Steeple Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 12th. March 2025 at 7pm in Steeple Village Hall

Present: Cllrs K. Davey (Chair), J. Partridge (Vice-Chair), M. Findlay, C. Poulter and Kevin B. Money Parish Clerk. There were 4 members of the public present.

O15/2025 Apologies for Absence No apologies were received

Councillors, reluctantly, accepted the resignation of the Parish Clerk with immediate effect. An advertisement for his replacement has been sent to EALC. His last day of service is 30th. April 2025

016/2025 Declaration of Interest

To declare any Pecuniary, Registerable or non-Registerable Interest relating to items on the agenda **None declared**

To approve the Minutes of the last Full Council meeting of Steeple Parish CouncilTo receive and agree the minutes of the last STPC meeting held on 8th. January 2025 **All Agreed**

O18/2025 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

A resident thanked the Parish Council, Wendy Stamp and Tom Cunningham for helping getting the flooding issues repaired quickly.

Roadworks are scheduled for April where, hopefully, with the project will alleviate the flooding issues.

The speeding in the village is constant with vehicles getting heavier and it rocks the houses as they pass by.

Can a weight restriction be placed on the roadway to protect houses and reduce noise pollution? Could the local police officer be approached to undertake catching speeding traffic?

For the residents and Councillors information

ECC Cllr W. Stamp reported that the requests you and the residents have asked me to bring to LHP for the forthcoming year will no longer be started or applied for.

Please note the email also advises the Council not to apply online either at this stage.

As many of you know I have been pushing for a meeting of this panel for most of the year with NO success to start the application process which I cannot now.

There is nothing I can say at this stage as I have NO information as yet.

I have been advised that due to a review of the LHP system, all future meetings of the panel have been postponed. It is also important that parish councils are advised that they should not submit any new applications to the panel until further notice and that no current schemes will be progressed until the review is completed.

019/2025 Highways issues

a) Update on flooding issues in Steeple

Roadworks are scheduled for 14th. April for 5 days where, hopefully, with the project will alleviate the flooding issues

b) To discuss if the TruCam service from MDC is required for 2025-2026 year

This service from MDC will not be renewed as from 1st. April 2025

020/2025 80th Anniversary of VE Day

The Community Group are organising an event on Sunday 11th. May in the village hall from 1-3pm The Parish Council to plant a Bramley tree for the Anniversary. Cllr J. Partridge to purchase the Bramley Tree for about £100

021/2025 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

No planning applications have been submitted

022/2025 Planning Decision/s made by MDC affecting Steeple

24/00967/LDE - Agricultural Barn At Batts Farm Batts Road Steeple

Claim for lawful development for an existing use of a building as an independent dwelling for a period exceeding four years. **APPROVE**

24/00968/LDE - Caravan At Batts Farm Batts Road Steeple

Claim for lawful development certificate for erection of a building and its continued use as an independent dwelling for a period exceeding ten years and use of land as domestic garden for a period exceeding ten years.

APPROVE

Cllr C. Poulter proposed informing MDC Enforcement officer that there are still 5 caravans at Batts Farm Batts Road Steeple. Cllr K. Davey seconded. **All Agreed**

023/2025 Finance

- 1) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 28th. February 2025 Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 28th. February 2025
- **2)** To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget 2024/2025 Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budget 2024/2025
- 3) To approve the payment of Accounts for February & March 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements. **All Agreed**

024/2025 Date of Next Full Council meetings – Wednesday 14th. May 2025 at 7pm which is the Annual Parish Assembly followed immediately afterwards by the Full Council meeting AGM

025/2025 Councillors to note the 2025 meeting dates: 09.07.25: 10.09.25: 12.11.25

026/2025 Items for Next Agenda 027/2025 Closure of the Meeting

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

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.30pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed *JPartridge* 22nd. May 2025

Joanne Partridge - Chair