

STEVENTON ANNUAL PARISH MINUTES

Tuesday 2nd April 2019, at 8pm in Steventon Village Hall.

Contact: Rosina Forde, steventonpc@hotmail.com

1. Present

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

Guest Speakers: County Cllr Anna McNair Scott, Borough Cllr Ian Tilbury, PCSO Andrew Jones, Marilyn Wright, Christine Smith, John Smith, Nigel Bown.

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

Apologies For Absence: Anita Bown. Jeremy Bown.

2. Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising

Minutes of previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th April 2018 had already been signed.

Minutes of the last Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held on 19th January 2019 were approved and signed.

There were no matters arising.

3. County Councillor's Report – Cllr Anna McNair Scott

A copy of the report is attached as Appendix A.

4. Borough Councillor's Report – Cllr Ian Tilbury

A copy of the report is attached as Appendix B.

5. Annual Crime Report for Steventon – PCSO Andrew Jones

A copy of the report is attached as Appendix C.

6. Parish Council Chairman's Report – Peter Lees

A copy of the report is attached as Appendix D.

7. Parish Council Financial Report – Harriet Aldridge

A copy of the report is attached as Appendix E.

8. Parish Hall Committee Report – Read by Peter Lees

A copy of the report is attached as Appendix F.

9. Steventon Players – Marilyn Wright

A copy of the report is attached as Appendix G.

10. Steventon's Social Scene – Christine Smith

A copy of the report is attached as Appendix H.

11. Steventon's Footpath Warden's Report – John Smith

A copy of the report is attached as Appendix I.

12. Open Discussion about Cricket Club Fund – Nigel Bown

A copy of the report is attached as Appendix J.

13. Meeting open to the public.

A summary of points raised are attached as Appendix K.

Signed:, **Chairman**

Date:

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Appendix A - County Councillor's Report – Cllr Anna McNair Scott

Finances: further c £80,000,000 revenue savings required over the next 2 years which makes the County Council's job harder - it will bring our total savings up to over 3400,000,000 which is a considerable sum but fortunately we are in a better state than some others - you will have heard about Northants, and we know that Surrey is having a harder struggle than we are. The Leader has been making representations to Central Government where possible for exceptional costs, for example for Highways which has helped.

This has been achieved by careful use of reserves and also investing capital to save revenue where we can and we are benefitting from lower running costs of buildings that have improved insulation and solar panels. Also substantial printing and paper costs from having gone paper-free, and other modernisations such as computerised book returns in our libraries. The programme to make Country Parks self-sustaining is progressing well - you may have seen publicity about the restoration of the Chapel in the Royal Victoria Country Park which is now magnificent, and a great deal of work has been done at Lepe Country Park - one of the D-Day departure sites - which has a range of facilities including an upgraded restaurant. A rather depressing honesty rate in our various car parks has been addressed by installing Vehicle Registration Recognition equipment and it really works!

Another successful initiative is sharing resources with other authorities - notably IT for HR programmes - HCC has been providing this for Oxfordshire for this years and now Hammersmith, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster signed up just before Christmas. The County has also been running Children's Services in the Isle of Wight for some years and I believe has been asked to do the same for Buckinghamshire.

There have also been changes to how services are delivered - for example closing Children's Centres - those in the most deprived areas have been kept, but otherwise the Services continue to be delivered without the overhead costs of the centres themselves.

Another big change has been happening for some time - I was made aware when I was first elected in 2001 that people were not wishing to go into residential care until their care needs were higher, and this inevitably meant that some homes were no longer fit for purpose. A major initiative has been Extra Care housing - 2 in Basingstoke - Newman Court in Barber Road, and Abbey Court in Popley Way - which is like Sheltered Accommodation but with greater and better capacity for more varied needs. Also, the emphasis has shifted towards enabling greater independence and keeping people in their own homes as far as possible. This applies to Learning Disabled adults too. As I am sure you know, we are all living much longer, and many more children with severe difficulties are surviving childhood - not all will need our help but a proportion certainly will so independence is crucial both for the people affected and for taxpayers too.

My main role is as Chairman of the Culture and Communities Select Committee which covers Country Parks, libraries and grants for community organisations. It is getting harder to see where the savings can be made without affecting services and there will be difficult decisions to be made.

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Appendix B - Borough Councillor's Report – Cllr Ian Tilbury

Manydown

No development is likely to take place this year as the two Councils (BDBC and HCC) have yet to obtain outline planning permission, let alone come up with any detailed plans. There is considerable concern regarding the infrastructure particularly the suitability of the road network.

Boundary review

Due to the staggering incompetence of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, who managed to lose several submissions leading to repeated delays, it has now been necessary to delay the all-out election based on the new boundaries until next year. From Steventon's perspective you will now become part of the Oakley and The Candovers ward. I would like to thank all the residents of Steventon as it has been a great honour to serve you for the past 17 years.

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Appendix C - Annual Crime Report for Steventon – PCSO Andrew Jones

Basingstoke Rural South Overton AGM

How to contact your Police Team

Steventon is part of the Basingstoke Rural South area, the Neighbourhood Policing Team work from Tadley Police station. The Inspector is Hannah Luchesa who has taken over from Inspector Paul Pressley. The PCSO is Andy Jones, he can be contacted at andrew.jones.13301@hampshire.pnn.police.uk. There are two PC's Ross Holdsworth and Andy Reid.

If you would like to know what is happening in your area, you can access Hampshire Alerts which circulate details of crimes and suspicious activity reported in your area. <https://www.hampshirealert.co.uk>

In addition a newsletter is produced at the end of each month. If you would like to be added to the distribution list then please liaise with PCSO Andy Jones.

If you are a victim of crime and the incident is not happening, then report the incident by calling 101. Alternatively you can email details of the crime to <https://www.hampshire.police.uk>.

If you have information about criminality but wish to remain anonymous then contact crime stoppers. Crime stoppers is not the police. The telephone number is 0800 555 111.

Neighbourhood priorities

Neighbourhood priorities are reviewed every three months. The priorities are identified by the community who are asked to complete a short on line survey. The monthly newsletter will update what the neighbourhood team has done to address the priority alternatively you can get updates on line at <https://www.police.uk>. The most recent neighbourhood priorities are burglary and criminal damage.

Summary of reported incidents to Police in the last 3 months:

Burglary incidents remain low in the area. A farm has had multiple units broken into recently which has created multiple aggrieved parties. Access was gained to units by a 4x4 style vehicle ramming roller shutters. Not many items were stolen of significant value. The damage caused was far greater in cost.

One residential property had been accessed and model planes from within stolen. A bicycle was stolen from a shed in Ashe Park Lane in May 2018. We would ask you to check on your garden security. How easy is it to gain access to your rear garden? Consider locking your gates and look at alarms for any sheds or outbuildings. If you have any garden machinery is it marked with your postcode? If you are buying new garden machinery take an image of the serial number.

Rural business burglary has been a priority for Basingstoke Rural South as a whole, however, there have been two incidents reported at Steventon in the last 3 months. Boilers were also stolen from a local building site.

Suspicious activity – if you are concerned that there are suspicious vehicles then report the incident to police by calling 101. We will then circulate the information via Hampshire Alerts. There has only been one suspicious vehicle reported to police over the last three months.

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Reports of **anti- social behaviour** remain low throughout the village, here is a reoccurring issue in Laverstoke where hare coursing has been reported to but no other repeat locations have been reported to us. If you are affected by anti-social behaviour then you can report this to police by calling 101.

There have been several incidents reported to us where **counterfeit £50** have been used in shops in Overton and Whitchurch, purchases are made for low value goods to maximise the change received.

There have been 2 **theft from motor vehicle** reports. Number plates were stolen from 1 vehicle and a vehicle was broken into at the station car park. In other areas there have been offences reported where tools have been left in vans overnight, cctv and Dash Cams are a good deterrent. In rural car parks, cars that have been left unattended have been broken into whilst the owners have been away from them. Please make sure that there are no valuables and property left on display.

Rogue traders is an issue that is frequently reported to us. If you know somebody who is vulnerable then please keep an eye on who is visiting them.

Trades people who COLD CALL – which is selling goods and services at your door have to offer a 14 day cooling off period. They should also provide a contract with the company name and address on it.

