

STEPPINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

For: Steppingley Parish Council
 Held on: Tuesday, 11 March 2025

PRESENT

Pauline Henninger
 Keith Herring
 Hugh Jackson (Chair)
 Marcus Webb
 Chris Wood
 Lionel Yarde
 Julie Todd (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Ian Adams – CBC

APOLOGIES

Melissa Jordan
 Cllr Gareth Mackey – CBC
 Cllr Heather Townsend - CBC

Agenda Item	Action
<p>1.</p>	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllr Jordan and Ward Cllrs Mackey and Townsend.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Members' Interests None</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>CBC Councillors' Reports Ward Cllr Adams reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crematorium Lighting – it was agreed that clerk would write to Planning Enforcement re street and footpath lighting. - Highways – new works will have to wait for new financial year – April 2025. - Gulleys – will now be cleared annually. - Flitwick + Eversholt Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Closures in May for broadband work o Flooding – works planned for July. - Flitwick Road – 30 mph sign has been righted. - Local Plan Call for Sites – list will be available end April. - Steppingley Traffic Survey – 18,888 movements in the week of the survey with an average speed of 37 mph. Traffic Management Meeting on 13/03/25 Cllr Henninger attending. Traffic calming solutions – speed cameras, chicanes, red tarmac. - Meeting with P&CC John Tizard – will raise issue to cannabis dumping (Cllr Jackson to forward details) and speeding through village. - Ward Councillor Grant – SVA thanked Ward Cllrs for £900 grant towards heating. Ward Cllrs Mackey and Townsend to confirm support for cradle swings. Grant will continue in new financial year.
<p>4.</p>	<p>Minutes of PC Meeting: 28/01/25 Cllr Jackson proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Yarde seconded and it was unanimously agreed. Cllr Jackson signed the minutes.</p>

5.	<p>Reports</p> <p><u>a. Planning</u> Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>b. Highways</u> See (3) above. - Flitwick Road Speed Camera – works intermittently. Cllr Wood to follow up with CBC.</p> <p><u>c. Footpaths, P3, Hedges, Tree Warden & Conservation</u> Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>d. SVA</u> Cllr Jordan sent in following report: - Defibrillator is all up-to-date and The circuit portal which liaises with the ambulance service has been updated - Quiz night was well received and raised £300+. - Heaters – see (3) above. February’s bill was nearly £400 – heaters might have been left on over a weekend - so we will be fitting a Hive type system - Windows – main front window proposing refurbing, others will be replaced. Currently receiving £200 pm repayment of deposit. - Website – launch of new site depends on ownership of steppingley.org URL. Cllr Jackson to liaise with Cllr Jordan.</p> <p><u>e. Recreation Ground</u> - Cradle Swings – new matting has been laid. Swings will be fitted April. - Village hall clock – now repaired.</p> <p><u>f. Steppingley Profile</u> - Steppingley sign – currently being repaired. - Church End Sign – Cllr Wood to liaise.</p> <p><u>g. Communications</u> Village Whatsapp group is well used.</p> <p><u>h. Finance</u> The financial spreadsheet was circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Accounts – as of 28/02/25</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td>£1,022.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve Account</td> <td>£11,579.56</td> </tr> </table>	Current Account	£1,022.70	Reserve Account	£11,579.56	<p>CW</p> <p>MJ</p> <p>MJ</p> <p>HJ/MJ</p> <p>MJ</p> <p>CW/MJ</p>
Current Account	£1,022.70					
Reserve Account	£11,579.56					

	Invoices to be paid			
	13/02/25	Smith of Derby	Village Hall Clock Repairs	£540.00
	05/03/25	CPM Playgrounds	Grass Matting	£1,536.00
	Total			£2,076.00
	It was agreed to transfer £1,500 to current account.			
6.	Meeting with Blake Stephenson, MP 14/03/25 Matters to be raised: 1. CB/22/04108/FULL Land South of Steppingley Road Flitwick – development of 170 new homes. 2. Is there a point where CBC can regard itself as having fulfilled its obligatory house building targets? 3. Froghall Farm, Ampthill Road, Steppingley MK45 1AB - use as a creative hub or an employment opportunity? 4. Fly Tipping – particularly cannabis farm tipping.			HJ
7.	Correspondence Community Governance Review 2025 – 27/02/25 Notice of review was circulated.			
8.	Matters to be Brought Forward to Next Meeting Flat Swings			
9.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday, 13 May 2025 – Annual Meeting – 7.30 pm Annual Parish Meeting – 8.30 pm			

The above are considered a true and accurate account of the meeting.

Signed

Date