

STEVENTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - MINUTES

Monday 24th April 2017, at 8pm in Steventon Village Hall.

Contact: Rosina Forde, steventonpc@hotmail.com

1. Present:

Parish Councillors Present: Peter Lees, Harriet Aldridge, Mike Everton-Browne, Rosina Forde.

Guest Speakers: County Cllr Anna McNair Scott, Borough Cllr Ian Tilbury, PCSO Emma Page, Tony Fabian, Marilyn Wright, Christine Smith, John Smith, Dr Dawn Thomas-Bawa.

Members of the Public Present: There were thirteen people attending in addition to those listed above.

Apologies For Absence: Cllr Tony Carter, Amanda Robb, Jan Everton-Browne.

2. Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising:

Minutes of previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th April 2016 had already been signed.

Minutes of the last Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held on 9th January 2017 were approved and signed.

There were no matters arising.

3. Parish Council Chairman's Report – Peter Lees

Welcome

Over the last twelve months the newly formed parish council have been finding our feet and getting up to speed on the surprising number of issues/laws that is now required in today's world even for a small village like Steventon.

I would personally like to publicly thank Rosina and Harriet in particular who have kept the show on the road and quietly done huge amounts on all our behalf mostly unseen and unheard all in their own time. Mike provides the constancy and knowledge of all things Steventon and Tony brings his business credentials and charm. Your chairman has been largely absent and like my old school report will need to do better!

There are three outstanding issues that affect us all.

1. Our grant from Basingstoke and Deane council.
2. The Defibrillator
3. Planning and oh, did I mention potholes?

The Parish Council held its Annual Meeting (AGM) in May, and Ordinary Parish Council Meetings in July, October and January. Three Extraordinary Meetings were also held: In June to approve the Financial Statement and the Annual Governance Statement, and in October and November to plan the three new Jane Austen Boundary Signs for the village. The minutes of the meetings can be found on the Steventon website.

The Parish Council part of the Steventon website contains contact details for all the Parish Councillors, meeting agenda and minutes, financial reports, and planning applications. Special thanks to Tim Sennitt who built this site for us.

In the absence of Tony Carter I will cover planning.

There is one outstanding bit of planning which concerns a hornbeam at 5 Wheatleys Close. Other planning requests which were agreed was the removal of a sycamore at the Old Post Office, the tennis court at Orchard House, the erection of rear extension at 2, Elm Tree

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Cottage, a swimming pool building at Oakdown House, felling and trimming of trees at Bassetts Farm, the extension at Stoken Farmhouse. I want to make a general comment about planning. We all live in a very special village, the majority of which is in a dedicated conservation area. It is really important that everybody is honest with what they do to their individual properties and goes through the due process required. It has been brought to my attention that there have been a number of projects carried out which have not had any planning permission. I personally will look into this and will be in touch with the people involved.

On a more cheerful note

A Parishioner, Tim Sennitt, suggested that the village boundary signs were in need of improvement. There are three entrances to the village and one of the entrances had no boundary sign, one sign was in a state of disrepair, and the second said nothing about our village heritage. Tim proposed that we should celebrate Jane Austen, who was born in Steventon and spent her formative years here, with some simple village boundary signs with an image of Jane and an indication that she was born in Steventon.

We sought funding and were successful with Basingstoke District Borough Council. The Parish Council made a contribution towards the cost and the BDBC funded the balance and organised the design of the signs, their manufacture and installation. Special thanks should go to Councillor Anna McNair Scott and Councillor Ian Tilbury, who referred us onto the appropriate department.

The Parish Council has also been successful in obtaining funding to refurbish the telephone box. We received a grant from Hampshire County Council with Councillor Anna McNair Scott's approval, and further funding for the balance of the costs from BDBC. Marilyn Wright has all the details.

During the summer the verges and hedgerows were in a state. We are hoping to improve matters this year in time for the Jane Austen 200 events.