People should be cautious when buying something at the front door and should STOP and question if they even need the work doing. Many people suddenly decide to have work done that they had never considered having done. Often they are told that the work needs doing because it is dangerous or an emergency. If somebody is told there is something wrong with their roof, or their trees need cutting then don't get it done there and then.

Get quotes from several reputable sources and preferably get quotes from a recommended trades person. The following links could be helpful:

<https://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk/>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/business/tradingstandards>

Community Speed Watch continues to operate in the area. The last occasion they were out was in February where 32 vehicles were identified travelling in excess of the speed limit, 4 of which have been identified previously.

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Appendix D - Parish Council Chairman's Report – Peter Lees

Welcome and thanks for coming! This speech reads like an over-extended Oscar acceptance speech. Apologies for this! This past year has been distinctly less eventful than last year. No Jane Austen 200 Festival or renovation of telephone boxes!

Some things never change though in this lovely community of ours. Planning applications keep coming through, axle breaking pot-holes keep appearing in the village lanes and another fabulous Pantomime is performed to sell-out audiences.

The current team of Parish Councillors - and I stress current, more on that later - have maintained the routine of quarterly meetings plus two extraordinary meetings when required - both this year have been about planning. Indeed 2018/19 has been a busy year on the planning front, averaging an application per month; all details are on the website. Some of these get withdrawn; one was turned down after considerable debate, work and deliberation and the others were passed whether they were for extensions or tree felling. I would like to offer a big vote of thanks to Tony Carter, our Councillor in charge of planning, for all his considerable efforts and the time that he puts in. He brings both charm and professionalism to the cause. In many instances he is ably assisted by Mike, whose knowledge of all things Steventon, is indispensable.

The on-going battle with potholes continues! I genuinely believe we have made significant progress, mostly due to the resilient determination of Chris Brown, to whom we all owe a big vote of thanks for his extraordinary efforts on this issue. John Smith, Steventon's Footpath Warden has again been busy on behalf of all walkers, in ensuring that our countryside is safe and accessible for all. BDBC and we are currently prioritising which footpaths need most attention given the very limited budget the council have. Mike and John combined to keep the bus shelter shipshape and the bench around the tree on the Village Triangle safe enough to satisfy health and safety - thank you Gentlemen. Fair to say, John had to engage some of his engineering skills.

On other issues:-

We have fully implemented everything to GDPR regulatory status to reflect the new European Data Protection Laws - I say we - Big thanks to Tim.

We have inaugurated the first precept following a public meeting. We will maintain the same amount for the immediate future. With everything financial, I owe a debt of gratitude to Harriet - thank you.

The Defibrillator is now fully installed. It is complete with overhead lighting; small plaque and keyboard code on notice board. Another thank you this time to Rachel Palmer for her training. We are a multi-talented village!

I hope everyone has signed the electoral role. Mike will speak about a Sports Fund later.

I always get asked about Carfest tickets. Not under our remit I'm afraid. My advice is ask anyone under the age of 21 for details.

Emma Page our PCSO is moving onto pastures new; we welcome Andy Jones as her replacement who we will be hearing from later. Immediately following these opening remarks we will hear from County Councillor Anna Millar Scott and Borough Councillor Ian Tilbury. A warm welcome to you both.

Lastly but in no ways least, a big thank you to all the Parishioners who have helped over the past year who together make Steventon the special place that it is. Julian Pilcher for auditing

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our books, Chris and her Neighbourhood Watch, Nick Harley for cutting the grass on the village triangle and to Rachel Cheesman and Amanda Robb for looking after the flowers in the tubs and the village hall garden.

Marilyn and Paul for keeping the village alive with music and singing and together with Charlie Palmer and all his sisters, and his cousins and his aunts for their amazing Panto efforts.

Final thanks and it is not for my mother - but for my fellow councillors and especially one in particular- Today we sadly say goodbye to Rosina who is retiring ahead of the May elections. She has been an excellent Clerk and a huge support for all of us and has given an enormous amount of time for the benefit of Steventon. Rosina thank you and we have a small token of appreciation.

