

**Minutes of a meeting of Steep Parish Council Planning Committee
Held on Monday 2 February 2026 at 7:00pm
At Steep War Memorial Village Hall**

Present: Councillors: Alison Driver (Chair), Shannon Askew, Charlotte Duthie, Barry Haywood, Andrew Howard, Terry Cook and Paul Nayton.
Sam Marchant (Clerk).
4 members of the Public.

Minute Ref	Item
26/01	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Andrew Inkley and Cllr Robin Hollington.
26/02	Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were made by Councillors present.
26/03	Approval of Minutes The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 1 December were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.
26/04	Public Comment Discussion points: Six courts with four players per court could result in up to 24 cars on site at one time. Approximately 50 parking spaces were referenced but not clearly marked on the plans. Significant additional traffic would be generated through the Marsh, where road edges are already deteriorating. No dark skies limitations were mentioned. Sustainable drainage was referred to, but without explanation of how it would operate. Presence of bats in the barn. No details provided regarding sewage treatment. The application lacked sufficient detail and appeared speculative. The statement that the development cannot be seen from the public footpath was disputed. Evening traffic movements would create risks for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. The development was noted as being within approximately 20 metres of a watercourse. Concerns were raised regarding noise from padel courts and lack of insulation within the building. Roof height appeared low.

Residents were advised that photographs could be emailed directly to the Planning Officer for inclusion on the portal. At the time of the meeting, no objections were visible online.

26/05 Planning Applications

The Committee considered the following Planning Applications:

SDNP/25/05134/FUL: Steep Marsh Farm, Rockpits Lane, Steep Marsh, G32 2BN – Change of Use from unused indoor poultry farm (agricultural use) to use Class E(d) Indoor padel court sport facility.

Discussion points:

Floorspace query raised.

Concern regarding traffic impact, particularly up to 24 cars at one time and parking arrangements.

Extension covering the side of the building noted.

Concern that similar applications continue to arise; recommendation to reject.

Concerns regarding inaccuracies, previous Environmental Agency investigations, contamination issues and missing information.

Concern about precedent for further applications.

Query regarding overall strategy given the shortcomings of the application.

Members welcomed consultation on the future use of the barn.

Resolution: Objection agreed.

26/06 Date of the next Planning Committee meeting

To be arranged as required.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:21pm

Signed:

Dated: