

STEEPLE CLAYDON PARISH COUNCIL
 Minutes of meeting 4th October 2016

<p>Present 2016/147</p>	<p>Cllr Tanner (Chair), Cllr Drinkwater, Cllr Spencer, Cllr Weingart, Cllr Firth Cllr Clarke. Members of the public: Chris Coombs, Nigel Yates, Joe McGovern, Betty Webb, Kate Smith, Malcolm Webb, Lorna Piper, Trevina Smith, Liz Bennion, Ellie Wileen, Emma Weingart, Paul Templar.</p>
<p>Apologies 00148</p>	<p>Cllr Mahon and Cllr Hodges</p>
<p>Declaration of interest personal - prejudicial 00149</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>Minutes of meeting 6th September 00150</p>	<p>The minutes of the meeting dated 6th September were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair. Proposed Cllr Spencer, seconded Cllr Weingart.</p>
<p>Public Participation 00151</p>	<p>Mrs Smith asked for details of any progress with cottage and Caretaker. She was frustrated by continued lack of progress. Chair advised interviews had now been held and project progressing. Mr Coombs wanted to talk about Neighbourhood planning and the idea that some houses could be built on recreation ground. Cllr Firth responded that there regular wishes for affordable housing and only land owned by Parish Council could be considered for development by the Parish Council. Up to 12 houses was a possibility but it was not a proposal. Indeed it was believed this would not be supported by the community. Tonia Vincent explained this is the sort of sacrifice that would be needed as developers no longer had a responsibility to build affordable housing. No other land had been identified for this purpose. Discussion re viability of rec ground and necessary controls if ever proceeded</p>

	<p>with. Discussion re AVDC imposition of targets for new builds.</p> <p>Best Kept Village reviewed and Vicarage orchard signage needs attention. Also cottage garden and noticeboards needed greater attention. Churchyard tidiness was highly commended and all appreciated effort taken. Clerk asked to get bus timetables reprinted. Clerk answered questions on the communication of the upcoming election and where it had been displayed. Cllr Spencer explained progress being made re launch of new website. Council asked about the cost of the election and the Clerk gave a thorough detailed explanation of what had happened over the past 3 months including co-option of Cllr Mahon and the election which is now imminent after being requested by 10 Parishoners to AVDC. (this information can be provided by AVDC as it is a matter of public record). He confirmed that the cost could be up to £3,500 and this would be taken from the precept (Council tax). It was commented from the floor that this was a drop in the ocean in comparison to the money wasted on other things. A heated debate followed regarding election procedure. Request for council to consider the lack of lighting and speed of cars on West Street. Cllr Firth explained moveable MVAS speed sign. Clerk advised malfunctioning street lights should be reported to him for repair.</p>
<p>Youth Club Proposals 00152</p>	<p>Proposal already circulated to Councillors. Cllr Spencer thought it was a fantastic suggestion to set up facility and thanked Ellie Willeen who was present at meeting. To be split into junior and senior groups, meetings on Sundays. (Clerk had referred, in anticipation, to Bucks Association of Local Councils who in turn confirmed financial support for such an endeavour was acceptable under rule s137). Project was for the good of the community. It was hoped group would become self funding. Clerk/RFO suggested support should be subject to annual review. Storage would be required for</p>

	<p>facilities. It was proposed by Cllr Spencer that support be given for a year and then review, financial support be given (a figure of £300) and that no charge would be made for hire of the hall. Seconded by Cllr Drinkwater. Unanimously agreed.</p>
<p>Parish Clerk - 00153</p>	<p>Mr Coombs had written in re planning application which would be covered later. Letter received from Garden Cities who are considering a development of up to 10,000 houses close to Winslow. A meeting had been held with AVDC and representatives of other local Parish Councils re this matter on 3rd October. This is not a formal planning application. Full Plan to District Council January 2017 with a 6 week consultation period and if approved to Secretary of State in March 2017. Clive Parker and Simon Garwood from BucksCC also spoke about Unitary Business case – proposal to abolish all authorities in the County which would result in a £45.4 m saving by creating 1 authority with 5 planning authorities to ensure local decisions. 19 local community boards of which town and parish councils would be members and key partners.. Funding of £2m spread across these boards. Expertise of Parish Councillors would be highly relevant. District and County Councillors would be reduced from 238 to 98. Local communities will be asked to shape their own future. Parish Councils would not be given accountabilities they did not want. E mail from AVDC asking for completion of database re village facilities. AVALC meeting AGM on the 5th November. Discussion re dog fouling notices. Discussion re e mail response - white lines on west street following visit by Bucks County Council regarding parking problems. Election on Thursday details with count in premises immediately thereafter. Count can be attended by Councillors on pre agreed entry with returning officer. Clerk had chased Co-op regarding waste paper again. Groundsman had advised that Etesia mower needed servicing. Clerk arranging meeting</p>

