

STEEP PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN Mrs. Caroline Robinson

Minutes of the Meeting of Steep Parish Council held on Monday 5 July 2010 at Steep Village Hall

Present: Mrs C Robinson Mr. R. Coles, Mr. D. Llewellyn
Mrs J Bell Mr T Cook Mrs. F. Box
Mr N Hurst

In Attendance Mrs J Gray Mr V Clarke
Mrs L Foulcher

10/100 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Martin.

10/101 To agree the Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 14 June

The minutes of the AGM of the SWMVC were agreed as a correct record.

The minutes of the meeting of Steep Parish Council were agreed, subject to the following amendments:

Declaration of Interest – ‘Friends of Steep Allotment Society’ to be changed to read ‘Friend of Steep Allotment Society’.

‘Trustee of Steep Allotment Society’ - to be changed to read ‘Trustee of the land next to the Village Hall’.

The name of Mrs J Martin to be added as declaring an interest as a Trustee of the land next to the Village Hall.

Public Comment- The name of Russell Cleaver to be inserted before the mention of Hampshire County Council.

10/102 Declaration of Interest

The Chairman reminded members of the importance of making any declaration of interest if appropriate.

10/103 Public Comment

- Mrs Glover discussed the problem of the large number deer encroaching on the land near to her house. The Chairman agreed to look in to the matter and report back at the next meeting.
- Mrs S Openshaw of the Steep Allotment Society enquired if the response from the Charity Commission would be discussed under item 7, and the Chairman confirmed that was correct.

10/104 County Councillor Comment and District Councillor Comment

Mrs Gray reported that there was a meeting for County Councillors being held on the following Thursday to discuss changes to the new planning legislation, and she thought that this would lead to more power being delegated to Local Authorities. She further reported that she had received an e-mail from Tony Hanlan which stated that she was a representative of the Hyde Housing Association and she wished to make it clear that she was not a representative of the Hyde Housing Association.

Mrs Gray reported that planning application number 21901/00 (Weatherbury Stoner Hill) was discussed at the recent planning meeting and a decision had been deferred pending a site visit to be held on 23 July at 9.30 am. She hoped that a representative of the Parish Council would be able to attend.

Mrs Gray reported the planning application number 26530/004 (Stoner Rise Stoner Hill) had been approved.

Mr Clarke discussed the funding for road improvements in Hampshire that was being made available by Hampshire County Council and it was agreed that Mr Cook would submit a list of road improvement works to the Chairman who would forward this on to Mr Clarke.

As Vaughan had previously raised the subject of the Trig Point and Russell Cleaver's possible lottery funding application, Fran added that, as agreed at the previous PC meeting, she had sent a letter to Russell at Hants County Council on behalf of Steep PC, supporting his lottery application. Vaughan replied that there was a problem in that HCC could not apply for lottery funding. The funding application might be made through the Ashford Hangers Consultative Committee instead. Fran showed photographs of the view from the Trig Point and of the deeply rutted path which it was hoped to improve with the lottery funding.

10/105 To discuss the proposal of a Vice Chair

The Chairman discussed the proposal for a Vice Chair to the Parish Council to be appointed to cover in the absence of the Chairman. This was approved, and Mrs J Martin was proposed by Mrs Bell, and seconded by Mr Cook.

It was also agreed that a planning meeting would be held every other month, in between the main bi-monthly meeting.

10/106 To discuss the answer from the Charity Commission

The Chairman reported that she had not yet received a reply from the Charity Commission in response to her letter, regarding the status of the land next to the Village Hall. The Chairman stated that as soon as a reply was received a meeting of the Trustees would be held to discuss the proposal for the future use of the land submitted by the Steep Allotment Society. Mr Gibson stated that the allotment proposal was not a "fait accompli" and that as Trustees they had to represent the views of the entire Parish.

10/107 To discuss Model Standing Orders and adopt as necessary

No action had been taken on this matter.