The Parish Council decided we should join the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC). There is much going on in this changing world, and HALC helps to provide structure to the noise. It is more relevant to larger parish and town councils who are interested in devolution and public funding, for instance for playing fields etc. The majority of the information might not be relevant to Steventon, but HALC is the official communication channel for parish councils.

There have been discussions about obtaining a defibrillator with the British Heart Foundation. Simon Atkinson and Suse Harrison are raising funds for this on Sunday with their village run and deserve all our support. During the next year the Parish Council are also planning to seek funding.

Next year, the Parish Council is planning to get our footpaths and gates repaired as they are falling into disrepair. You will hear more about this from John Smith.

Lastly, a big thank you to all the Parishioners who have helped us over the past year, my councillors, Julian Pilcher for auditing our books, Chris and her Neighbourhood Watch, Nick Harley for cutting the grass on the triangle and to Rachel Cheeseman and her team for the flowers in the tubs, Marilyn and Paul for keeping the village singing, and together with Charlie, Rachel, Tim and co' for their panto efforts.

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Thank you also to those of you who show an interest and turn out to support your Parish Council.

Peter Lees (Chairman) |

4. Finance Report – Harriet Aldridge

Steventon Parish Council

Finance Report for the financial year ending 31 March 2017

The Parish Council has responsibility for two bank accounts: the Council's own current account and a deposit account relating to the former Steventon Cricket Club. The transactions arising in these two accounts during the year are shown below.

Parish Council current account

		Receipt	Payment	Balance
1 April 2016	Opening cash			£806.21
13 April 2016	Parish Grant from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	£1,100.00		
16 May 2016	Insurance		£276.49	
17 October 2016	Hampshire Association of Local Government (part year membership charge)		£59.75	
23 October 2016	Steventon PCC - churchyard donation		£400.00	
9 December 2016	Hampshire County Council - community initiative application		£100.00	
4 January 2017	Hampshire County Council - community initiative application		-£100.00	
9 January 2017	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council - village sign contribution		£500.00	
9 February 2017	Steventon Parish Hall Committee - hall hire for Parish Council meetings		£50.00	
14 March 2017	Hampshire County Council - contribution to telephone box project	£554.00		
Sub totals		£1,654.00	£1,286.24	
31 March 2017	Closing cash			£1,173.97

Commentary

- The parish grant of £1,100 was received in full for the last time this year – this grant will be phased out over the next three years.
- We are required to have insurance; this year's payment was consistent with the amount in the previous year.
- The Parish Council agreed to join Hampshire Association of Local Government, in the absence of having a clerk, to help us keep up to date with guidance and legislative changes that affect us. We negotiated a part year fee for this and will review our

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membership at the next council meeting before deciding whether to continue our membership.

- The Parish Council makes an annual donation to the PCC churchyard fund in respect of its function as the Parish Burial Ground (non-denominational). The amount donated this year was consistent with last year.
- This year the Parish Council was engaged in a project to replace the village signs. We initially explored this as a community initiative and in doing so were required to pay an application fee of £100 to Hampshire County Council (HCC); we subsequently came to a separate arrangement with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC) for the provision of the signs. This allowed us to cancel our application to HCC and instead we made a contribution of £500 to BDBC for the signs. The remainder of the cost of the signs was met directly by BDBC.
- The Parish Council is required to hold its formal meetings in public: consistent with last year we hired the village hall for this purpose.
- We have also been involved in a project to refurbish the telephone box in the village. The total cost of this project is estimated to be £1,360 of which £554 has been funded by HCC and £805 will be funded by BDBC. Although we have had confirmation of the BDBC funding this had not cleared into our bank account at the end of the year and so will be accounted for in 2017/18.

Cricket club account

		Receipt	Payment	Balance
1 April 2016	Opening cash			£1,055.93
	Interest arising during the year		£0.42	
31 March 2017	Closing cash			£1,056.35

Commentary

- There have been no transactions in relation to the Cricket Club this year which is consistent with last year. The Cricket Club balance is restricted to the development of sport for the residents of Steventon and is not available for the Parish Council to spend on other activities.

