

**Minutes of the meeting of the Steeple Aston Parish Annual Meeting held on Monday 17th May
2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room**

Present: Mrs Mason (Chair), Mr Preston (Vice Chair), Mrs Willatt, Mrs. McKinley, Mrs Trinder, Mr, Coley, Mr. Ferguson,

Members of the public : Cllr Jelf, Cllr MacNamara, Mr & Mrs Hallam, Mr. Lane

In attendance : Cathy Fleet (Clerk)

Apologies: There were no apologies

Minutes of the last meeting : It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish meeting held on Monday 18th May 2009 be signed as a true record.

Chairman's Report: The Chair presented her report :

Millennium Park and Play Area have been completed. Richard Preston has achieved huge success with grants and has masterminded this large project through and our thanks must go him to the committee who has been working on this. Steeple Aston should have a splendid new adventure play space for older children and a totally refurbished Play Area for the younger ones, and, judging by the remarks of parents at the park, it is the best in the county.

The general business of the PC continues and in November we said goodbye to Sue Lee, who had been our clerk for the second time around, since 2007 as she left to become Town Clerk of Wadebridge. We welcome Cathy Fleet, who was newly arrived in the village in 2009, whose first position as a Parish Clerk this is, and who is putting in much hard work getting to grips with the business and the bureaucracy.

The Emergency plan was completed, thanks to Clare and John who put this together. Work is proceeding on appointing a village steward, the possibility of Sustainability plans for the village, (a project which Mike McKinley is leading), with improvements to the Pocket Park and the planning for a public toilet and store for the S&R adjacent to that building, more fund raising in prospect.

A site for a possible second Affordable Housing development was identified in September 2008 and by now we had all hoped that visible progress would be being made. However, the plans are on track and the recent second survey of interest shows that we do have a sustained need for the 12 dwellings planned. Sovereign Housing Association is the association which will see the plans through to completion. We hope that by next year building will be well underway.

Plans for improvements for the Village Hall have been partially carried through, with external maintenance work just completed. The need for a new boiler is pressing and the PC has agreed to support the Village Hall Committee in raising the funding for the most necessary items in the improvements plan. The S&R building has been maintained and dry lining to the changing rooms just completed.

The Parish Plan has been completed and thanks go to Julia Whybrew who has led the process and to the committee. The results have been assessed and follow up work is in progress.

The AGM report is an opportunity to thank people. Mark Probitts, our maintenance contractor, continues to keep the village looking good. Thanks to members of the various committees, Play Area, which is now disbanding, S&R and SAVH who continue to work hard for the village and to the Website, which grows and goes from strength to strength. Most importantly, to all of you, including Cathy our Clerk (and our SAL reporters who willingly sit through and report on our meetings) for the support you give and the time you spend, working for the PC and the village.

Thank you all.

Margaret Mason

Public Participation : there was none

Matters Arising : There were none

The meeting closed at 7.33pm

Signed

Date