

Steeple Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 10th. September 2025 at 7pm in Steeple Village Hall

Present: Cllrs J. Partridge (Chair), C. Poulter, K. Potten, R. Wilson, S. Wilson, MDC Cllr L. Haywood and Kevin B. Money Locum Parish Clerk. There were 35 members of the public present.

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Councillors of Steeple Parish Council did not wish to be recorded or videoed

070/2025 Apologies for Absence were received from ECC Cllr W. Stamp

071/2025 Declaration of Interest

To declare any Pecuniary, Registerable or non-Registerable Interest relating to items on the agenda

None declared

072/2025 To approve the Minutes of the last Full Council meeting of Steeple Parish Council

To receive and agree the minutes of the last STPC meeting held on 2nd. July 2025 **All Agreed**

073/2025 Public Participation Session. The Chairman will invite questions and observations from members of the public present. A maximum time of **15 minutes** will be allowed

- Moat Housing own the playing field and lease the field to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council made an apology to the residents over cutting of the wild life grass area.

Cllr R. Wilson asked that new communications and working together.

The Parish Council, going forward, to communicate with Moat and residents.

The Parish Council will take on board what residents have spoken about at this meeting

STPC resolve to speak with Community Group, Park Life and Moat Housing

MDC L. Haywood informed the meeting that Grants have been circulated.

074/2025 Steeple Community Group – update on way forward and any issues

This item has been covered on item 073/2025

It was raised by the Parish Council that there is several items sited on the playing field which are not authorised within the lease agreement.

Steeple Community Group confirmed that permission had been given by Moat. Steeple Community Group was asked by a resident to furnish the Parish Council with previous documentation on the recreation ground which they agreed to undertake

The Parish Council asked that Steeple Community Group/Park Life can furnish them with future projects

The Parish Council was asked to contact Moat Housing for certain items of equipment remain in the recreation park.

075/2025 Highways issues - Nothing to report but any issues please report it to ECC Highways website

076/2025 Speed watch update

TruCam 2 dates in August with 38 captures in 2 hours. Fastest was 42mph. More volunteers are required. All offenders are reported to the police.

077/2025 Independent play site report

There are certain items, that are considered not dangerous most are all low risk, that need to be addressed.

This item will be on the November agenda

The Clerk to place the inspection report on the website and a copy sent to Steeple Community Group/Park Life

078/2025 Councillors to discuss replacing a dog bin in Canney Chase – Cllr J. Partridge

Before purchasing a new bin the landowner needs consulting.

079/2025 Councillors to discuss moving emails and website over to .gov.uk - Clerk

This item deferred to November meeting

080/2025 Setting up STPC Face book page - Cllr C. Poulter

Cllr C. Poulter to liaise with the Clerk

081/2025 Councillors to discuss moving meetings back to monthly meetings

Cllr K. Potten proposed moving the meetings back to monthly meetings. Councillors agreed that the next meeting will be as scheduled on 12th. November 2025. Thereafter possibly returning to monthly meetings. Cllr J. Partridge seconded. **All Agreed**

The Clerk informed the meeting that if the meetings reverted to a monthly basis then he will be leaving.

082/2025 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

25/00698/LBC - Ash Cottage The Street Steeple Southminster

Replacement windows on sections of northern, southern elevations.

RESOLVED: Steeple Parish Council has No objection to this planning application

083/2025 Planning Decision/s made by MDC affecting Steeple

No planning decisions have been made affecting Steeple

084/2025 Finance

1) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. August 2025

Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. August 2025

2) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget 2025/2026

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budget 2025/2026

3) To approve the payment of Accounts for August and September and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements. **All Agreed**

085/2025 2026-2027 Budget – Councillors to submit proposals for the draft 2026-2027 budget

Councillors were asked to consider project, with costings, for 2026-2027 financial year

086/2025 STPC to purchase new poppy wreath

Cllr J. Partridge proposed purchasing a poppy wreath. Cllr K. Potten seconded. **All Agreed**

087/2025 Date of Next Full Council meetings – Wednesday 12th. November at 7pm

088/2025 Items for Next Agenda

STPC 2026 meeting dates: Speedwatch training: RoSPA Inspection report update

089/2025 Closure of the Meeting

To Close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.55pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

J Partridge

Joanne Partridge
Chair

12th. November 2025