

Steeple Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly meeting on Wednesday 8th. May 2024 at 7pm in Steeple Village Hall

Present: Cllrs K. Davey (Chair), J. Partridge (Vice-Chair), K. Potten, M. Findlay and Kevin B. Money Parish Clerk. There were no members of the public present.

1. Apologies for absence were from ECC Cllr W. Stamp

2. Report from Steeple PC Chair - Councillor K. Davey

Steeple Parish Council has 4 Councillors. We recently welcomed Margaret Findlay and thank her for joining us. Our main focus this year has been to slow down the traffic through our village. We have employed the services of MDC speed watch and the voluntary speed watch team have helped out too. The park has a new array of activities in the form of brightly coloured games painted onto the basketball court, including a basketball D. We are constantly report pot holes and road signs that need repairing and we have had some success. The grassed area is all looking amazing, thanks to Richard Garwood and his team. We will continue to work hard to improve Steeple next year. Thank you to all Councillors for your continued support

3. Report from ECC - Councillor Wendy Stamp

See ECC report on the STPC website at <https://e-voice.org.uk/steepleparishcouncil/ecc-information/>

4. Report from MDC - Councillor Linda Haywood

- MDC received funding for BMX track and skatepark at Burnham
- Splash Park re-opening during school holidays only but can be hired outside school holidays
- Burnham pontoon has received the go-ahead and will be completed within a year
- Parking in Maldon High Street has changed with an increase in parking cost. Free bays have been taken away. MDC has decided to remove the Whitehorse car park with the local businesses not happy.
- Car parking machines are now card and cash payments
- MDC Council tax increased by 2.98%
- Garden waste cost rose from £50 to £70
- Local Development plan is being reviewed. Land supply is now more than 5-year supply
- MDC offices are now open during the day but most MDC officers are hybrid working.

5. Community Group Report – The Community Group isa popular and growing group of local residents whose aim is to generally improve and enhance both the appearance of the village and to provide additional facilities.

In the past year we have carried out the following works:-

- ❖ Cleared the verges at Batts Road junction to improve vehicle and pedestrian visibility by removing dead and overgrown trees and brambles, cutting the grass and planting new hedging
- ❖ The planters in the village have been repaired where necessary, given a fresh coat of paint and replanted with more plants to brighten up the village
- ❖ The park is looking really good and is well used. New trees have been added to the orchard and the wild flowers planted last year are flourishing. New seats have also been made and installed
- ❖ The Village Hall and grounds are under a programme of constant improvement and maintenance and the grass regularly cut.
- ❖ The Cloths Bank is well used and provides a source of income for the group
- ❖ The verges and paths in the village are being maintained and together with the ditches are being cleared of large quantities of litter

6. Public Forum. No questions from the public

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.30pm and thanked everyone for attending.