Future financial transactions

- In 2017/18 we will receive a reduced Parish Grant of £733; in 2018/19 this will reduce further to £366 and will become £nil from 1 April 2019 onwards: we therefore need to consider our medium term funding arrangements.
- We are due to receive £805 from BDBC in relation to the telephone box project and expect the project to be delivered in the first quarter of 2017/18 at an estimated total cost of £1,360. A contribution of £554 from HCC has already been received towards this project.

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- We are talking to Overton Parish Council about a joint project to improve the accessibility of the footpaths in both parishes which link Steventon Church to Overton Church. The project requires the replacement of three stiles along the route with kissing gates. We expect a formal application to be made for matched grant funding for this project to be made in June 2017 and anticipate the Steventon contribution to the project to be an amount not exceeding £300.

Other matters

- The information in this report is unaudited: the Parish Council's financial records are subject to audit which takes place in the summer. Unaudited and audited financial statements will be published on the village website in due course.
- The Parish Council also reports the bus shelter/ tree seat in its financial statements. The insured value of this asset is £7,420 (cost £6,538) and is unchanged from last year.

Harriet Aldridge, Responsible Financial Officer, Steventon Parish Council

5. Report from the Parish Hall Committee – Tony Fabian

I would like to start by paying tribute to my predecessor, Sally Bown, who did such a wonderful job for many years.

During the year the hall has been used for Panto, various church meetings, parish council meetings and hall committee meetings. Steventon players singing, and 2 children's parties. The Xmas shop and Easter market both raising money for charity. Children's Christmas party and over 60s Christmas lunch. Recently it was used for a puzzle evening raising money for charity and the first film night.

During the year 5 Parish meetings, 10 church meeting and events, 3 village hall committee meetings. The 2 children's parties were the only ones booked for personal use. It has been a quiet year. Most bookings are for Steventon players singing and rehearsals.

The main news of the year was the departure after 20-off years of the Montessori School. The funds it has contributed have given us a reasonably good financial position and the structure has been well maintained and improvements made, e.g. the new windows. The Committee will be meeting next week to consider how to manage financially in the future.

Looking forward there will be the Jane Austen 200 celebrations and no doubt (and hopefully), many more Steventon Way pantos/productions etc

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6. Annual Crime Report for Steventon – PCSO Emma Page

Emma requested that advice on crime prevention also be added to the minutes – See below.

Annual Crime Review for Steventon

Neighbourhood Priorities:

1. Burglary Dwelling
2. Burglary Non-Dwelling
3. Traffic Related Incidents/Speeding

I am very pleased to say that crime in general for Steventon since January 2016 is very good indeed. However we mustn't get too complacent as other areas of Basingstoke are experiencing an increase in crime especially burglaries and vehicle crime. I advise you all look at improving home/vehicle security to prevent the unthinkable, becoming a victim of crime yourself. I've attached some useful crime prevention advice, more can be found on the Hampshire Police website. Additionally security devices (alarms, cameras, dash cams) have come a long way and are now very affordable and most now work in conjunction with Apple/Android phones.

Burglary Dwelling

- None since January 2016 which is great news.

Burglary Non Dwelling

- I reported in March 2017 – access was gained to one garage and an attempt to gain access to another garage in a property. No items were taken.

Traffic Related Incidents/Speeding

- Theft of number of plates from a vehicle in February 2016
- Traffic accident (damage only) in June 2016

Other Incidents/Crime

- Suspicious Person at the church in January 2016, possible poacher
- Flytipping in January 2017 along the Wayfarers Walk
- Theft of a Sim Card in January 2017

I will just add that Steventon is grouped with Overton and Laverstoke on our systems so I've done my best to separate it but if you are aware of something that I haven't mentioned then I do apologise.

What number to ring?

Call 101 to report anything non urgent including suspicious people, vehicles or activity. Go with your gut, if it doesn't feel right then it probably isn't. Please provide as much info as you can. Descriptions, vehicle details including registration numbers.

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Call 999 in an emergency (Is it happening now? Life and/or property at risk? Suspect on scene?)

