STEEP PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Mrs. Caroline Robinson **CLERK:** Mrs. Jenny Hollington

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 6th February 2012 at Steep Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. Caroline Robinson (in the Chair) Terry Cook

Jim MacDonaldJenny MartinGraham BanksSimon Bridger

<u>In Attendance:</u> Clerk - Jenny Hollington

P.C. Toogood

There were no members of the Public present.

- 12/15 APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Nick Hurst, Charles Gibson and Suzi Openshaw
- 12/16 <u>MINUTES</u> The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th January were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed accordingly.
- 12/017 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> The Chairman reminded Councillors that any interests should be recorded as necessary.

12/18 PUBLIC COMMENT -

• P.C. Toogood up-dated Councillors on the allotment land in Ridge Common Land which had been broken into during the weekend and advised as to the best way to deal with it.

12/19 CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr. Cook declared an interest in planning application no. 24062/003.

SDNP/30928/027	Renewal of Application 30928/022 and Listed Building Consent for alterations and extensions to building to create hotel with restaurant, leisure facilities, ceremony and function suite	Adhurst St. Mary, London Road, Sheet GU31 5AD	Objection
SDNP/24062/003	Alterations to dwelling including two first floor windows in the west elevation, timber decking to the west and two storey extension to rear with basement following demolition of single storey extensions (as amended by drawing and document received 20/1/2012)	Oakhurst Farm, Mill Lane, Steep GU32 2DJ.	No Objection

12/20 FINANCE

Payment to SLCC for annual membership was approved (cheque no. 100163).

Councillors discussed the Parish Planning On-line Service which is proving useful for the Parish Plan and Landscape Assessment Groups. It was AGREED that this should be continued – the Clerk to action.

12/21 ON-GOING ISSUES

- (a) Community Bus/Taxi Share Scheme Hampshire County Council are now investigating a Community Bus Service to replace the Taxi Share Scheme, in order to resolve the issues of booking and space. It is also intended to allow passengers extra time in Petersfield.
- (b) Projects for HCC/EHDC Transport Scheme The following projects were AGREED –
- To provide a surface up-grade for cyclists on Footpath 15 (Hanger's Way) from Church Road to Tilmore Gardens:
- To investigate the possibility of a shared use footpath to provide a safe cycle route into Petersfield along the C18;
 - The Clerk was asked to respond to Jon Hugget's e-mail request for this information.

12/22 <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>

- (a) Incident on the C18 a letter received from a resident who had been knocked from her bicycle on the C18 was discussed. Councillors agreed that the incident had been handled very badly by the police and the Chairman was asked to draft a letter to the resident as well as a letter to the Chief Constable setting out the Parish Council's concerns.
- (b) E-mail correspondence from Tree Warden regarding fallen trees on the Common the Chairman up-dated Councillors on this situation, explaining that in view of public safety, a decision had been taken prior to the meeting, to have the trees taken down. Cllr. MacDonald also said that the Tree Warden had contacted him regarding the work required on the pollarding of trees on the Common. It was AGREED that Cllr. MacDonald should contact Mr. Jackman and ask him to carry out this work. Cllr. MacDonald was also asked to ensure that the trees to be pollarded were marked with ribbons prior to the work being started.
- (c) E-mail correspondence regarding the proposed closure of Old Litten Lane to vehicular traffic Councillors discussed this issue it was felt that although they supported this proposal in principle, they would like to have the support of the Village. It was therefore AGREED that an article should be drafted for the March edition of the Village Newsletter to see if there were any objections.
- (d) E-mail correspondence from EHDC regarding events planned for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee the proposal for a party to be held on the Common to celebrate this event on Monday, 4th June was discussed. It was AGREED that Councillors would approach various members of the community to enlist their support and form a working party. Cllr. Banks offered to approach Bedales to see if it would be possible to use their Hog Roast equipment and "chef".
- 12/23 <u>SPEAKER FOR THE AGM</u> Proposals for potential speakers for the Annual General Meeting were discussed. It was AGREED that Margaret Paren (South Downs National Park) would be the most appropriate and the Chairman was asked to approach her.
- 12/14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING Monday, 5th March 2012 at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.