	<p>with Charlotte Hewes Community Engagement officer – Hs2 – ongoing. (to be 20th October).</p>
<p>Working group update on activities 00154</p>	<p>Neighbourhood and development Cllr Firth addressed the meeting. Planning Applications for consideration: Single storey front extension and conversion of garage to a habitable room Planning Application 33 Ashgrove Steeple Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2LW Ref. No: 16/03301/APP The Parish Council did not object to this application. Proposed PF seconded FS Unanimous. Outline application with access and layout to be considered and all other matters reserved for the erection of twelve two-storey self-build dwellings with associated access, parking and amenity space Planning Application Land Adjacent To 34 North End Road Steeple Claydon Buckinghamshire MK18 2PG Ref. No: 16/03311/AOP The PC objected on the grounds of proximity of site access to the 90 degree bend on North End Road where high traffic speeds are regularly observed. Until the Neighbourhood Plan is further developed we would not wish to see this application approved at this stage. Proposed PF seconded DW. Unanimous. Outline planning permission with access and scale to be considered and all other matters reserved for the demolition of garage and erection of detached dwelling. Planning Application Land At 13 Brackley Lane Calvert Charndon Buckinghamshire MK18 2HF Ref. No: 16/03424/AOP The Parish Council did not object to this application.</p>

Proposed PF seconded FS. Unanimous. Neighbourhood Plan heading towards consultation phase (November 16). Discussion already held re questionnaire. PF had discussed with AVDC about housing numbers and had asked how was this going to be achieved. NP group would attend meeting with AVDC to find further sites. Great Horwood NP stood up to AVDC Planning application that had been approved and decision reversed! Encouraging!

Communication and events

Cllr Spencer addressed the meeting. Website discussion – all Councillors had been sent a link to review and feedback. Deadline for comments agreed at 7th October. Dog signage had been put up but concerns regarding fencing utilisation – later verbally agreed by land owner who was at meeting. All weather signage being arranged near entrance to park. Resolved that Wording to be agreed and printing costs estimate £25 per sign total £50 spend. Unanimous. Fireworks meetings continued. Skateboard Park would be the beneficiary for bucket collections from event in 2016 Proposed FS seconded JC – Unanimous. Marshalls would be arranged and all Councillors asked to help on the night. It was agreed that PC would hire PA system. (Alternate offer was made but this was later withdrawn as being unsuitable.) Clerk to confirm in writing. Discussion re Newsletter entries for November issue.

Finance

Cheque run included cctv £2,130, Fireworks £3,600, wage payments, September hall cleaning bill £842, firework novelties £1,158 and Handyman wage and purchase of equipment £2,115. Proposed FS seconded DW. Unanimous. Bank balances end September c/a £96156, Tracker £21022, Lloyds £50k NSC's £5,298 Tennis Account £5,504.

People and Assets

Cllr Drinkwater addressed the meeting. It was **resolved** that SCPC should accept quote from TF

	<p>as a first step to balance village hall heating system. Clerk read out spec. Proposed PF seconded BD. Unanimous.</p> <p>It was further resolved that the battery pack in emergency lighting at the Village hall and fit an emergency light at the pavilion. Proposed PF seconded FS . Unanimous</p> <p>It was further resolved hard wired carbon monoxide detector at pavilion proposed PF seconded FS Unanimous.</p> <p>It was further resolved librarian old computer be replaced at a cost of £189. Proposed PF seconded FS Unanimous.</p> <p>It was further resolved that quote from JB be accepted for the repair of tractor shed roof. Proposed Pf seconded JC Unanimous. Group made 11 visits to Rec Ground and 12 visits to village hall as part of regular inspections and health and safety checks.</p> <p>Hs2</p> <p>Clerk confirmed response from TWAO Greatmoor sidings had been sent and acknowledged. This was in support of Calvert position. SCPC did not wish to appear at any enquiry that may follow. Re petition – still awaiting date.</p> <p>Devolved services</p> <p>Nil</p>
<p>Caretakers Cottage - general 00155</p>	<p>Clerk addressed the meeting. Spec for job of cottage refurb had been written, sent to 3 contractors and he had 3 unopened quotes on file. Lengthy and detailed discussion with full analysis as Contractors A B and C.</p> <p>It was resolved that Clerk should go back to Contractor C and advise that the PC keen to award contract: provided The price of the new bathroom (upstairs) includes all connections and modifications needed to the drainage system and that the work can be completed by the end of the year. It was also resolved that should builder C respond positively</p>

	and in line with our expectations then he should be awarded the contract. Proposed Cllr Firth, seconded Cllr Spencer 5 in favour, 1 abstention.
Matters of a confidential nature 00156	Due to the lateness of the hour it was agreed that the Parish Council would meet again in closed section on October 10 th at 7pm to finish the meeting..