

Steventon Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held at The Parish Hall on Monday 1st February 2016

Present at Meeting

Meeting opened at 8.01pm

Councillors - John Smith – Chairman
Anita Bown
Jeff Dodgson
Mike Everton-Browne
Rosina Forde

Apologies for Absence - None

Members of Public Present - None

Declaration of Interest - None

Meeting Open to Public- Questions and Comments - None

Minutes of meeting – held on 7th January 2016 – Approved and signed

Matters arising from the minutes – None that will not be covered later.

Governance

Rosina has created a template for the agenda and minutes and sent Jeff information about the changes in law on the financial side. She has also met with Tim Sennit to discuss the format of the SPC web site. Tim has done some work on it and has sent a structure that Rosina can start populating. It is not accessible by general public yet. At John's request, Rosina organised with the authorities that she becomes the contact person.

Planning – No New Application

Ref: 15/04470HSE The Limes, 7Ashe Park Cottages. Erection of a detached timber garden room.
Ref: 15/04466/HSE 2 Elm Tree Cottage, Steventon. Erection of two storey rear extension and alterations to roof to replace flat roof with pitched tiled roof.

Planning Compliance Issues - None

Finance – The balance on the NatWest account is £856.21. The reserve account £1055.56 (Steventon Cricket Club). Jeff Dodgson had nothing further to report as no cheques have been issued since the last meeting.

Highways & Village Appearance – Jeff Dodgson is continuing to monitor the pot holes around the village. The ‘Jet Packer’ machine is currently on loan to another area, and is coming back to Hampshire in April 2016. So it seems nothing will get done till then.

John Smith is arranging for 2 panes of glass to be replaced in the telephone Kiosk.

It was reported to the Council that a curb stone outside ‘Quintains House’ is protruding onto the highway and recently caused damage to a neighbour’s car. The Council advised the neighbour to report the incident and request the curb stone to be placed further back onto the owner’s property.

Notices, Correspondence and Circulars –

Electoral Review for North Hampshire – Rosina has read through the document received and reported that there are no changes to Steventon.

Consultations on the Local Plan - Rosina has read this document, and it's open for others to read if they wish.

Jeff Dodgson gave all Councillors an eight page document regarding the development from the M3 junction 7 to Hatch Warren where 750 homes are to be built.

John Smith reported on his meeting with Stephen Lugg from the Hampshire Association of Local Councils. Councillors had discussed at a previous meeting some of the changes, but John explained in more depth the Legal requirements regarding 'Transparency and Lawfulness'. All minutes, finance information and other documents are to be recorded onto a Web site for all Parishioners to view. Steventon has never had a Parish Clerk to take the minutes at meetings, this has always been a volunteering role, as it is very expensive to employ a clerk. The law has changed and a 'Proper Officer' is now responsible by Law to record and publicise all the Parish Council work. Rosina has agreed to record information onto the village web site for no monetary cost, so avoiding the council having to set a precept. The Council is considering whether they should become a member of the HALC, so they can obtain further guidance from HALC when required.

Councillors Announcements – Resignations

John Smith announced sadly that he is resigning as a Parish Councillor after more than 25 years due to family health problems. John has been a great support to the Parish Council and has been Chairman during the later years. His wealth of knowledge on all council matters, including planning regulations, will be deeply missed. All the Parish Councillors were unanimous in appreciation of John's commitment to Steventon Parish Council and thanked him most sincerely on behalf of the Village.

Anita Bown announced that she too was resigning as a Parish Councillor for personal reasons. Anita has been a Councillor for 16 years and during the last 6 years has recorded the minutes for the Parish Council meetings. Anita was thanked for her hard work as a Parish Councillor.

Items for insertion in the Parish Magazine –

Rosina will place a notice into the Parish Magazine of the next meeting date, and record the minutes and agenda onto the village web site.

Date of next meeting – Monday 7th March at 8pm in Steventon Villlage Hall.

Signed

Date