Useful Crime Prevention Advice – PCSO Emma Page

Car security

Vehicle criminals are opportunists, and most vehicle-related crimes can be prevented by taking simple security measures.

Always lock your car, wind up the windows and close the sunroof, even if you're only leaving it for a few minutes. You should also double check it's locked before leaving. It only takes a few seconds for your valuables to be stolen from an unlocked car.

Never leave valuable possessions such as handbags, laptops, phones or sat navs on show inside a vehicle. This makes it much more likely to be targeted by thieves. Even items of little value, such as shopping bags and clothing, may tempt a potential thief to break into the vehicle to see whether they contain anything worth stealing. Keep your possessions out of view, or take them with you.

Keep your home safe and secure

Most burglars are opportunists and target homes and businesses that offer the least risk of being caught.

Doors and windows

Burglars often gain access to their victim's homes through unsecured doors and windows. Making sure your doors are strong and secure, and that all windows are fitted with a lock is a simple way to prevent thieves gaining easy access to your home. You should ensure any lock fitted is certified by the British Standard Institute.

Sheds

Garages and sheds are full of expensive tools and equipment that can easily be stolen, or used to break into the house. Many are unprotected and lack even basic security, making them a prime target for burglars.

Never leave a garage or shed unlocked, especially if it has a connecting door to the house. Any connecting doors should be treated the same as an external door and be fitted with strong locks.

Going on holiday

Whether you're going away for a day or a few weeks, you should take steps to make your home look occupied. A dark home in the evenings and uncollected mail is a sign to burglars that no one is home.

Distraction burglary

Never open your door to someone you don't know or aren't expecting. Most callers are genuine, but it's important to be on your guard. Always make sure a caller is who they say

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they are before letting them into your home. Never employ cold-calling doorstep traders or engage with cold callers on the phone.

Distraction burglars may try to trick their way into your home by posing as officials or playing for sympathy by asking for help, such as to use your toilet or phone. These people often work in pairs or groups. The caller will try to distract you so their partner can sneak into your home to steal.

7. Cuts and Changes in Local Government – Ward Councillor Ian Tilbury

Ian said the current cuts and changes originally started with Devolution. The idea was that the district and county councils and the greater Hampshire area would work together, and that they would receive more money from central government. This fell apart when the government said we need a locally elected mayor. It is something that nobody in Hampshire wanted. The idea further fell by the wayside as two opposing sides in Hampshire went off at a tangent, which ended with no agreement. The idea of Devolution will probably disappear.

Ian mentioned that potholes are the responsibility of Hampshire highways and not the borough.

There is a boundary commission review starting. It is stated that there should be roughly the same number of electors within each boundary. The problem is working out how to make up numbers or lose numbers and from where.

The subject of possibly needing to raise a precept was raised, as all parish councils will be losing their annual £1100 grant. Peter said that for a small village like Steventon this could be a shock and we will need to consider it carefully. For a village with approximately 150 people the £1100 grant just kept us afloat. Now that the Montessori is gone as well we have to think about it carefully. The Parish Council will consider committing a special meeting to the subject.

8. Jane Austen Events in Hampshire 2017 – County Councillor Anna McNair Scott

The Mysterious Miss Austen – the Gallery, Winchester Discovery Centre 13th May – 24th July.

Presented in partnership between the Hampshire Cultural Trust and the Jane Austen House museum and featuring five representations of the adult Jane Austen – notably two by her sister Cassandra – shown side by side for what is believed to be the first time in history, and three others from private collections, also the manuscript in Jane's own hand of an alternative ending to her final novel Persuasion on loan from the British Library. Opening hours: Monday – Friday: 9.00 am – 7.00 pm, Saturday: 9.00 am – 5.00 pm, Sunday: 11.00am – 3.00pm

Jane and her Alton Apothecary – the Allen Gallery, Church Street, Alton 3rd June – 20th August.

