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STEEP PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Caroline Robinson

CLERK: Mrs. Jenny Hollington

Minutes of an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 28th April 2014 at Steep Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.

<u>Present:</u>	Cllrs. Jenny Martin (in the Chair)	Terry Cook
	Jim MacDonald	Peter Thackrey
	Peter Cruttenden	Nick Hurst

In Attendance: Philip Taylor (Pilot)
Clerk, Jenny Hollington

There were no members of the public present.

14/44 **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Caroline Robinson, Simon Bridger and Charles Gibson

14/45 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - The Chairman reminded Councillors of their responsibility to declare any interest in any matter on the Agenda – Cllr. Peter Cruttenden declared an interest in the first item on the Agenda as a family member is a contractor at TAG Farnborough.

14/46 **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

14/47 **FARNBOROUGH AIRPORT**

Former RAF, and current, Pilot, Philip Taylor, was welcomed to the meeting. He had been asked to advise the Parish Council on the implications of TAG Farnborough's request for increased controlled airspace, in order to enable Councillors to understand the issues involved and respond appropriately to the consultation.

Mr. Taylor explained the general principles of air space and the areas which would be affected by the proposed changes. He explained the impact the changes would have on flying schools, the Gliding Club at Lasham, and in the general freedom to fly light aircraft in uncontrolled airspace. He said that in his view the main effect on Steep would be an increase in the number of light aircraft flying at lower levels due to the narrower gap caused by reduced levels of uncontrolled airspace.

Mr. Taylor was thanked for his very clear and helpful in-put. Following discussion, it was AGREED that a response should be made to the consultation to reflect the Parish Council's concern with regard to the resulting constraints on the flexibility of light aircraft traffic and the increase in the levels of noise and visual intrusion in an area of rural calm of TAG Farnborough's proposals. TAG Farnborough and CAA should ensure that any expansion of controlled airspace is kept to a minimum to respect the sensitive landscape below.

14/48 **NEW LAP TOP** – The Clerk's request for a new lap top (HP Pro Book 455 G1) at a discounted price of £281.25 with a trade-in of the old lap top was approved. It was noted that the old one is now 4-years old and the USB ports are broken.

14/49 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING** – The Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 8th May at 7.00 p.m. at Steep Village Hall. The Deputy Police Commissioner for Hampshire has confirmed his attendance to speak at the Parish Assembly.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.