

Steeple Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 11th. March 2026 at 7pm in Steeple Village Hall

Present: Cllrs J. Partridge (Chair), C. Poulter, R Wilson and S Wilson.
Joanna Jeffery Parish Clerk and two members of the public.

If members of the press or public are present

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- No oral commentary is permitted during the meeting and
- No recording is permitted of any part of a meeting which is closed to the public.

Anyone who objects to being filmed, recorded, photographed or otherwise reported, and children and vulnerable adults now have an opportunity to declare their presence.

036/2026 Apologies for Absence – There was none.

037/2026 To note resignation of Cllr Karen Potten.

Noted, Thanks were extended to Karen Potten for all her hard work for Steeple Parish Council.

038/2026 Declaration of Interest

To disclose the existence and any nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. Other Registrable Interests and Non-Registrable Interests relating to items of business on the agenda having regard to paragraph 9 and Appendix B of the Code of Conduct for Members. (Members are reminded that they are also required to disclose any such interests as soon as they become aware should the need arise throughout the meeting.

There were none.

Members are requested to review and update declarations of interest if necessary.

Noted by all Members.

039/2026 To approve the Minutes of meeting held 11th February 2026

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Proposed by Cllr R Wilson, seconded by Cllr Poulter.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held 11th February 2026 were duly signed by Cllr Partridge.

040/2026 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

A resident raised concerns regarding the heavy lorries and heavy crane lorries coming through the village. Some are speeding, crane lorries are travelling during the early hours and it is dangerous for pedestrians. Many of the properties on The Street are listed buildings and the volume and weight of these lorries are causing damage to the properties.

Cllr R Wilson informed that there is a speed watch group and residents would be welcome to join.

Poor weather conditions have restricted the group, however with an improvement in weather conditions it is hopeful this will change soon.

Cllr Poulter offered to assist with carrying this issue forward.

041/2026 Highways issues

Footpath from Bakers Cottage to Steeple Star Pub is overgrown across the path – quote to be obtained.

Road signs have been reported for Stansgate Road and Batts to Maldon District Council.

042/2026 Planning Application/s

25/01119/OUTM PP-14574871

Outline application with all matters reserved other than access for the erection of up to 198 dwellings, provision for non-residential uses comprising of uses within use class E, F1 or F2, with associated open space, allotments and infrastructure.

Land West of Hurndall Avenue North Farnbridge Essex

Steeple Parish Council recommend REFUSAL of planning permission for the following reasons, poor infrastructure, School capacity, loss of countryside and amenity, highways concerns. Impact on the village.

Steeple Parish Council would request a traffic and highway impact survey.

26/00129/FUL PP-14719344

Proposal: Proposed development of 6 dwelling houses on the site of the former Sun and Anchor Public House.

Location: Former Sun and Anchor The Street Steeple Essex

Steeple Parish Council recommend the GRANTING of planning permission. However, Steeple Parish Council would like to see permeable surface driveways.

043/2026 Planning Appeals affecting Steeple – There were none.

044/2026 Planning Decision/s made by MDC affecting Steeple – There were none.

045/2026 Finance

- 1) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 28th February 2026, proposed by Cllr Partridge, Seconded by Cllr Poulter.
- 2) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget 2025/2026 defer to next meeting.
- 3) To approve the payment of Accounts for February and March 2026 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements, proposed by Cllr Poulter, seconded by Cllr Partridge.

046/2026 Risk Register

To review Risk Register

To discuss and pass any resolution as necessary

Proposed by Cllr Partridge, seconded by Cllr Poulter.

RESOLVED: The Risk Register was reviewed and accepted.

047/2026 Personnel Committee

To discuss the creation of a Personnel Committee

To discuss and pass any resolution as necessary.

Cllr Partridge proposed the creation of a Personnel Committee, seconded by Cllr R Wilson., it was agreed that the committee would be made up of 3 Members, the Chair plus two others members to be decided at time of need.

RESOLVED: Personnel Committee to comprise of the Chair plus two others Members of Steeple Parish Council, to be decided at time of need.

048/2026 Website

To discuss quote received for a .gov.uk website.

To discuss and pass any resolution as necessary.

Cllr Poulter proposed acceptance of the quote from Eyelid Productions, seconded by Cllr R Wilson.

RESOLVED: Quote received from Eyelid Productions was accepted.

049/2026 Change of meeting night/time.

To discuss change of meeting night/time.

To discuss and pass any resolution as necessary.

It was decided to remain with second Wednesday of the month, no Parish Council meeting during August, and September meeting to be held on 16th September 2026.

050/2025 Steeple Playing Field

To discuss quotes received.

To discuss and pass any resolution as necessary.

Gate quotes to be discussed at next meeting.

051/2025 Date of Next Full Council meetings – Wednesday 08th April 2026

**052/2025 Councillors to note the 2026 meeting dates: 08.04.26: 13.05.26:
10.06.2026: 08.07.2026: 16.09.2026: 14.10.2026: 11.11.2026 and 09.12.2026.**

053/2025 Items for Next Agenda

Bank Mandate, Monkey Challenge, Steeple against Speeding update.

054/2025 Closure of the Meeting

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

Meeting closed at 8.31pm