In the early stages of her illness, Jane was treated by William Curtis, a qualified apothecary in Alton. His story gives an insight into the role played by members of this ancient profession within their local communities, and it is possible that he might have been the model for the

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character of Mr Perry, the apothecary in 'Emma' who is described as 'an intelligent, gentlemanlike man'. Opening hours: 10.30 am – 16.30pm

The Navy at the Time of Jane Austen: Fighting, Flirting and Fortune – Gosport discovery Centre, Walpole Road, Gosport 15th July – 20th September

Two of Jane's brothers – Francis and Charles – served in the British Navy, and there can be little doubt that they provided inspiration for the naval officers who feature in 'Mansfield Park' and 'Persuasion'. This exhibition explores the importance of the navy in Jane's lifetime in what was a golden era just a few years after the victory at Trafalgar. Opening hours: 9.00 am – 5.00pm

Retail and romance: Jane goes to the Ball – The Sainsbury Gallery, Willis Museum, Market Square, Basingstoke 29th July – 7th October

Jane knew Basingstoke well and her letters are full of references to shopping, descriptions of what was worn to balls and lively gossip and this exhibition is centred on these themes. Opening hours: 9.00am – 5.00pm

Jane's Winchester: Malady and Medicine - City Space, Winchester Discovery Centre 13th May – 24th July

Jane arrived in Winchester on 24 May 1817 to receive treatment for her illness, and this exhibition offers a snapshot of the city as it was then and the hospitals and doctors who treated her. Opening hours: Monday – Friday 10.00am – 6.00 pm, Saturday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm

Winchester Cathedral is also organising tours – with coffee and cake – on the first Saturday of each month from June to November – contact 01962 857275 or visits@winchester-cathedral.org.uk – Special group tours for 15 people or more can be arranged. The tour will include a walk through the Inner Close to the house on College St where Jane and Cassandra stayed and will be led by one of the Cathedral's team of expert volunteer guides. Other events also include outdoor performances of Pride and Prejudice on 28th, 29th, and 30th June (bookable from the Cathedral box office), an exhibition 'Inspired by the Word' by contemporary artists celebrating the literature of Hampshire writers – Jane Austen, Edward Thomas and Gilbert White – running from 8 June – 30 September, and a commemorative evensong on 18 July, the anniversary of Jane's death.

9. Jane Austen Events in Steventon 2017 – Marilyn Wright

This is an exciting year for Steventon. Our events have already started with a very successful production of Pride and Prejudice – the Steventon way.

Our next major event will be a concert at the church on Saturday 10th June. This will comprise of music by composers from the Austen family music books with Michael Kenning (harpsichord), Paul Wright (organ) and the Steventon ensemble (local wind and string players). There will be fizz and canapes in the interval and the evening will end with The Battle of Prague – one of Jane's favourite salon pieces.

Destination Basingstoke has commissioned 25 book benches to be placed in places of interest connected with Jane Austen in the area. One will be located outside Steventon Church. An app will be available to download to guide visitors around the trail.

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Our largest event will be a Festival to be held over the last weekend in July and the first weekend in August. It will have two main centres – the village hall and the church. The village hall will house an exhibition of local history prepared by North Waltham, Steventon, Ashe and Deane History Society and some exhibits by local artist Lydia Fee. Home-made teas will be served in the marquee and all profits will go the Village Hall. There will also art work displayed in the church by Jillian Smith from Ashe and Dorothy Dent (Smith). To accompany this Chris Smith will be organising a flower festival to illustrate Jane Austen and her books.

On the afternoon of Sunday 30th July, Ashe Park gardens will be open and Steventon Players will be providing some entertainment. Home-made teas will also be available.

We have received some sponsorship to produce a leaflet describing the Festival events and this will distributed to everyone in the village.

Finally the telephone box in the middle of the village will be refurbished to house the Jane Austen Visitor Centre. A focal point in the village which can provide visitors with information, leaflets and a book exchange. This will hopefully be completed in June and a grand opening will be held.

