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**STEEP PARISH COUNCIL - PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**CHAIRMAN:** Nick Hurst

**CLERK:** Jenny Hollington

**Minutes of an on-line Teams Planning Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Jim MacDonald (in the Chair) Chris Laycock  
Simon Bridger Peter Cruttenden

**In Attendance** Clerk, Jenny Hollington

There was 1 member of the public present at the meeting.

- 20/21 **APOLOGIES:** Apologies had been received from the Chairman, Cllr. Nick Hurst. In his absence, Cllr. Jim MacDonald chaired the meeting.
- 20/22 **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 were approved/
- 20/23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr. Chris Laycock declared an interest in the third application (SDNP/20/01653) as a neighbour.
- 20/24 **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
- 20/25 **PLANNING** – Current planning applications:

SDNP/20/01 445//FUL – SDNP/20/01 453	<b>8 x Installation of plant/machinery in a prefabricated unit, clad with timber and access door for ground source heat pump system</b>	Bedales School, Church Road, Steep GU32 2DG	<b>No objection but Steep PC requests a robust management plan to deal with access for construction vehicles and noise</b>
SDNP/20/01 647/HOUS	<b>Single storey extensions to front and side and conversion of loft space to habitable accommodation</b>	Island Orchard, 10A Hays Cottages, GU32 1AF	<b>No objection but concern re quality of access for construction traffic. A clear management plan is required for this and to set out how access to the RoW will be maintained. Any damage to the footpath should be made good by the applicant.</b>
SDNP/20/01 653/HOUS	<b>Garden shed/workshop</b>	Flint Cottage, Ridge Common Lane, GU32 1AY	<b>No Objection but the skylight should be covered at night to protect dark skies</b>

- 20/26 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – To be arranged

The meeting closed at 7.44 p.m.

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**STEEP PARISH COUNCIL**

**CHAIRMAN:** Jim MacDonald

**CLERK:** Jenny Hollington

**Minutes of an on-line Parish Council Teams Meeting held on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Jim MacDonald (in the Chair) Kate Ashfield Simon Bridger  
Terry Cook Peter Cruttenden Chris Laycock  
Jeff Graham Jenny Martin

Clerk: Jenny Hollington

There were 2 members of the public present on-line for the meeting

<b>Minute</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
20/72	<u>APOLOGIES</u> – Apologies had been received from Cllr. Nick Hurst	
20/73	<u>MINUTES</u> – The Minutes of the on-line Teams Meeting held on Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May were approved as a correct record of the meeting.	
20/74	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> – The Chairman reminded Councillors of their responsibility to declare an interest in any matter on the Agenda – none declared.	
20/75	<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> – As indicated on the agenda and in case of technical difficulties on the night, public comment had been e-mailed to the Clerk in advance of the meeting and circulated to parish councillors. Two items of public comment had been received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Land S.E. of Gardner’s Farm – A neighbour of Burryers Common Farm pointed out the recent decision by EHDC to approve the application to allow continued use of the barn as B2 permanently, and asked what action the P.C. intended to take? It was agreed that because not all Councillors had had time to review the Planning Officer’s report before the meeting, the P.C. would consider this issue in more detail following the meeting. In the meantime, the Chairman will e-mail the District Councillor to indicate the Parish Council’s concern.</li><li>• Motorcycle Noise – A resident of Stoner Hill e-mailed regarding his concerns over the increasing problem of motorcycle noise – especially noticeable during lockdown. The motorcyclists are breaking the law and both speed and noise need to be controlled. This item is to be discussed later in the meeting under correspondence (Agenda item 20/82).</li></ul>	Chair
20/76	<u>CORONAVIRUS – UPDATE FROM THE STEEP VOLUNTEER GROUP</u> – It was confirmed that things are currently quiet within the parish although Matt Potts, the Bedales’ Catering Manager, continues to deliver supplies to approximately 10 residents a day  The Chairman continues to attend a weekly Teams Meeting led by Jacqui Evans, EHDC Community Manager, along with the CEO of Community First, the CEO of Citizens Advice Bureau, and the Chairmen of Alton and Whitehill & Bordon Town Councils and he reported their concerns about the less affluent in our community and said there has been a large increase in people using food banks, applications for Universal Credit and enquiries about mental health.	
20/77	<u>COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT</u> – Russell Oppenheimer’s report had been circulated ahead of the meeting and was discussed.	