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Appendix E - Parish Council Financial Report – Harriet Aldridge

Finance Report for the financial year ending 31 March 2019

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 2018	Opening cash			£846.66
10 April 2018	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council – final parish grant (£366) and 50% of precept (£600)	£966.00		
1 June 2018	Insurance		£330.00	
15 July 2018	Materials for maintenance of seat and bus shelter		£146.96	
1 September 2018	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council – 50% of precept	£600.00		
17 January 2019	Parish Hall Committee - hall hire 2018/19		£50.00	
17 January 2019	Parochial Church Committee - churchyard donation		£50.00	
	Sub totals	£1,566.00	£576.96	
31 March 2019	Closing cash			£1,835.70

Commentary

- We received a parish grant from BDBC of £366 in the year; BDBC has now phased out the annual parish grant and our future funding will be obtained through a precept as discussed at previous parish council meetings.
- This year we raised a precept for the first time: the total precept was £1,200, received in two equal instalments in April and September.
- We are required to have insurance; this year we have entered into a 3 year fixed price arrangement which was agreed by councillors on the basis of value for money.
- 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 the amount donated last year.
- We are required to hold formal meetings in public: as in previous years we hired the village hall for this purpose.

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Cricket club account

		Receipt	Payment	Balance
1 April 2018	Opening cash			£1,056.63
	Interest arising during the year		£1.15	
31 March 2019	Closing cash			£1,057.78

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 2019/20 we will again raise a precept of £1,200 as reported at Parish Council meetings earlier this year.

Annual Governance Statement

The Parish Council is required to review and approve the following statement as part of the year-end financial accounts process:

1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.

Other matters

The information in this report is unaudited: the Parish Council's financial records are subject to review by the appointed local authority auditors which takes place in the summer. The financial statements will be published on the village website in due course.

The Parish Council also reports the bus shelter and tree seat in its financial statements. The insured value of these assets is £7,420 (cost £6,538) and is unchanged from last year.

Harriet Aldridge, Responsible Financial Officer, Steventon Parish Council

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Appendix F - Parish Hall Committee Report – Read by Peter Lees

Village Hall AGM - Chairman's report 2018

It has been our first complete year without the income from the Montessori or a Jane Austen anniversary. I am pleased to say that the results, as Anita will go through, have been very promising, with rentals up thanks to regular yoga classes with Amanda and weekly classes of pilates with Helen and printing with Fiona. These are on top of the regular Players use for singing, dancing and general artistic merriment as well as Village social activities like the monthly coffee morning and senior Christmas lunch – activities which are well supported and I believe are particularly appreciated by residents. On top of that there were several ad hoc other rentals which hopefully will grow as word spreads in the Benefice about the availability. We also had the defib installed outside and had 2 very successful training sessions for it.

We ran the fete for the first time, as a committee, and it proved to be very successful both from comments made about the revised layout and particularly from the contribution to our funds. Having several of us doing the organisation I think made it less of a burden than being done by 1 person and is a good model to use for at least the next several years.

Our expenditure went up but the overall profit was considerably more than I had anticipated and ensures we have a reasonable reserve to meet any major refurbishment work which I am sure will come along. For example we are somewhat concerned by damp at the back of the stage which will be investigated more fully this year.

I would like to thank my committee for all their hard work and dedication. Without their support none of this would happen and we would not have this excellent facility for our residents.

Tony Fabian
14th Jan 2019

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Appendix G - Steventon Players – Marilyn Wright

Steventon Players have had another very successful year. They not only perform but also enable other forms of entertainment to take place. With this in mind Sue has created a Film Club for which a membership fee is charged. This covers the licence and members can then see the film for free. We have watched La La Land, Whisky Galore, Saving Grace and last week The Guernsey Potato Peel and Literary Society. The films are always well attended with members bringing along refreshments and everyone is provided with choc-ices during the interval. The Steventon Players have also organised several party outings to the Watermill Theatre and the Haymarket. – spare tickets on Easter Saturday.

The Steventon Singers continue to flourish and were part of the Basingstoke Festival of Choirs concert, *Sing Together!* at the Anvil in September for which they had to learn a wide variety of music, some fairly challenging.

Harvest weekend was celebrated with the usual festive decorations at the church for the thanksgiving service and Steventon Players then provided a band, The Woodsiders, for a village barn dance at Lichfield Grange where we enjoyed a shared lunch outside with pudding provided by our friendly ice-cream man.