10. A Year in Steventon's Social Life 2016/2017 – Christine Smith

The Bluebell Coffee Morning was held at the end of April, where we raised over £1,000 for St Michaels Hospice. Our thanks go to Sally and Julian Pilcher for allowing us to hold the event in their garden and walk though their beautiful bluebell wood.

Laura and Graham Hazell opened Ashe Park Gardens to the public under the National Garden Scheme in May, June and July this year. Many people from Steventon and their friends could be seen enjoying the gardens and partaking of delicious cake with a cup of tea.

Steventon Village Fete was held in the garden of Oakdown House on 26th June, courtesy of Harriet and Peter Cleverly. Over £2,400 was raised for the church and the Parish Hall.

On Sunday 10th July some of the Steventon Singers took part in 'The Best of British' at the Anvil Concert Hall in Basingstoke. They joined with other choirs from the area singing music from around Britain.

At the end of August families joined in a village walk and picnic organised by Rachel and Phil Cheesman.

This year the November 5th Bonfire Night was held in a field at Ashe Park, where the Guys were judged and then burnt on the fire and we shared seasonal nibbles and mulled wine while watching the fireworks.

Once again, in November, Charlie Palmer masterminded a successful Rolling Supper. This is an annual safari around the village visiting different houses with a different group of people for each course.

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Lisa Atkinson organised the Charity Christmas Fair in the Parish Hall at the end of November. £448 was donated to Naomi House, and other money raised went to the PCC and to the Seniors Christmas Dinner.

To celebrate Christmas Shona Gruzelier organised a children's Christmas Party, where fun and games were had by all in the Parish Hall. A few days later the Senior Citizens of Steventon were treated to a delicious Christmas lunch, prepared by the ladies of the village.

In January, to while away a dark evening, Chris and John Smith held a Jigsaw Puzzle Competition in the hall, where teams of 4 raced to be first finishers of their puzzle. £200 was raised for the Mcmillan Cancer Fund.

At the end of February, after months of rehearsing and heartache, came the Piece de Resistance of the whole year --- Steventon Player's own version of Pride and Prejudice. This was cleverly written by Charlie Palmer, produced and directed by Marilyn Wright, music by Paul Wright, scenery by Rachel Cheeseman, sound and lighting by Tim Sennitt, and involving most of the village - acting, singing, dancing or clapping and cheering from the audience. It was followed a few weeks later by the Oscar Evening - a red carpet, black tie do, where we were able to watch our efforts on DVD and Oscars and citations were given.

To relax after so much activity, Sue Brinsley planned our first ever Film Club evening, where we watched and sang along with 'Mamma Mia'.

To end the busy year Rachel Cheesman planned the Easter Market with stalls in the hall and an Easter Egg hunt in her garden across the road.

Throughout the year the Church has been the focal point of many activities, with services held twice a month, and special celebratory services at Christmas, Easter and Harvest. This year, after the Harvest Thanksgiving service, a Harvest Lunch was eaten in the marquee in the churchyard. We have held three Saturday morning Cafe Churches, with breakfast and a speaker, and enjoyed a family tea party in Church to celebrate St Nicholas' Day. On Rogation Day we joined the other three churches in the Benefice to walk from Ashe to North Waltham, visiting all the churches and having tea at North Waltham. I must personally thank the Steventon Flower Ladies for keeping the church clean and beautiful with flowers.

I must also mention the various groups that meet regularly in the village.

Steventon Singers - Fun singing for all -- about every fortnight. Marilyn Wright

Steventon Book Group -- 2nd Friday morning of each Month. Julia Burke

Steventon Strummers (ukuleles) -- about every 2-3 weeks. Chris Smith

UFO (Unfinished Objects) -- craft projects - 1st Thursday morning of winter months. Chris Smith.

And groups a little further away - in North Waltham

North Waltham, Steventon. Ashe and Deane History Society - 3rd Thursday evening of each month

North Waltham WI - 2nd Thursday evening of each month

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North Waltham Garden Club - 2nd Tuesday evening of each month

North Waltham Art Appreciation Group - monthly on a Wednesday.

