Farm, Ashford Lane	Folding external door to north elevation, relocation of front door, removal of chimney stack and alterations to fenestration	No Objection
F.39994	Barn on land north of Little Stodham House, Farnham	Agricultural Barn	

	Road, Liss		
F.24962/001	Little Waggoners, Tankerdale Lane	Single Garage and vehicular access with retaining and boundary wall and fence	No Objection
F.230100/05 8	Bedales School	Construction of Music School after demolition of existing	Objection
F.33377/002	Taylors Copse	Outbuilding for Storage	

05/51 FINANCE

Bridget reported that the balance in the Portman Account stood at £9670.73 with liabilities of £55.00 on the 1st September 2005. She agreed to chase the alternative banks for details of appropriate accounts.

Bridget reported that she had donation requests from the Citizens Advice Bureau and Vitalise. The Councillors agreed to the donation to the Citizens Advice but declined a donation to Vitalise at this time.

The following cheques were approved at the meeting:

800220	P. Cruttenden (website Email expenses)	£34.06
800221	B. MacMillan (Salary and Expenses)	£834.66
800222	Citizens Advice Bureau	£
800223	Data Protection Register	£35.00

05/52 CORRESPONDENCE

Peter reported that he had an email from Phil and informed the meeting that the website was not functioning at this time. He would continue to work to resolve this.

05/53 **Next Council Meetings –**

Monday November 7th