The Players run the monthly Coffee and Cake morning at the Village Hall. This has been very popular and gives villagers, of all ages, a chance to meet and chat.

A children's Christmas party and Seniors' lunch were also very popular.

Many of you will have born witness to the recent showcase of Steventon's residents' talents in *All at Sea*. There have been many emails and messages of appreciation from both audience and cast but probably the most pleasing aspect is that it draws our community together and it is lovely to have an excuse talk to neighbours and friends, particularly newcomers to the village, so thank you to everyone who supports the village activities.

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Appendix H - Steventon's Social Scene – Christine Smith

Parish Council Report -- A Year in Steventon's Social Life 2018/2019

We have quite a few good cooks in Steventon so any of the social events include food in some form or other -- usually coffee and cakes.

The Bluebell Coffee Morning was held once again at the end of April. it was a very damp day but we still managed to raise £1,329 for St Michael's Hospice. Our thanks go to Julian Pilcher for allowing us to hold the event in his garden and walk though his beautiful bluebell wood.

The Steventon Fun Run/Walk (5k or 10k) looks like being an annual event. On May 8th adults, children and dogs turned out on a beautiful sunny day to raise £7250 for the Alzheimer's society in memory of Sally Pilcher. thanks go to the Harrisons and the Atkinsons for organising the event and greeting at the finish us with Prosecco and bacon butties. The next one is on Saturday 13th April.

Laura and Graham Hazell continue to open Ashe Park Gardens to the public under the National Garden Scheme. Many local people and their friends can be seen enjoying the gardens and of course tasting the delicious cakes with a cup of tea.

Steventon Village Fete, a very English event, was held in the garden of Oakdown House on 24th June, courtesy of Harriet and Peter Cleverly. £2,631 was raised for the church and the Parish Hall.

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. our thanks go to The Village Hall Committee for organising the event and to Laura and Graham for allowing us to use the field and organising the bonfire and fire pit.

At 6.00 am on Sunday 11th November 46 Steventonites gathered at the Village Triangle where our very own piper, Lawrence Quinn, played "The Battle's O'er". After 2 minutes silence Romy read a letter written by he father during the First World War. Altogether it was a very moving experience. Thanks you also to Sally Quinn who warmed us up by served coffee and croissants after in the village Hall.

Once again, in November, Charlie Palmer masterminded a successful Rolling Supper. This is an annual safari around the village, visiting different houses and with a different group of people for each course. Thanks to Shona and John who served everyone the after dinner coffee at their house.

Lisa Atkinson organised another successful Charity Christmas Fayre in the Parish Hall at the end of November raising almost £700 which was donated to Naomi House.

The traditional Crib Service and Carol Service were held at the church during the week before Christmas and on Christmas Eve Tamsin and Matt Raymond kindly hosted seasonal refreshments for the whole village.

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 and Barn Dance was held in the lovely old barn at Litchfield Grange with the Woodsider's Cellidh band . There have been three Saturday morning "Breakfast Together" meetings in the Village Hall, each with a

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speaker, and we 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 Deane, via Ashe and Steventon to North Waltham, where a delicious tea was served. I must personally thank the Steventon Flower Ladies for keeping the church clean and beautiful with flowers all year. Especially at Christmas, Easter and Harvest time.

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

Steventon Singers - Fun singing for all -- meet about every fortnight in the Village Hall. We are part of the Basingstoke Festival of Choirs which some of us join for various workshops, events and concerts. Contact Marilyn Wright

Steventon Strummers (ukuleles) -- Meet about every 2-3 weeks in Steventon and once a month we join a larger group at the Viabes Craft Centre for a Uke Jam. This year we have even had 2 "gigs" One at the Malshanger for the Oakley Bowling Club and the other in the Rectory Garden to celebrate Julia and Dave's special birthdays.
Contact Chris Smith

UFO (Unfinished Objects) -- - Meets on first Thursday morning of winter months, with the possibility of some outings in summer months.. In May a group of us visited Chawton to see the new Jane Austen Patchwork Quilt. Some of us had helped to make a Steventon square depicting a view of the church.
Contact Chris Smith

Steventon Book Group -- Meets on the 2nd Friday morning of each Month. Lots of chatter and discussion about the book of the month sustained by coffee and cakes.
In July our summer meeting was a shared lunch in a garden, and at Christmas we met for lunch at the Watership Down.
Contact Julia Burke

Yoga Classes --held weekly in the Village Hall. Various levels on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Contact Amanda Robb.

Pilates Class -- Wednesday evenings in the Village Hall

Printing Classes -- Tuesday mornings in the Village Hall

And groups a little further away - in North Waltham

North Waltham WI - 2nd Thursday evening of each month

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

North Waltham Art Appreciation Group - monthly on a Wednesday.

Benefice Men's Group - Regular meetings, visits to places of interest, dinners with a speaker.

Chris

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Appendix I - Steventon's Footpath Warden's Report – John Smith

During the period 2017-2018 Emma Broadbent (Hants CC Countryside Division) visited Steventon PC to review our recently constructed steps on FP3. John Smith was invited to join the Hants CC Footpath Warden Scheme as member for Steventon Parish.

During the early part of 2019 a footpath survey revealed some path clearance required and a repair needed to one existing footpath gate. A much reduced work load compared to the previous year when several metal gates were constructed.

It should be noted that Emma has now moved on and her replacement Footpath Officer is Mr Gareth Siu, whose contact telephone number is 01256347075.

John Smith - Steventon Footpath Warden

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Appendix J - Open Discussion about Cricket Club Fund – Nigel Bown

The cricket club account was transferred to the Parish Council 3 years ago when Barclays informed the trustees that they would close the account as it had not been touched for a long period. It was decided to place the money for safe keeping with the Parish Council but it to be restricted to the development of sport for the residents of Steventon.

In 1975 following a game of 18th century cricket at Chawton's Jane Austen celebrations a group of Parish cricketers started playing Sunday cricket. We discovered there was a trust fund from the old Steventon, Ashe and Deane cricket club (SADCC). This money was used to purchase cricket equipment for the reformed club. The old club ceased playing in the early 1950's when the pavilion burnt down. The playing field was in the field above Oakdown House used for the fete car parking.

We had many sociable years playing Sunday Cricket before a small group carried on playing indoor cricket at Summer. The club played at Hilsea College, now Oak Lodge, Overton and finally Malshanger.

When the Cricket Club disbanded it was agreed to put the money back in trust in case any resident of the parish wish to start a sporting endeavour. The trustees being myself, Mike Everton-Browne and Mike Robinson from North Waltham.

There is an outside chance that North Waltham recreation ground may be developed into a multi sports complex and I would recommend that the money is kept safe and to monitor the progress of this venture, unless a better alternative is put forward. If the money is put forward to help North Waltham it should be done with a proviso that it is open to residents of Steventon.

Nigel

A discussion followed with the following ideas raised:

- Steventon could make a contribution to a North Waltham initiative but there would need to be a clause to say that the facility would be open to Steventon residents.
- Steventon could help fund a young resident with ambitions to further their career in a sporting activity. It was suggested that this might be perceived to be unfair where others were concerned. Also there would need to be a proper trust fund to which formal applications are made, for maybe up to £300.
- It was noted that £1000 would not stretch very far.

No decision was made but it was felt that there was a need to raise the issue and to open it up for debate.

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Appendix K - Meeting open to the public.

Summary of points raised during course of the meeting and during the Open Discussions.

Sue Brinsley asked about the recent road closure and that the Parish Council were not notified of it. The lane was closed for a week without apparent work going on. Cllrs Anna McNair Scott and Ian Tilbury both took note of this.

An issue was raised that the village hall does not have wheelchair access, including access to the toilets and that the toilets are not suitable for those in wheelchairs. It was queried if this situation was legal.

Cllr Ian Tilbury suggested that grants could be available from Hampshire County Council for such improvements to village halls.

Chris Brown raised the point that if the lanes were resurfaced properly then it might save money on applying temporary fixes to each pothole.

Chris Brown queried the status of the trees leaning on the fence alongside Footpath 2. Rosina Forde had reported this to Network Rail and they are working on it.