Chris Smith

11. Steventon's Footpath Warden – John Smith

During November of last year I spent an interesting week at the Royal Brompton where a kind Surgeon fitted me with a replacement heart valve. At the end of my stay it was recommended that I should spend the next six weeks attempting to walk two to three miles each day by way of recovering a degree of fitness.

I took the advice seriously and printed out a map of all the footpaths within a five mile radius of our village. Having done this I found that not only did we have an excellent network of footpaths crossing our village in all directions but many of them led to some excellent cafes and pubs. With such an incentive I logged a good walk on virtually every day throughout the six weeks and clocked up a total of one hundred and twenty five miles.

The point of telling you this is that, in addition to walking for fitness it gave me an ideal opportunity to note the condition of each footpath and any associated stiles and gates found on route.

One thing that became immediately obvious was that many of the stiles were in a poor condition and even those that had been maintained were not really suitable for older people or those with pushchairs or animals. During the last few years the Parish Council had begun, as far as funds would allow, to replace old stiles in the immediate vicinity of the village with self-closing gates and I was now even more convinced that this was the way to go.

Interestingly, at this time, I noted that the "Hampshire Countryside Service" were offering places on a "Rights of Way Workshop" and that this would cover such subjects as Access, Self-closing gates for Stiles, Grant aid, Maintenance and Footpath Wardens. I secured a place on the Workshop and took along photos of the steps we had installed on FP's 501, the footpath just north of the tunnel, and a self-closing gate on footpath 6 opening onto the bridleway round Steventon Manor. The Countryside Team were most impressed with the work and confirmed that grant aid would be considered for any future projects. They then raised the subject of a footpath warden for the village stating that they were looking for an individual who regularly walked the paths within Steventon parish. The work, which would be voluntary, would be to monitor and report on the conditions and any problems associated with the footpaths and to assist, where required, the Countryside service and our Parish Council in grant applications and maintenance organization. This work is of interest to me and I have offered to accept the job as Chris and I regularly use these paths.

As an example of the help available I have reported the current problems of sunken steps on FP501 and the dangerous steps on FP2 leading up from Ashe Park Lane past David Walkers property. Resulting from this Emma Broadbent, from the Countryside Service, is due to bring materials and tools to help carry out the necessary work on Tuesday, 25th April.

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In closing I should mention that in no way does the work of footpath warden conflict with the work of our Parish Council but should be seen as assisting both them and the Countryside Service in the maintenance of our path network.

John H Smith

12. Horse-ology – Dr Dawn Thomas-Bawa

See Appendix for Dawn's presentation.

13. Meeting open to the public.

It was asked if anything was being done about the old telephone box on the junction with the B3400. BT owns it, and Cllr Ian Tilbury thought all of the old BT boxes are scheduled to be removed.

Clarification was asked about the Wade Road recycling centre. It was confirmed that it is not going to be closed. There has been a reduction in recycling of non-domestic waste since a charge was introduced, which is not helping the problem of fly tipping. It is a difficult problem, as the council has to pay for the waste to be removed and dealt with.

Following the resurfacing of the B3400 it was asked whether the cats-eyes would be put back. The answer was unknown.

It was asked if a street-light could be put on the corner with the B3400. As it is a general policy to not have street lighting in villages this is probably unlikely. However, once the Deane Gate is open again it should help the situation. This is rumoured for the autumn.

Signed _____

Date: _____

Appendix

Steventon Annual Parish Meeting
24 April 2017

Dr Dawn Thomas-Bawa



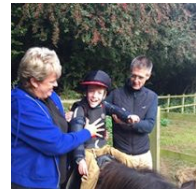
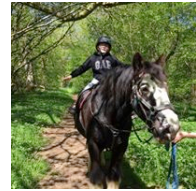
Facts and figures

- Started in 2004
- People with complex needs and their families
- Have over 250 clients
- More children than adults
- Open 7 days a week
- Unique to our area

Benefits

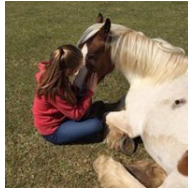
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Achievement



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