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**STEEP PARISH COUNCIL**

**CHAIRMAN:** Jim MacDonald

**CLERK:** Jenny Hollington

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Steep Parish Council held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at Steep Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs. Jim MacDonald (in the Chair) Terry Cook  
 Freddie Holmes Andrew Martin later in the meeting  
 Jenny Martin Jonathan Turk

**Absent:** Charlotte Duthie

**In Attendance:** Jenny Hollington, Clerk

There were 2 members of the public present at the meeting.

<b>Minute</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
21/137	<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b> – Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Jeff Graham and Nick Hurst	
21/138	<b><u>NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS</u></b> – The Chairman explained that the meeting had been called to welcome the two newly elected Parish Councillors following the recent election. However, Andrew Martin had rung just before the meeting to explain that he had been unavoidably detained at work and would be late, and nothing had been heard from Charlotte Duthie. It was agreed to revisit this item at the end of the meeting in the hope that the new Councillors would be in attendance to sign their acceptance of office.  The Chairman was asked to make the public aware of the stress and anxiety caused by the election campaign – this will be communicated via the parish newsletter.	FH/ Chair
21/139	<b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b> – The Chairman reminded Councillors of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary interest in any matter on the Agenda. He also noted that the Parish Council is Sole Managing Trustee of the Village Hall and there is a possible conflict of loyalties between the two roles.	
21/140	<b><u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was reported that a fallen tree is blocking Footpath 18 – the Lengthsman will be asked to clear it as soon as possible</li> <li>• In respect of the planning application for 14 Church Road, it was commented that the property sits right at the heart of the Village against a backdrop of the South Downs – if the application is approved, the long views will be lost, which would be a great shame.</li> </ul>	Clerk
21/141	<b><u>PLANNING</u></b> – To discuss current applications:	

SDNP/21/02 809/HOUS	<b>2 Detached outbuildings for use as a garage and implement store following demolition of existing sheds</b>	The Old Vicarage, Church Road, Steep GU32 2DB	No Objection
SDNP/21/02 966/HOUS	<b>2-Storey side extension, front elevation, stairwell extension, single storey rear extension, alterations to roof</b>	14 Church Road, Steep GU32 2DW	Objection – out of context in the road, over

	<b>configuration, refurbishment and reconfiguration of all 4 elevations</b>		development of the site, and loss of long views
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21/142 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – Andrew Martin was in attendance at the end of the meeting and apologised for being late - he was welcomed to the meeting, congratulated on being elected and thanked for putting himself forward for the election process. The Acceptance of Office was duly signed and witnessed. Cllr. Andrew Martin said he looked forward to working with the Parish Council and the community – as Head of Outdoor Works at Bedales School and with a young family, he will provide a very welcome link with the schools.

In Charlotte Duthie’s absence a resident gave a very brief outline of her background – explaining that Mrs. Duthie grew up in Steep Marsh and has lived in and around the parish for many years. The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs. Duthie over the summer to explain that her Acceptance of Office will be carried over to the September meeting.

21/143 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September – 7.30 p.m. at Steep Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.