

STEEP PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Mrs. Caroline Robinson

CLERK: Mrs. Jenny Hollington

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 18th February 2013 at Steep Village Hall at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. Caroline Robinson (in the Chair)
Jenny Martin

Terry Cook
Charles Gibson

In Attendance: Clerk - Jenny Hollington

There was 1 member of the public present.

13/26 APOLOGIES: Clls. Graham Banks, Simon Bridger, Nick Hurst, Jim MacDonald and Suzi Openshaw.

13/27 MINUTES: - The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th February will be signed at the March Meeting.

13/28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - The Chairman reminded Councillors that any pecuniary interests should be recorded as necessary – It was noted that Parish Councillors have an interest in the item to be discussed as the Parish Council is the Sole Managing Trustee of the Village Hall.

13/29 PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Concerns over the proposed solar panel installation were raised by a neighbour whose property overlooks the Village Hall - it was queried whether it would be possible to have a bank of solar panels installed in the field where they would not be overlooked, rather than on the roof of the Village Hall. The Chairman explained that there have been instances of such panels being stolen so that it was not considered an option. A computer generated picture of the type of thing envisaged was displayed and it was explained that the panels would not be visible from Church Road and that the panels would be black to blend in as much as possible. Every effort to cause minimum disruption would be made. Planning permission is also required before installation can go ahead so neighbours will have a further chance to comment.

13/30 TO APPROVE THE DECISION OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE HALL TO INSTALL A 3-PHASE SOLAR PANEL SYSTEM AS PER THE QUOTATION RECEIVED FROM SOUTHERN SOLAR

The proposed installation quotation received from Southern Solar was discussed. It was noted that planning permission is required and that this is being undertaken by Southern Solar “at risk”. An amended contract to reflect this and the change to payments for deposit and materials is to be sent as soon as possible.

It was noted that the Village Hall Trustees proposed to use the money left to the Village Hall by Sir Alec Guinness to fund the purchase of the solar panels and that they were sure it was a sound financial investment.

It was AGREED that, as Sole Managing Trustee, the Parish Council approved the decision of the Trustees to install the 3-phase solar panel scheme at the Village Hall.

13/31 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS –

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday, 4th March at 7.30 p.m. at Steep Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.