Cllr. Cook welcomed the news that car parks at Hampshire’s Country Parks have re-opened and

hoped this would reduce the pressure on the Hangers Way Footpath through Steep. He pointed out that HCC should be responsible for maintenance of the path as it is a priority route. He also reported that, following publication of an article in the Petersfield Post which advertised the Hangers Way, there has also been a marked increase in people parking inappropriately in narrow lanes and gateways. It was agreed that Cllr. Ashfield would write a polite note for the newsletter, Petersfield Pulse, and local radio station to remind visitors to our parish to park responsibly and not block access to land.

The County Councillor’s full report is appended to the Minutes and will be made available via the newsletter and P.C. website.

20/78 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT – No report received.

20/79 FINANCE

(a) Bank Reconciliation – The May bank reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting and was approved

(b) Cheques – The following cheques for June payment were approved:

Chq No.		Payee	Service
100323	£72.00	Mythic Beasts	Domain Renewal (.gov)
100324	£16.80	Petersfield Town Council	Dog Bin - Steep Common
100325	£750.00	Bill Robinson	Lengthsman - May
100326	£737.53	Jenny Hollington	Clerk
Total :	£1,576.33		

20/80 ROADS AND TRAFFIC – Costings for the individual elements of Phase 2 Traffic Management Scheme for Stoner Hill had been received from Joe Folland, HCC Traffic Engineer, and were circulated prior to the meeting. The installation of gateway features, signage and lining total £12,175 but this does not include professional fees (in the sum of approximately £3000), speed indicator devices, or the cost involved with installation of a crossing at the Cricketers (Highways are still to carry out a site visit to see whether this would be feasible). An application has been submitted to SDNPA for central S.106 funding towards this project (in the sum of £15,000) but it is unlikely that a decision on this will be made until August. There is also approximately £4,250 in S.106 monies held for Steep at EHDC. It was agreed to continue to push for the crossing at the Cricketers and in the meantime an application for S.106 monies held by EHDC should be submitted.

Clerk

20/81 FOOTPATHS

**HCC Priority Cutting List** – E-mail correspondence received from HCC Central Access Team explaining that due to the uncertainties surrounding Covid-19, HCC have decided to postpone the 2020 priority cutting contract, and indicating that parish councils would be expected to manage this with local resources, was discussed. It was noted that Cllr. Oppenheimer’s report seems to suggest that this is not quite the case and that the Countryside Service will be delivering the work. It was agreed that this should be clarified via Cllr. Oppenheimer and, in the meantime, the Clerk will write to landowners with footpaths on their land, to remind them of their responsibilities in keeping the paths clear.

Clerk

It was also noted that grants are available from the Rural Communities Funds for parishes wishing to purchase equipment and take charge of footpath vegetation cutting via teams of local volunteers

and agreed that this would be of interest. The Clerk was asked to obtain more detail.

Clerk

**Condition of Footpath 13 and 20 (Hangers Way)** – It was agreed to liaise with HCC in respect of financial/volunteer assistance with improvements to the drainage required on the Hangers Way as they have already indicated that they will be carrying out work to improve the surface at the bottom of the path. It was also agreed to ask Chris Budd to carry out the re-surfacing required on Footpath 13.

Clerk/  
JM

20/82

CORRESPONDENCE

**Concerns re. Motorcycle Noise and Speed** – Correspondence about the level of noise and speed of motorcycles on Stoner Hill and the A272 was discussed. There has been a marked increase in off-road bikers on the Coach Road from Stoner Hill to Froxfield. This has been particularly noticeable during the lockdown and over the recent Bank Holiday weekend. It was agreed to pursue this matter via Russell Oppenheimer to establish the results of the sound camera trial at West Meon, and to find out how other parishes can get these deployed. It was also agreed that the Chairman would write to the Chief Constable in respect of safety, noise, and the impact on the NHS.

Chair

**Verge Cutting** – Residents concerned about the early cutting of the verges in the parish have been referred to the County Councillor’s May report and advised to contact him with their feedback.

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will be an on-line Teams Meeting on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 p.m. Details of how members of the public can join the meeting will be made available via the agenda which will be displayed via the P.C. website and parish noticeboards.

The meeting finished at 9.25 p.m.