

MINUTES OF STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE MOOT HALL ON
THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2017

Present: Messrs: Chris Cadman (in the chair), Kerry Barnes, Frank Aldred,
Ted Bloxham, John Fellows.
Rev. Sophia Girvan
Clerk: Mrs June Argent.

Members of the Public: 1

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Apologies

District Councillor Diana Garrod
Alex Rolph - holiday
Ian Westrope - holiday
Kim Cresswell - family matters

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Declarations of Interest

Chris Cadman declared an interest in Planning – re 17/01055/AGR

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Code of Conduct

Parish Councillors had no alterations to make to their Code of Conduct forms during the past year.

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Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated)

Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting was proposed by Kerry Barnes and seconded by John Fellows. All agreed.

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Question Time

Jim Webb made a statement concerning the Parish Council's £2,500 donation to the Hands Off Steeple Bumpstead group.

Mr Webb accepted that the Parish Council had surveyed the whole village as to whether Gladman's proposed development off Finchingfield Road was wanted and the majority of residents did not want this development. But he felt strongly that no consultation had taken place concerning the Parish Council's donation of £2,500 to HOSB.

Jim Webb wanted to know how he could object if this situation occurred again.

Kerry Barnes said the decision by the Parish Council to assist HOSB with their legal costs had continued over three meetings until a majority decision was made by the

Parish Councillors to donate £2,500 to this cause. This would give villagers plenty of time to express their feelings on the matter.

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County Councillor's report

David Finch was not in attendance

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District Councillor's report

Diana Garrod was not in attendance

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Village Hall

The Parish Council are Custodial Trustees of the Village Hall therefore it is expected that financial dealings through the past year and current bank balances are presented at the Annual Village Meeting on the last Wednesday in April. The Village Hall Management Committee Chairman had been invited to attend this meeting but did not respond. Therefore the Parish Council wrote to the Chairman asking him to attend a Parish Council meeting either in June, July or August with the required information. We have had no response. John Fellows attended the Village Hall's AGM but again no details were given as to their financial situation although their audited accounts had not yet been finalised.

The Chairman said he would go to visit Mr Woolmer and David Phillips to discuss this matter.

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Open Spaces, Highways and Lighting

1 Footpaths. Kerry Barnes reported that the 10K run team had cut the footpaths which the Parish Council had not cut.

2 Play area – The District Councillor had an allotted sum left (around £1200) from a grant which she could use to help her Parish Councils. Kerry Barnes had obtained a quotation (around £1800) for replacing the broken play equipment on the Camping Close. If the village could remove the concrete bases still left then we could save about £400 but the Parish Council would still have to pay the extra £200. The Councillors felt this was in order so now we await Diana Garrod's acceptance of our request.

3 War Memorial – Ian Westrope has completed the application forms for a grant for a grant towards the necessary work on the war memorial. We are now awaiting a response.

4 Gladman's 106 money. The Parish Council had been asked by District Council that if the Gladman proposed development for 65 houses was granted then the Parish Council would financially benefit from Section 106, so how would the Parish Council spend this money. It was agreed that the answer to this question

would be “additional play equipment and up-grading of the children’s goal mouth area.”

John Fellows had looked into up-grading the goalmouth area with specialised artificial turf. This would cost in the region of £4,500 for 90 sq.m. To obtain a grant for this work from Awards for All then the money must not be going towards one specific sport. If one sport only was affected then we would have to go to Sport England. John Fellows and Kerry Barnes will follow this up.

5 Winter Salt Bag Scheme. Discussion took place as to whether more salt bags would be required this winter for highway use only. Some salt is still stored at Blois Meadow Business Centre from two years ago. Chris Cadman will speak to Robert Argent about this.

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Planning

a Planning Applications/Decisions

17/00074/FUL	Clarke, 62 North Street	Recommend
Retrospective application for land comprising a culveted ditch to be included within the residential use of the property, together with the erection of a close boarded fence to enclose the land and the replacement of the flat garage roof with a pitched roof.		Refusal
17/00488/VAR	Fell, 3 Fordwater Close, New England	GRANTED
Application for variation of Condition 2 of approved application		
12/01070/FUL		
17/00091/TPOCON	Wallace, 1 Freezes Barns, North Street	
Tree work		
17/00542/FUL	Rooley, 3 Helions Road	GRANTED
Erection of first floor rear extension		
17/00113/TPOCON	Issitt, 6 Church Street – tree work	
17/00111/TPOCON	Johnson, 15 Church Street – tree work	
17/00648/VAR	Jones, 7 The Chase – Variation of Condition	GRANTED
2 of Planning Application 16/01553/FUL – change from render finish to fibre cement weather boarding		
17/00763/HHPA	Anderson, 57 Bower Hall Drive	Permission
Erection of single storey rear extension. Extension will extend beyond rear wall of the original house by 4.3m with a maximum height of 3.8m and 3.6m to the eaves of the extension		Not Required
17/00121/TPOCON	Rust, 3 Finchingfield Road – tree work	
17/00157/TPOCON	Taylor, 1 Sucklings Yard – tree work	
17/00929/FUL	Whiting, 5 Bower Hall Drive – erection of porch	
17/00940/FUL	English, 14 Lion Meadow – erection of single storey rear extension	
17/00848/LBC	Chapman, 20 Church Street – demolition of existing UPVC conservatory and erection of timber framed hardwood conservatory	

17/01010/FUL Lambert, 6 Home Close – demolition of existing garage and erection of games room, utility room and home office

17/01055/AGR Price, Rylands Farm, Blois Road
Application for Prior Notification of Forestry Development.
Erection of steel frames agricultural building for storing combinable crops, seed, fertiliser and agricultural machinery.

b Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman will speak with Jan Stobart about a Neighbourhood Plan.

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Finance and Administration

a Clerk's Report from 6 May to 9 June 2017

Receipts

Perrett's Amusements £200.00

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Payments

R Thorn – bins/litter £ 200.00
E.on street lighting £ 126.76
Administration £ 744.80
Congregation Church hall hire £ 24.00
E.on street lighting £ 130.98
Country Gardens & Landscapes £3,534.00

£4,760.54
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Balances as at 09.06.2017

Current Account: £ 5,500.17

Savings Account: £30,764.62

Earmarked Reserves: £ 2,726.12

Acceptance of the Clerk's report was proposed by Kerry Barnes and seconded by Sophia Girvan. All agreed.

b Accounts.

The Clerk presented the end of year accounts for the Parish Council's approval.

Acceptance of these accounts was proposed by Kerry Barnes and seconded by Chris Cadman. All agreed.

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Miscellaneous Correspondence

1 Mr Bardoe of Lamingtons, Haverhill Road has requested that two trees on Humphrey's Meadow be cut back somewhat to safeguard his property. The tree warden has been asked for his advice.

2 Penny Lawson of 4 North Street was concerned about the bollards on The Crescent bridge and the heavy lorries speeding along North Street.

3 Ian Westrope had been to see Mrs Gonella of Parsonage Farm, Church Street, about the electric gate at the entrance to her property and the access onto

the Camping Close for vehicles (which must not stop on this access road). Ian Westrope and Chris Cadman will visit again later in the summer.

4 The Chairman has received minutes of the Wildlife and Environment Group's meeting which he will forward to the Clerk.

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Information Sharing

1 Kerry Barnes explained about a Register of Community Assets. The Fox and Hounds Public House's lease is up in February and the owners might want to sell it. If this business was included in a Register of Community Assets the business owner would have to tell the Registrar and do nothing for 6 weeks during which time someone could say they want to put a bid in. If a response is made within this 6 weeks they then have 6 months to put the bid in and the owner cannot sell it within that time. The Community group has a right to put a bid in.

Kerry Barnes and Sophia Girvan will talk to owners of businesses in the village and find out their thoughts since this can have good and bad results.

2 John Fellows has spoken to Highways Street Lighting group – Ringway Jacobs – about changing the Parish Council owned street lights to LED bulbs. He has some figures available but still requires more information.

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Next Meeting – Thursday 13 July 2017 at 7.30pm in the Moot Hall.

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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