10/108 To receive a progress report on land registration

The meeting with Jenny Hollington and the Chairman at the land registry had been postponed and the meeting was now likely to take place in September.

10/109 To discuss the Village Hall extension

Mr Cook reported that since the last meeting he had obtained a further quotation from Pegasus builders of £20,947, and had spoken to Richardsons of Nyewood who were not able to change their quotation from the sum of £22,000. Mrs Box had discussed her concerns about the design of the new building with Ken Claxton, the architect, and he had put forward some new ideas for example should the notice board go on the wall or could there be a village mosaic on the wall. It was agreed that the next step was for the Trustees to meet to discuss the quotations for this work, and any other changes to the original designs that should be agreed by the Trustees. It was agreed that three written quotations should be obtained and that these be given to Mr Gibson to examine before the meeting of the Trustees when this matter would be discussed. In the meantime it was agreed that the planning application to EHDC for this work should be made.

10/110 To agree proposals for the Telephone Box

It was agreed that the Telephone Box would be owned by the Parish Council and managed by the SWMVC.

10/111 To receive a progress report on the Parish Plan

Mrs Box updated the meeting on the meetings that had taken place and progress that was being made. A questionnaire would be sent out to everyone in the Parish either later this year or early 2011. Input from the schoolchildren was also being welcomed. A photographic competition was being held. Amongst other subjects so far raised, the Parish Plan was hoping to look at the history of Steep, conservation, biodiversity and landscape assessment. A number of conversations had taken place with the small industries at Steep Marsh, who had voiced their concerns and needs.

10/112 To receive Representatives Reports

Commons and Hangers - The Chairman agreed to e-mail Drake Hocking to discuss the arrangements to install the seat at the common. Richard Coles was storing it and was happy to take it up to the Common when necessary.

Footpaths - Mrs Martin had asked that it be reported that the outcome of the two bids with the Small Grants Committee for Footpath 20 and one for Bridleway 20 would be known in the near future.

Roads and Traffic - Mr Llewellyn reported that he had written to the Head of Traffic at Hampshire County Council regarding the 30 mph speed limit in Ridge Common Lane. A reply stating that they recognised the concern of the Parish Council and that the matter would be reviewed to see if any change was recommended. Mrs Box reported on a metal bolt that was sticking out of the pavement and that was a trip hazard, and it was agreed that this should be looked into.

Steep War Memorial and Village Hall - Stanley Spencer Project: Mrs. Robinson had contacted the Tate Gallery but had as yet been unable to find out any more information. Further enquiries needed to be made.

10/113 To make payments in accordance with the budget

No payments were made.

10/114 Finance

It was agreed to ask Jenny Hollington to transfer funding as necessary from the deposit to the current account and to report back on the action she has taken at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the sum of £500 be made available for the purchase of a laptop, and on her return Jenny Hollington was asked to make contact with Nick Hurst to make arrangements for the purchase.

10/115 Planning

The Chairman asked that arrangements for notifying EHDC of comment, be made in the same way as at the last meeting.

SDNP/29959/003	Grasslands Ridge Common Lane	No Objection
SDNP/3205/005	1 Clifton Cottages Ridge Common Lane (expressed about the angle of access to the parking area)	No Objection (but concern was expressed about the angle of access to the parking area)
SDNP/50721/009/010	Flexcombe Farm	

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It was noted that Liss Parish Council were not happy with the plans, but it was felt that there could be no strong objections from Steep PC. Fran observed that the view from Liss to Flexcombe was a beautiful one, which could be seen from a number of parts of Liss. There might be increased traffic issues at the Flexcombe turning onto the roundabout at the Liss A3 junction.

SDNP/24062/002 Oakhurst Farm

Mr Cook left the meeting as he was the applicant for this planning application. Mrs Bell had not yet had the opportunity to look at this planning application and would contact the Committee again after she had had the opportunity to study it further.

10/116 Date and Time of next meeting – Monday, 2nd August 2010 at 7.30pm