

STEVENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

Monday 17th October 2016, at 8pm at Steventon Village Hall

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1. **Present:**

Councillors Present: Peter Lees, Tony Carter, Harriet Aldridge, Mike Everton Browne, Rosina Forde.

Apologies for Absence: None.

Public Present: None.

2. **Declarations of Interests:** None.

3. **Meeting Open To The Public (10 minutes):** N/A

4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th July 2016 were approved and signed.

5. **Matters Arising from Minutes:** None.

6. **Current Planning Applications:**

T/00371/16/TCA T1 Copper beech - remove 2-3m off the sides leaving a radius of 4m, reduce the height to an overall height of 12m.

T2 Wild cherry - remove.

Cedar Cottage Steventon Basingstoke Hampshire RG25 3BH

Undecided

No objections from Parish Council.

16/03210/HSE Erection of single storey rear extension

Stoken Farm Stubbs Hill Steventon RG25 3BD

Undecided

No objections from Parish Council.

7. **Planning Compliance Issues:** None.

8. **Finance:**

Receipts: None.

Payments: None.

Current Balance:

Nat West current account: £1629.72.

Cricket club account: £1056.07.

We were unable to arrange enough fixtures to establish a new cricket club this year. We need to start organising this before the spring for next season. **PL**

Nat West Accounts:

The change over to new signatories for signing cheques is now complete. These include Peter, Harriet and Rosina.

Steventon Church Yard:

It was agreed that the Parish Council would make a donation of £400 to the Steventon Church Yard. **HA,PL**

Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC)

Harriet has negotiated with HALC that we could pay £59.75 covering 5/12s of the annual subscription for the remainder of the financial year. The parish council approved this. **HA,PL**

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9. Highways and Village Appearance:

Verges

Peter spent much time speaking with various departments at the Basingstoke and Hampshire councils about cutting the grass verges. The verges in Steventon and the neighbouring areas have now been cut.

Hedgerows

The hedgerows in Steventon are in the process of being cut by the various landowners.

Pot holes

Some work has been done in the lane towards the Deane Gate, but not very well. The lane up to the church is in a poor state. The upper road to North Waltham is quite dangerous. Mike has been contacting the appropriate department and has also written an email to them complaining that on their website it says the potholes would be fixed within two months yet we have been reporting them for about six months. Apparently, the authorities have given pothole fixing the name of Project Reliance!

Salt Lorries

Salt lorries have been sent out a couple of times to check that they work okay

Tunnel Light

The faulty light in the tunnel has been reported.

10. Handover-over of Documents from previous Parish Council:

This has been completed. The documents date back to more than twenty years. The task now is to filter out what we need to keep.

PL

11. Defibrillator:

Peter has spoken with the British Heart Foundation (BHF) about acquiring a free or minimum cost defibrillator. They meet quarterly and we are waiting to hear back from them.

PL

Following a long discussion the parish council decided to not pursue the route of Community First Responders, the scheme used in Oakley. In consideration of how long it can take for ambulances to arrive when called, and probably the same for paramedics, it was felt that it was too much to ask of individual volunteers when just using CPR. There is also an issue of personal liability for first responders (that would need to be covered by insurance), and which does not apply to defibrillators. It was felt that a defibrillator in the village would be more beneficial.

12. Jane Austen Festival 2017:

New Jane Austen Boundary Signs

Over the last three months Tony has spoken with and emailed: Hampshire County Council, Highways Transport North, Traffic Management, Traffic and Safety HCC also Jane Austen 200.

- The Highways department says that "It is regrettable that cuts in funding for local services are severely limiting our capacity to investigate and fund minor traffic management improvement works"!

- Traffic and Safety HCC has indicated that the cost for the 3 signs in silhouette format would cost approximately £4,500 to £5,000.

Tony has also approached and met with Bob Carr of Four Lanes Trust to try to obtain a grant, their grants mostly range from £500 to £1000, He was asked to consider a grant of

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50% (£2,500) which would leave us to find the balance – he was doubtful, but he is going to present our proposal at their next meeting which is the 15th November. **TC**

The option of raising a precept (local tax) to pay for the signs was briefly considered, but was dismissed for the preferred route of raising money externally.

Rosina to ask Cassandra to email the village asking if anybody has other suggestions for raising funds. **RF**

Telephone Box

Repair of telephone box is being progressed.

Peter to check if we have paperwork for the ownership of the telephone box. **PL**

13. Conservation Area

Tony produced a map of the conservation area in Steventon. From the main part of the village it stops at the tunnel, and it does not include the church.

There is no indication that the conservation area is to be reviewed by the authorities so no further action required.

14. Next APM

The Parish Council are hoping that in addition to the normal reports the various village organisations and clubs might like to show or tell what they have been up to. Ideas thought of by the PC included: Riding school, Farming, Montessori, Jane Austen update, Steventon Players & Singers, Ukulele Group, Book club and UFO (Un-finished Objects), Church update on refurbishment, anything else?

15. Notices, Correspondence and Circulars: None to report.

16. Councillors' Announcements: None to report.

17. Questions to the Chairman: None to report.

18. Items for insertion in the Parish Magazine: Current planning applications.

19. Next Meeting Dates:

9th January in the village hall at 8.00pm.

Signed:, Chairman

Date: