

STEEP PARISH SURVEY – complete text input on the submitted questionnaires July 2011

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2 Other community events attended

- 011: Steep Flower Show, Harrow Quiz Night, Cricketers November, Cricketers karaoke
- 121: Steep Flower Shows – has been going over 60 years
- 124: PYT at Bedales
- 138: Flower Show
- 911: Bedales Arts & Flower Show
- 912: Flower Show Bedales ~Theatre, Gallery, Concerts in Quad
- 932: Steep Flower show
- 941: Flower Show
- 982: Quiz at Cricketers
- 1001/2: Steep Flower Show / Bedales Arts events
- 1411: Bedales Arts / Steep Flower Show
- 1471: Steep Flower show, plant sale, jumble sales. What was this New Years Eve Party?
- 1491: PYT events/activities
- 1531: Steep Flower Show
- 1561: Flower Shoe is a model of its kind – great asset to the parish
- 1591: None.
- 1601: Flower Show

Also: re-planting trees on Common; volunteer Steep school reading project; Bedales Arts; Steep Flower Show; Steep Flower show; Charity at Harrow Inn; Steep Flower Show; Steep Flower Show; Steep Flower Show; Steep flower show; didn't know there were any; Steep Flower Show; Flower show; Steep Marsh ladies' Xmas lunch; More communal events; Steep flower show; none; Steep Flower Shows; PYT at Bedales; Steep Common re-generation plan; Flower show; Steep Flower Show / Bedales Arts; none; Steep Flower Show; tree preservation on common / Flower Show; Flower Show; Flower Show / coffee morning; Steep Flower Show, Plant Sale, Jumble Sale; PYT events/activities; Steep Flower Show; Steep Flower Show is a model of its kind. It is a great asset to the Parish; None I'm afraid; Flower Show.

3: improvement suggestions for community spirit

- 051: Church activities on the Common
- 081: This village is not geographically a whole. It has a well-populated centre (Mill Lane, Church Road, Hayes Cottages) and several outlying hamlets, small centres: Ridge Common, Island, Ashford, below Church and Steep Marsh and the Dunannie Hamlet – each with its own character and social mixing. Bedales is hugely important and links several areas
- 141: relocate the nursery school/play group to say Stroud Chapel and form a regular breakfast / lunch club for the over 60s at the Village Hall
- 151: An allotment hut central to the village where members can come and brew up/chat/exchange vegetables
- 161: A children's Christmas party at the Village Hall
- 171: Find a "centre" to the village/parish. Being so long, there is a sense of "village" and the rest – find a "something" that brings the two together
- 191: build low cost housing for a mixed community
- 192 as above, agreed

201: The feeling of being part of a community cannot be forced, there are already many activities and events that could have a uniting effect. A locally share-owned village shop with café might have a good community enhancement.

211: More evening activities in Village Hall i.e. Race Night, Musical Review a la Elsted Village Hall

231: Making village centre where people would meet by chance etc. Supporting Cricketers Pub more

241: Neighbours making time to talk to each other about village and village concerns; individuals making an effort to know others who live nearby/on the same road

251: It would be great to have local produce markets at the village hall - even if just a few each year

281: More community activities based around Steep Village Hall eg. coffee mornings, bridge/whist, community allotments

311: Community garden project linked to the Village Hall

321: Create community association - at present there are lots of disparate group with no coordinating body (eg. how does one find out who runs courses at the village hall?)

331: We need a village centre, people would see each other on a daily basis. There needs to be a shop, cafe, meeting place - all in the same place 401 Village Green at centre; village shop

361: Creation and management of community shop

47: Village Green, Post Office/Shop

49: Parish meetings to discuss any topics arising and social

51: Village is strong and effective already

59: Greater use of Village Hall in daytime i.e. for art classes or monthly lunch

611: Yes, stop messing around with trying to build houses next to the Village Hall. Make the area available for allotments.

621: Unfortunately village events tend to be organised by the same few people. We need to seek, encourage & welcome other volunteers. Develop site next to the Village Hall as a focal point of where villagers can meet – see 4 below.

631: Nice centre on plot of village land – garden seats & orchard.

641: Communication!

651: People should try to understand what a person is trying to achieve, and talk to that person rather than just make a complaint. (especially agricultural/horticultural)

761: I don't really know what is happening & when it is happening, as I don't go to the Village Hall. I think an internet site aimed at Steep villagers would be a fab resource to update people on local events and even chat with others and have facilities such as 'buy and sell' in our area.

771: The sense of community is so much better than it was 40 years ago. If I was younger I would join in many more of the community activities.

781: Maybe a meal organised at the local Village Hall inviting particular streets. This way people get to know each other.

792: Very personal – there is plenty on offer but not all people will want to be involved.

841/2: Summer BBQs , Village Green created, Tennis Courts, Hall – more social events. Cater for people who work during the day.

871: A notice board at Church at end of Lythe Lane may make people there feel more a part of the village.

911/2: Include Bedales School in the running of the community and involvement eg Trustees of the allotment.

921: Village shop

931-4: More community events eg Summer Fete to combine with school

941: Clubs and societies are fine but the village needs an informal physical heart where people can bump into each other and chat.

1001: Parish Council should lead by example. They should adopt a more transparent and consensual attitude towards their constituents – avoid illegal behaviour to further the interest of some counsellors and behave better at meetings.

1071 – More social events

- 1091- Should be more communal events
- 1181 – Too busy working to get involved
- 1191 No – Parish is physically, Politically and socially divided
- 121: Make sure all parishioners are made aware
- 123: Difficult as parish widely dispersed. Layout means most people don't often see each other.
- 127: Bring back summer BBQ at Steep Marsh (not churchy or sporty)
- 128: Shop & café on a Village Green (could also act as Hangers visitors centre)
- 132: Mobile post office 1-2 times a week – this would make a centre to the village
- 136: Community garden next to village hall; lift scheme for elderly to hospital, dentist or doctor
- 138: Have Village Fete or combine with Flower Show
- 139: Village Shop
- 1411: Better use of village hall; produce market; communal garden or orchard or seats & tables on common; community choir; more gatherings on common
- 1421: Do not generally partake in community activities so don't know if there is a community spirit.
- 1441: Annual village fete
- 1461: Develop community newsletter/website from Church. Not high jacked by Christians. Invite Muslims and atheists views. Word 'parish' is loaded.
- 1471: Less dismissive and patronising attitude by some councillors. Allotments would be an excellent way of bringing the community together for all ages.
- 1511: Talks, social gatherings in church to draw folks who don't necessarily go to church.
- 1561: Create a village shop with members of the community as Trustees/ Sponsors. Good example is South Harting.
- 1601: More activities around the Cricketers to mix people; Neighbourhood Watch; children's fun stuff; village picnic
- 1611: The welcome club is a good idea but is rather patronising and elitist. Most older members would like to meet up socially – for tea/chat - and not be herded along to cultural activities.

4. Comments on Heart of the Parish

- 811 Village Hall
- 821 The Church
- 831/2 Village Hall
- 841/2 Has no heart – only any use if have children at a school
- 861 Common and Church 862 Church 863 Church
- 871 Hall, Church, School, + common. Would be nice if the Cricketers felt more part of the community.
- 881 Village Hall
- 891/2 Village Hall
- 901/2 The Church
- 911/2 Steep Common
- 921/2 Steep Common
- 93 1-4 Steep Common
- 941 Junction of Church Road and Mill Lane seems to be centre. More could be made of the village hall and adjacent field to become a general focus for informal gathering as well as organised activities.
- 961/2 Village Hall/Church/Common
- 971 Church
- 972 Church and Steep Common
- 982 Steep Primary School, Village Hall
- 991 Too diffuse to have one heart
- 1001 Village Hall and adjacent recreational land

1561: This is the problem – there is no obvious “heart” to the village. So far as there is a heart, the Village Hall is the obvious choice, so extra facilities and activities in and around it would help.

1591: Village Hall

1601: We don’t feel there is one.

Also: social housing on Village Hall site...; s/b church, pub and hall; Church Road; no real heart at the moment; depends on age and where people live; no heart to village nor hamlets like Steep Marsh; there isn’t one - Steep spaced out; don’t know many people in Steep -I have lived here for years (Hays Cottages) and children went to Primary School. Number of different centres – e.g. Cricket Club; mix of above; Village; War Memorial; Green; community is about the people; Church Road; Anything with children involved brings family and friends together; The Hangers; shop, garage, pub gone; no centre, not typical village; inclusive Christian community; trees, fields, surroundings; allotment site; really no 'heart'; there isn't one (linear); R4 site; there is no obvious heart, but Village Hall is best approximation - extra facilities and activities in and around it would help; probably the church, although as I am not a church goer, Steep feels as if it doesn't quite have a centre; we don’t feel there is one

5: Do we need a “centre” and what could be a more effective village centre?

051: Car Park

061: Affordable Housing

081: Natural public open space & allotments

111: The village shop is perhaps unrealistic

151: Community/allotment hut

171: Affordable housing (new younger blood), village green, large football goals

11: Social Housing on the Allotment area opposite the War Memorial and include a Village Green area. It is essential that the houses are designed in a suitable style but an attractive village green would provide a much needed centre – visually – to the village

21: Something based around the Village Hall

41: An open “village park” with shrubs, benches and the war memorial repositioned in it

81: Incorporate the field next to the village hall as an informal open space where kids could play naturally (not in health and safety playgrounds which are sterile), benches to sit on and meet, enjoy huge varied wild life and perhaps allotments too which are very social.

101: An outside communal space for all generations, next to the Village Hall. Community garden project, orchard

111: In theory it would be wonderful to have an additional indoor/outdoor building near the Village Hall (similar to those beautiful and practical French covered market buildings in town squares) with some attractive and easily maintained landscaped ground surrounding it. This would be a wonderfully easy place to hold fetes, concerts, parties, jumble sales, etc on as the Village Hall facilities (i.e. loos, kitchen etc.) would be nearby. However there are some positives to holding these events on the Common (even though it is slightly less convenient and that is that it is more beautiful than the area surrounding the Village Hall and b) necessitates communication between the School and the Village and c) is nearer the Church which is very definitely the oldest and most beautiful “heart of the parish”. What would be sad is to lose the connection between the Village and its Church and / or the Village and its school. In fact the church could (and it looks as though our marvellous new vicar is doing this already) once again become the heart of the village by opening itself up for use more as a non-religious centre of activity.

121: Yes, More all-inclusive activities centred on the Village Hall or Common, without having to be a member of any organisation.

141: Certainly NOT an allotment site in the centre of the Village

151: Community allotment field with social hut

161: put a sign up saying “Centre of Village”!

171: There is no real heart to the village at the moment. None of the listed locations can be the

heart, they are static. A heart needs to beat (activity) or it is dead. Therefore, these locations need to provide functions to stimulate the heart. The Cricketers pub could be utilised more effectively as a community hub – coffee, shop, PO AND /OR Village Hall could be the hub of monthly function bingo/quiz/disco/fish and chip supper/etc. Four problems: 1. Ideas 2. Organisers 3. Parking 4. Local opposition.

201: A village shop with sub PO and café, capitalised by share subscription staffed with a roat of volunteers and full time paid manager. A small safe children’s play area just outside

211 We need a village green centrally located as in Sheet

221 A village green would be good either adjacent to Village Hall or within Village Common area

231 Yes - Village Green/allotments; Shop/cafe241 It would be good to have a village green/centre situated half way along Church Rd.

251 Not sure a centre could be stablished - would be good to have community cafe or shop possibly in Cricketers pub?

261 Yes, not sure

271 Yes - the village hall combined with a shop and PO would be more effective but the cafe is not viable. Hence: develop the use of the village hall as much as possible across the age range. It s activities appear dominated by children but that may just be the nursery.

281 Village Hall

291 No

301 None

321 Pubs, village hall, schools could be centres for different people. A shop perhaps although not viable. I am not sure even a classic village like South Harting has a centre unless it is the main

331 Yes I voted for social housing on the land next to village hall. this would have been ideal as we could then have had a village green, possibly a shop plus village hall all in one area.

341 Like the idea of a village green on the allotment field by village hall

351 Steep is not a nucleated settlement and therefore does not have a geographical “heart”. Steep Church is the oldest building in Steep and is probably the most natural focus for parishioners - approx. 300 worshipers at Christmas and Easter. The Parish should do more to maintain fabric of building/church yard and make wider use of the Church as parishioners would have in the Middle Ages. Village Centre? difficult - Village Hall but only if a village shop was co-located

361 Yes but unsure of exactly what to propose - a shop by the Village Hall?

391 Plenty of opportunities in a variety of local events

401 Village green with bench seats next to allotments

41 - Shop/Post Office/Café

43 - Ideally we should have Village Shop

44 - Village is strong and effective already

46 - I think the diversity of interests is too great – those with time will have plenty of ideas to suit them and those without time, but who would love to play a greater part, will not be able to give the time required to develop a ‘full’ community

47 - Village Green and Village Hall as tea rooms

49 - Shop/Cafe/Post Office based at the Cricketers Pub would make more of a centre. Would need to be separate from the pub area, maybe a playground there as well. Dig up car park and reinstate garden.

51 - Village Hall plus play area with allotments

52 - Village Shop and Post Office

58 - A shop/post office with cafe attached

611: Use the Village Hall field for sustainable activities such as an allotment or an orchard

621: Land in trust adjacent to Village Hall should be retained as an R4 site & developed as an open space for use & enjoyment of the community.

631: Yes – land by the Village Hall to be set up as community orchard – fruit growing area – cut grss & seats.

641: If the Village Hall were close to the Cricket Club it would be better. Turn the existing one into a Scout Hut & build a new one where I suggest.

781: I believe the school could do more to draw people together for social events.

792: Village shop – they make an amazing difference. An active young pub.

811: Improve the field adjacent to village hall to allow it to be used by children to play.

831/2 Use field near village hall for a pleasant park + activities + allotments (as in Trust)+ possibly village shop/postoffice

841/2 Yes need shop/café

941 A place for informal meeting (hesitate to mention allotments) A Village green, possible boules, seating under shelter, timed running strip as at Marwell

991 The old shop and post office used to be central. I suppose given those facilities the Cricketers would have the position to be so again but very much doubt whether support would be forthcoming.

871 I think the Cricketers could play more of a part either as café/shop/community run pub or something.

881 Use of land next to village for small housing development with village green would make a good centre.

891/2 Not needed

901/2 No

901/2 A Community mini bus for general use ie shopping, club activities, cinema, and theatre visit etc.

921/2 No

931 To use the Parish Field next to the Village Hal, plant it out and add seats etc

932 Some seats on the Common near children play facilities would be great (ans. 6)

941:

961/2 Allotments idea was excellent

1011 – Village Hall with shop

1021 – Lacks focal point

1041 – Don't feel the village has one

1061 – Shop next to the village hall

1071 – More use of village hall

1091 – Some time and money should be spent on making the field next to the village hall a nice area

1191 – Physical separations in the parish make a solution very difficult for people to use

121: Small number of allotments / seating area / play area, Village Hall area

123: Shop natural meeting place

124: Parish so disjointed no real centre. Need a pop-in-centre perhaps in Village Hall

125: Using land by Village Hall for more atmospheric pub / meeting place / coffee / local shop for home grown / home made products

126: Community Centre offering more for young – activities, youth club, cinema nights

127: Mobile shop regular (Tesco Express on wheels)

128: Shop / café on a village green (see 3 above)

131: Community Centre / drop in centre /coordinate with Bedales School if possible

132: Coffee morning, chat etc at same time as mobile PO

133: Steep does not need to create a 'centre' – charm, natural landscape. Please no fake village green

134: Village shop & post office

135: Steep has thrived without centre, why change; no centre give it its character

136: Expand VH area for community shop, better hall, licensed café

138: No

140: Yes

1411: see 3 above

1421: No real centre but liked idea of allotment field being community allotments with perhaps

café/shop.

1441: Use of green space next to Village Hall as play area, rec. and possibly allotments

1461: Taking over Cricketers (renamed) into pub, community centre, drop-in-centre, shop, post office, library, café ...

1471: R4 site used at open space, social area, allotments, wild flower meadow, nature area, seating, meeting place, play area for children. Possibly move war memorial there as focal point.

1501: Perhaps a village pond with ducks and seat where one could stop and chat.

1531: Tricky. Community orchard with seating. Seating is key – somewhere for people to sit and happen on other people. Provide opportunity for talking.

1561: A village shop and assisted housing close to the village hall would help

1581: A shop or some kind of meeting place that was always open

1591: Village Hall serves well

1601: Pub (Cricketers)

Also: Improve village hall + grassed recreation area - mini park - pond, trees, benches with kiosk in summer; restaurant to attract visitors; village green; village green; better parking for Steep School; allotments; allotments; village green; village green; on R4 site; orchard area with seats; Seats near play area on Common; Use land next to village hall; Community barn for party rental; Access to Bedales services; Allotments; Steep Marsh; Hangers Visitors Centre; drop in centre; allotments

7. Pub improvements

011: pity that the Cricketers seems unable, despite many efforts, to make it attractive in the way the Trooper has; it's a perfectly good location and building

031: Space for large group activity

041: the Cricketers should provide quality meals in the restaurant area (as the latest landlords did when they first moved in – it was just about to take off when they reverted to ordinary pub grub)

051: A garden at the Cricketers and safer entrance by car – at present it is on a bend

081: Harrow is the perfect village pub, leave well alone. Cricketers has had about 6 or 7 landlords in my time and is still sterile. Removal of roadside hedge would make it more welcoming

091: pub quiz at the Cricketers

111. All as discussed at the open meeting at the Cricketers

141: Don't change anything at the Harrow! A shop at the Cricketers

151: The Cricketers needs a complete refurbishment (appalling lighting at present) Possibly a new name (cricket is at the other end of Church Road); Pedestrian entrance off Church Road. Themed evenings advertised in newsletter. Sunday lunch good, if better environment.

161: Love to help improve the Cricketers. How? No idea! Proper landscaping / pub garden?

171: A welcoming garden/coffee shop at the Cricketers, A defined identity to the Cricketers? – food/beer/wine/social – what is it? Taps? Pizza? "Cricketers Tapas"??? The Cricketers use Harrow

191: More support by the community whether you drink alcohol or not.

192: Agreed

201 Help the Cricketers to make their grounds much more attractive.

211 Cricketers need to be made to look welcoming make frontage more attractive -tables, umbrellas, flowers and poss. render brickworks 221 The Harrow is very traditional and does not need to change. The Cricketers struggles and might be used for community activities which the Hall cannot accommodate. Possibly mobile library, charity sales, community events etc.

231 Proper path to the Harrow (i.e. safe esp. for dogs/kids. Outdoor family space at Cricketers & more community events quizzes, charity nights, BBQs etc.

241 Cricketers - cafe or small shop, including newspapers, more soft landscaping in car park, provision of grassed garden area; meals should promote local farm produce, not taps or pizza

251 Harrow is great and use Cricketers too but both are not really family friendly (play area/outdoor

space) and not aimed at family dining

261 Harrow - doing well; Cricketers - still searching for an identity to suit it

271 The Cricketers has had countless managers/owners over the past 20 years and have never been a success – it's not a village pub. The Harrow is eccentric but suits the village well - best left alone

281 Cricketers - cosmetic makeover to increase attractiveness and appeal

291 Cricketers: Many good people have failed to succeed and their comments have usually been against the owners. Why not make it a parish pub and add shop and post office

321 Cricketers has too much competition - such that if it is not patronised by locals it won't thrive - so it needs to find that magic ingredient that makes residents want to use it. The Harrow isn't perfect - needs more beer range!

331 The Harrow is very cliquy and too small, plus no children allowed. Therefore, no sense of community. Cricketers - no atmosphere, needs updating. Not many Steep people use it, needs comfortable seating, better coffee machine and better gardens.

341 Not sure Cricketers is thriving - would be a disaster if closed. May need to set up a support group to plan its future

351 More support for Cricketers - organise more Parish events at pubs eg. coffee mornings, plant sales, parish walks etc.

361 One pub needs little help - the other is restrained by the freeholders/brewery. Should the village buy the Cricketers?

371 We think Cricketers would be more appealing as a traditional English pub rather than as a Tapas Bar. The Harrow is obviously wonderful as it is! We would certainly visit the Cricketers for a drink or meal more often if it had a cosier feel to it.

391 The idea of shop/PO at the Cricketers was a good idea

401 Improved outside environment for summer cafe use at Cricketers

41 – Harrow remains unchanged

42 – Variety in menu

43 - No need for change

45 - Better kept beer in Harrow

46 - Should offer shop/post office/cafe facilities

47 - Cricketers Pub is basically dead. Owners in 25 years can't get it right

48 - Green space outside Cricketers

50 - Better landscaping to The Cricketers Pub

52 - Do not change

53 - Only use Harrow Inn which is exceptional in every way

58 - The Cricketers could have the shop/post office and cafe as it would attract passing trade as well as local traffic

58 - No change necessary

621: The Cricketers, sadly is NOT a successful pub, having had many changes of publicans over the years. The interior is dark & depressing. It needs a complete "makeover".

631: Re-make over of the Cricketers Inn with teenage "soda bar" & trendy outside seating & pizza oven re-opened.

711: Children's play area

731: More child friendly, more events held

751: The Harrow is perfect.

771: Do not change the Harrow, it is perfect as it is.

781: The Harrow to do more for the cricket club!

792: The Cricketers needs a face lift – similar pubs like the Rising Sun at Milland have been through this.

801: A few more locals.

811 The Harrow is flourishing already and must not be changed. The Cricketers needs a complete make-over.

821 Both pubs are very good
841/2 Harrow may be wonderful relic but outside just too decrepit. Cricketers no heart.
861 Better food and face lift in Cricketers.
862 Cricketers badly needs more customers – more buzz and attract more local support/custom
871 Harrow is perfect. Cricketers not working. Only time it is busy is when there is a village event there.
881 Harrow cannot be improved. Cricketers should work but doesn't. Needs to be a reason to go there.
891/2 Should be patronised by more locals
921 More live music
931 Cricketers desperately needs garden to draw family business
941 Cricketers uninviting and unattractive. How will I ever feel like going in if it doesn't attract like a country pub? Turn it into farm shop and café?
1002 Cricketers needs a make-over and more welcoming
961/2 Harrow brilliantly - it is what it is; Cricketers – what is it trying to be? Ghastly signage/tarmac
1011 – More country and village events
1041 – Live music
1061 – Many owners have tried with the Cricketers, I guess there just are not enough people for it
1071 – We've been discussing this for 30 yrs and still no solutions!
1091 – Sadly, the Cricketers is barely active
1101 – Better garden for eating out and family use
1131 – Cricketers shop, Café in either
1181 – Cricketeers – use Pizza oven; Harrow – serve drinkable wine
121: How can you possibly improve on a pub that constantly wins 'Pub of the Year'
124: PO and shop in Cricketers
125: Turn Cricketers into low-cost housing. Make more indoor space for winter and bad weather. Keep character of Harrow.
126: Cricketers become more traditional good quality Hampshire food & beer. Outdoor space
127: Perfect just as they are
129: Morning coffee & afternoon teas; longer lunchtime at Harrow; garden back at Cricketers & 2 small bars
131: Cricketers- revamp – external – better food, possibly bistro style
132 A shame the Cricketers never seems to succeed
136: Harrow lovely on fine day; move Cricketers to CH area or totally revamp
137: What can you do with such an ugly building?
138: Harrow lovely, Cricketers lowers tone of village
140: Cricketers needs a focus group; shame it fails
1411: garden at Cricketers, needs good food and ambience. Would like coffee at the Harrow
1441: Cricketers could host post office and act as a café
1451: Cricketers need to be more welcoming and consistent in opening hours
1461: See 5 above. Harrow somewhat marginal and elitist
1471: No change to Harrow. Cricketers: remove hedge, re-open pedestrian access from Church Rd, more welcoming interior (dreadful lighting), possibly part time shop, papers, post office etc.
1491: Cricketers would be better if more locals used it; Harrow lovely in summer.
1501: Harrow sort out car parking to not block in residents.
1511: Village shop type service at Cricketers.
1521: As a publican, I suggest that both pubs could improve their offering substantially
1561: Cricketers need help towards becoming a going concern. It has too much hard standing / tarmac. Needs grass outside with tables and a good menu
1581: I think they fine as they are. Perhaps they could be a little more child friendly

1591: Harrow maybe OK but Cricketers always seems lacking
1601: Children friendly. Cricketers needs to specifically reach out to the village e.g. monthly events

8 Medical Services

031: no problems whilst able to drive
051: may have problems if too ill to drive, as I live alone
081:Petersfield Voluntary Care provide drivers if poss; wonderful supportive neighbours and friends ex local community
111: Would be happy to be part of a voluntary group taking people to the doctor / hospital appointment etc
129: We currently have cars but when not would have difficulty getting to the bus stop
134: Time consuming distance
151: may have problems in future
141: no problems except in ice and snow
46 - To get anywhere the car has to be used
52 - Difficult to get appointments with Doctors. Hospital visits difficult for non-drivers
58 - When I stop driving I will have to get a taxi as I live in the Island
821 Portsmouth Basingstoke are a job to get to.
941 Without a car it would be nigh on impossible by bus
1411: Distance to major hospitals; taxi save

Also: dependent on family members because of lack of public transport; bus stop too far away; no problem thanks to caring neighbours.

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9 Emergency Services

Also: Police and Ambulance were excellent; never had to use them; Lack of police response - 4 days after thefts; Ridge Common Lane seems to attract thieves; Concerned about finding our address; Not used; Have not used them; Ambulance recently impeded by parked vehicles in narrow lanes; never used so wouldn't know; House sign unclear; Harrow Lane blocked by parked cars

12. Neighbourhood Watch

Also: It was very good but change of coordinator has dried up information;

13. What would increase safety?

Also: A policeman in the area; Advice on improving home security; Improve walking from Sheet to Steep Marsh; Beat officer needs to raise profile, village events mobile library; Care Scheme (2); More Police Presence; Keep a dog!; more police not only on radar traps; better service from BT; speed-limit; police patrols; regular police patrols; occasional visits from the police; no additional street lighting, please; Police familiar with residents and local area; enforce speed limit; A&E unit in Petersfield; not street lighting; active country watch; Road safety = too fast up Stoner Hill;

14. Rate information about the Parish

011 Notice Boards only read by pedestrians and are very mucky with old notices, commercial ads left to disintegrate, etc
57 - Not interested
1461: see 3

15. What other sources do you see?

911 Cricket Club Web site, School newsletters
941 Bumping into people
961/2 Tennis Club information
1521: Hants Web

Also: My wife/mother tells me; posts by the road (with posters); Noticeboard at Stroud Church required; word of mouth / Bedales programme; village grapevine; school newsletter; word of mouth; Church notice sheet;

16. Parish Newsletter improvements

041: no suggestions – it's good
051: I find it extremely useful and informative – keep it as it is
081: Excellent
141: Don't change it
171: I really enjoy/look forward to receiving the newsletter – I particularly enjoy the personal viewpoints on the front. It is a good source of info....
241 Don't let numbers of advertisements become greater than necessary to fund it, bigger pictures, more illustrations
251 It is good and would be nice to see more input from school
271 Good and getting better
281 Well liked
321 Often arrives late after events have taken place
341 Excellent
361 Very good monthly publication
381 Do not receive it
41 – Encourage local traders to advertise as it is so useful to find local assistance
44 - Comprehensive and helpful
49 - Very important resource. Really appreciate hard work
53 - Very good
57 - Too religious
631: Great!
641: Never had one – didn't know there was one!
651: Never received it.
661: More adverts for local services.
123: Excellent, a source of knowledge and what's on
124: Brilliant – look forward to reading it
127: Combine with neighbourhood watch info
131: Convert to 'Village' Magazine
136: Think its excellent
761: Don't recall seeing the newsletter.
841/2 Better what's on with map of where it is happening. Assumption that people know where things are.
901/2 Answer to 15 More Notice boards
911 More general news

902 More humorous articles and more art work
931 Its time to go colour – childrens’ section
941 Could it be jollied up a bit – add photos? See attached Itchen Abbas news letter
1041 – I like it very much for info
1061 – It’s very interesting
1161 – Keep it straight forward, adding colour would simply add expense
1171 - A section for children
1411: Diary dates earlier in advance
1451: Excellent
1461: (repeated from 3, seems important) Develop community newsletter/website from Church. Not high jacked by Christians. Invite Muslims and atheists views. Word ‘parish’ is loaded
1481: Excellent
1521: As we have a group of councillors it would be great to have a paragraph on each of their concerns or opinions and how these are faring
1531: Much appreciated and read cover to cover!
1561: Really good

1581: Think it’s excellent – helps reinforce the sense that Steep is a community

17. Improvements to the website

081: Wanted and For Sale page, very useful in the past
111: For tourists, needs far more pictures and should link up with Hants and Petersfield accommodation website a la Gower Holidays’ website brilliant!
161: Local map showing all public footpaths etc
171: An interactive forum
231 Would like to be on a mailing list & automatically notified of any updates; Community to discuss just these kind of issues
281 Very good site
311 I don’t have the internet at home
43 - Fine as it is
57 - Didn’t know about the site
621. Introduce a forum where parishioners can exchange views. Add a small ads section.
641: Advertising its existence would help hugely!! I would if I had known it was there.
127: Didn’t know about it
131: More updating, option to post comments, blogs, adverts, requests etc
134: More info about future plans well before decision made
881 Needs to be up-to-date and newsy
931 It looks very boring from the outside but has interesting information
941 Perhaps it could have a regular piece in the newsletter so that people who like paper format are more aware of the value of the website.
1171 - advertise it more.
1191 – Keep it up to date, especially planning applications
1451: Needs to be up to date; some links don’t work
1501: More user friendly; more interactive
1601: virtual parish noticeboard

Also: more info before decision made (Council);

18. Other improvements to parish information

151: Parish Noticeboard near School / playing field

161: Hayes Cottages noticeboard, larger unlocked Steep March noticeboard
201: The parish newsletter is essential and sufficient
231 Decisions reached by Parish Council should be publicised more; decisions of PC meetings and topics to be discussed should be publicised in other places, not just PC minutes and website
241 Better noticeboard at Village Hall, so notices do not blow away. Noticeboards in other places – Ridge Common Lane, Hays Cottages, Island, Ashford. Website address on each board
271 Make as much use of the newsletter and website as possible. Might consider emailing key information to villagers signed up
281 Well informed
351 More information on local businesses/suppliers etc. Froxfield has a very good booklet along these lines. This information could also be put village website
41 – Find Village website and Parish mag ideal
43 – It was disappointing that Petersfield Post did not cover Parish Council elections as the Newsletter did
44 - I think it is about right
46 - I'd like to receive them, or be made aware of where to find them, as I was with this questionnaire as notices were placed where I walk the dog.
47 - Less of 'Middle England'
49 - Very good local activities. Usually know well in advance
59 - A full report of Parish Council meetings in newsletter
611: Impartiality & a political information. The bias on the previous "survey" (of the Village Hall field) was shameful.
641: As the information in the last 13 years we have lived here has been virtually nil – ANYTHING would be an improvement!
121: As said in no. 3 – allotments etc
140: Try to ensure all is in the newsletter
761: Would just like to see any improvements!!
781: The Parish Council feel very distant & I don't feel I know any of the representatives – I would like the village not to be developed further.
841/2 Maps – where does the walk start. I didn't know where the common was. Lack of information on candidates for local election.
961/2 Not much information on what goes on in village for children/clubs on website.
1161 – Another noticeboard at Hayes Cottages
1411: dates earlier in advance
1501: more information boards spread around parish – not just Village Hall

20. Specific location for additional mains services

051: Church Road outside the vicarage floods with raw sewage. Sewer pipe needs tree roots removing
071: Improve broadband on the Island
0141: Broadband very poor in Ashford area
161: Ridge Common Lane needs improved broadband
171: Unfair question without explanation of how they would be funded. Need better Sky reception too.
271 Mains sewerage along Ridge Common lane
43 – Steep Marsh
46 - Steep Marsh, between Sheet and Downgate Cottage
52 - Ashford Lane – months taken to repair mains leaks
60 - Ashford Lane

621: Traffic jams at school times. The main road through the village i.e. Church Road is far too busy at all times of day.
124: All of Steep & Steep Marsh
135: Harrow Area
137: Ridge Common Lane
701: don't require mains gas but it would be welcome
821 All of Steep – GAS
841/2 WI Fi which is not good – mobile useless. Underground earth heating systems
861 Mill Lane – proper pressure to mains water.
881 Mill Lane
912 Gas – Dunhill
931 More services Ridge Common Lane
941 Gas – whole village . Are there areas with no mains water?!
961/2 Gas & Broadband Church Road
1002 High speed and capacity broadband in Church Road.
1071 - Church road
1081 – Hayes Cottages
1131 – Opposite tennis club
1181 – Ridcge Common Lane
1191 – Mill Lane
1441: Mill Lane (existing mains water very low pressure)
1451: Area by C18 / Owens cycles
1471: Church Road / Mill Lane
1481: Ashford Lane
1521: Lower end of Church Lane (sic) very poor phone/ADSL connection and continuous power cuts
1531: Improved broadband to cable
1601: would like cable

Also: gas would be nice but leads to intense pressure on development; mobile phone erratic; months to repair leaks in Ashford Lane; Ashford Lane; mobile phone signals; unfair question (without details of location, funding and beneficiaries)

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21 Community owned energy sources

841/2 Underground earth heating systems
931/4 Not it sure its windy enough for wind turbines
941 Geo thermal if possible
1001 Heat pump for public buildings
1521: Heat pumps / ground source heat pumps – eg under the common for heating the church and Steep school

Also: solar panels on the side of A3 to cut noise; no wind turbines; Bio-mass resource in Steep Marsh; Interested in all these but don't know enough; unfair question (without details of location, funding and beneficiaries); nuclear fission; Domestic solar panels to match building; water turbine; I suspect that this will just be a Church Road thing...;

22. Specific Road or Footpath issues

012: Lighting and footpath from Island to Hays Cottages
051: Road too narrow outside Vicarage because of new wide pavement

111. Bell Hill and Stoner Hill traffic goes far too fast; need much more control of traffic speeds. Cycling to town from Steep should be encouraged and where possible we do but is lethal and I discourage my son, aged 11

161: Litter on Stoner Hill

171: Footpaths – stiles in bad condition, condition of paths – v v boggy; hedges overgrown. Too many road signs, markings, overgrown hedges – notwithstanding the restrictions on the cutting until the end of July. Concerns over the amount of large lorries using very narrow lanes. Speed of drivers in Ridge Common lane. Hedges need a trim

191 Too many cycle routes are very dangerous for cyclists

201: poor maintenance of stiles on some footpaths

221 some concern about traffic congestion around the Primary School

232 Poor signage around gate to village school; no pedestrian paths in Village Hall car park - v dangerous for small children

231 Poor maintenance - water running across lanes - v, slippery (Ashford/Mill/Island Farm Lanes; Manhole covers not flush with road surface - v. dangerous for cyclists Bell Hill to Stoner Hill

231 Vehicle speeds esp. Church Road and past school, needs calming measures

241 Cycle lane Alton Rd. Traffic volumes on Church Rd.

261 A useable pathway from Hays cottages to Island and the track to Froxfield would improve access on foot. Grass verges would make walking much safer 30 pmh limits a good idea

351 too much street furniture, legacy signage not removed, poorly maintained signs, bollards etc. Roads in Steep Marsh poorly maintained compared with Steep. No horse riding signs - cars regularly scare or run horses off the roads. Litter - huge amounts in Steep Marsh on verges - much of it discarded by delivery drivers!

361 People drive TOO fast at school drop off time at Steep and Bedales

391 Some footpaths need attention

46 - We walk frequently and vehicles drive furiously everywhere

47 - Tractors and pot holes are awful

48 - Ridge Common Lane and lack of footpath

49 - Ridge Common Lane should have a 30mph speed limit the whole way down it

52 - Too many horses using narrow lanes. Lay-bys on single track lanes never cleared to encourage their use

53 - Post code very confusing by Harrow and Kettlebrook

55 - Speed bumps would help to slow down speeding motorists, morning and evening as they cut through to avoid Petersfield. On one side of Church Road there is no footpath. If gate is directly onto road and one is hard of hearing this is a great danger!! During school drop-off and pick up times the traffic can't speed but before and after that the speeding is quite dangerous

56 - Speed bumps would slow down speeding motorists who use Church Road as a rat run. Rubber and metal speed bumps at the EHDC offices are very effective and seem to be the only solution to an ever increasing number of speeding motorists. There are many elderly citizens and children who would benefit from the installation of speed bumps. Due to inadequate street lighting and no foot paths residents are in danger as their gates open directly onto the road

58 - Path from the Island down to the Cricketers

59 - Very small percentage of people leave glass litter and break down sheep fencing

124: Heavy goods & construction vehicles cause damage to verges & ditches

127: No street lighting (in Steep Marsh). We love the darkness

129: No footpath from bottom of Stoner Hill to Cricketers; new speed limit has made no difference

131: Narrow section of Long Road, why so narrow? Inconsiderate parking near Sheet level crossing; use common for drop off for school. Need some sections of double yellow lines near school to allow cars to pass one another.

136: Bell Hill traffic needs to be slower

137: Would like to see lighter coloured roads as of old to distinguish between country and main roads

681 & 682: Enforcing weight restrictions along Ridge Common Lane

792: Speed limits – Stoner Hill

811: Steep School needs a drop off area

831/2 Church Road is very congested with traffic jams where parked cars make a one-lane highway at times. Solution is difficult but avoid increasing problem by not building extra housing in the centre of the village. Mill Lane/Church Road junction and Hays Cottages/Stoner Hill junctions would become more hazardous. Extra housing should be clear of central Steep

871 Unnecessary and unsightly road signs in a AONB. Ridge Common Lane should be 30 mph for total length. Lythe Lane should not be 60 mph

872 If A272 is 30 going through villages. Ridge Common Lane should be 30 all the way.

901/2 Very poor maintenance of stiles on public footpaths.

941 Width of pavements on Church Road. Either the hedges needs a good cutting back to widen the path or the paths were too narrow when built, because not great in places for two people side by side without bunching or scratching in hedges and this is not easy for infirm or disabled or mother/child.

951 Living very close to Steep Primary we are often denied access in or out of our drive due to inconsiderate by Steep School parents

981 Traffic jams on Church Road plus Bedales traffic

991 Need for better turning space at Church/ School

1002 Hangers Way – A3 to Church and Common very muddy

1021 – Limit HGVs in Church road

1081 – Church road footpath needs hedge cutting more regularly

1091 – Would like less road signage and less lighting

1131 – Maintenance of footpaths (overgrown)

1181 – Far too much signage, traffic calming and other municipal eyesores

1191 – Church Road used as rat run

1441: Signages on speed limits spoil countryside views in Mill Lane

1451: Speeding on C18 – much by Steep residents; un-kept stiles – tricky negotiating with baby on back

146: Much problem with parking in Church Road during school pick-up times

1471: Added to problem caused by schools, delivery vehicles, builders' vehicles etc cause congestion; Ch Rd used as 'rat run' for A272 and by sat-navs; increased number of cycle clubs using lanes very un-nerving.

1481: Damage to sunken lanes by large vehicles; failure to maintain ditches and drains in working order

1521: The footpath to the right of Steep Common is quite hard to walk down; walkers walk down the left bank causing the soil to erode further

1522: The amount of traffic on Church Road is stupid – too many people from the other side of the old A3 make a short cut through Sheet then up Church Road – together with large delivery vehicles

that then cause traffic jams. Many drivers go too fast up and down Church Road in the presence of cyclists horseriders and walkers. We have had wing mirrors knocked off our cars by drivers in a huge rush.

1531: Dangerous style – rickety with barbed wire – no good for children with short legs

1532: farmers changing the route (?) and using bully tactics

1551: high traffic speeds on Stoner Hill in spite of 30mph limit

1561: It would be good if we could encourage residents of Church Road not to park in the road if they can get their cars in their drives.

1601: Dog poo on Church Road footpath

Also: hedge cutting; road names (Steep Marsh); passing places on Steep Hill & Church Rd; branches & hedges damage vehicles larger than cars; traffic calming on Stoner Hill required;

23. Landscape comments

31: retain present beauty

051: Steep needs a central car park

081: The sunken lanes are disappearing. For example, Ashford Lane from Stoner Road to Ashford, the landowners have allowed trees and hedges to grow, ivy to take over from the myriad of wild flowers, dead saplings, disintegrating banks, disgraceful. The ditches around the parish are neglected or in-filled, causing road verge damage

141: Leave the Hangers as they area. The only necessity is to clear the paths of fallen trees.

161: Access – dog friendly styles. Footpaths need maintaining for access. More mountain bike paths – maintained and signed

191 We need to protect the Ashford Hangers from car parking and more signage. It should also remain unfenced.

201: The main detraction from the enjoyment of the landscapes of Steep is the noise from the A3. Can we campaign to get “whisper” tarmac on the A3 especially now the tunnel will be opening and traffic predicted to increase.

231 Recent logging in Northfield woods has scarred landscape - spoilt walk through woods.

Tarmac of track from Ashford Lane to Water House - unnecessary, ugly, urban. Path (ROAD?!) through Terry Cook’s field - Mill Lane - Northfield Woods - an abomination and ruins the landscape!

241 Introduction of further overhead cables should be avoided with action taken to reduce present ones; Identification and preservation of key landscape areas and views: Village policy on litter and fly tipping; Green initiatives encouraged but not at expense of negative impact on landscape; Height restriction on hedges and trees that block views

271 Local landscape is of a high quality, offering a superb resource for those living in the village

301 It would be good to have a map of the paths on the Hangers (ideally on the web)

321 No more industrial development in Steep Marsh

351 Too much fly tipping: Stoner Hill and Rock Pit lane (Steep Marsh). Development of significant B1 light industrial at Bowyers A3 Jct Steep Marsh from former derelict chicken shed is an eyesore! .Any further development of Brickyards, Steep Marsh as light industrial site

43 – The greatest threat to life in Steep Marsh is increased traffic much of it heavy vehicles in narrow lanes

46 - Didn’t know about Exhibition being in Steep Marsh, of course

47 - Trees being cut down for no sound reason

48 - Dislike over road signing, usually ignored by drivers anyway

50 - Encourage landowners to widen hedgerows, providing areas for greater bio-diversity. Planned planting of more indigenous tree species

522 - When fences were introduced on the Hangers a few years ago to allow sheep to graze, this has not proved to be successful, man still needs to supply water and cut down grazing areas

58 - For me the view from the Poet Stone is the most beautiful and there could be more signs to it for people unfamiliar with the layout

59 - We would like the landscape to be preserved for the future

611: The parish has spoken & decided about the use of the field adjacent to the Village Hall. Respect the decision & stick to it.

701: Don't like the look of wind turbines – and because they are not efficient, any installation would not be worth the intrusion on the landscape.

761: I just don't want to see the beautiful landscape become all built up!!

831/2 Strong objection to further housing complexes in centre of village particularly adjacent to Hays Cottages. National Park should be used as a park.

841/2 Like – natural and rural . Dislike – any attempt to “tame” and confection paths and verges etc. Preserve natural habitat and appearance.

871/1 Too many road signs along country lanes and 272

901 Wind turbines should be thought of as acceptable in the interest of saving planet

902 District planners should tighten up rules governing planning permission in non-development country areas

912 Important that we continue to cooperate with HCC in sensitive management of the Hangers

941 Glorious views, varied trees, varied birds and birdsong. Scent of wild garlic, sound of stream and waterfall.

1002 Views of Hangers Way and South Downs from centre of village very important

1061 – Too much vegetation growth on footpaths and roadside paths, need more regular cutting

1091 – Gradual erosion of rural identity – widening of roads, increasing number of road signs more and faster traffic

1111 – Equestrian land should be managed to control docks and other such weeds which are becoming a serious concern in Steep Marsh

1131 – Mobile phone masts are positioned badly

1171 – Stop creeping infill development. Where it is permitted make it appropriate for the surroundings. Greater scrutiny of planning applications.

1181 – Its beautiful, we are happy

1191 – Some people cut verges to frequently destroying natural habitat. This is not a suburban area

123: There has to be some change/development but should remain unspoiled and as it is as far as possible

124: Loss of drainage ditches in Church Road causing flooding at west end in heavy rain

128: Protect views of Hangers from village and South Downs from the Hangers. Very concerned by threat of housing development in North Mill Lane and Church Road

129: Some footpaths in Hangers poorly maintained; recent building a threat; SOCIAL HOUSING IS A FUTURE THREAT

131: Limited consultation – no alternative times if can't do day allocated

134: Important that landowners bordering lanes know they are liable if branches / hedges are less than 0.5m from road and 5.2m high. Please put in next parish newsletter

149: Likes: sunken lanes, open unpolluted skies, variety of trees, old trees

1411: Continue to publicise important issues and work with other authorities

1441: We have the encroachment of road signs into the countryside

1471: Mill Meadow Field features in photos and looked over by Millennium Seat. If would be a pity to spoil it by road round perimeter (already spoiled by being divided for horse fields). Can something be done about overhead cables?

1481: Please do not pollute the Hangers with signage, heritage trails, car parks or other inappropriate 'improvements'. Management sympathetic to natural beauty so all may enjoy

1491: Prefer landscape around village to remain wild and free as it is now

1521: We have a treasured outlook on the Hangers and really value the walks we are able to take through undisturbed woodland. We very much appreciate the trouble take to preserve this. We also have a footpath running across our land and would really appreciate people understanding that they do not have the right to let their dogs off the lead on footpaths or foul our land or stray across it themselves. Very few seem to understand what the paths are for.

1551: Take full advantage of being in the National Park and thereby vigorously protect our open spaces

1581: It seems important to keep as many paths open and in public use as possible. Also woodland: where it is privately owned, could it be open to walkers and residents?

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24. Noise:

641: Train horns are still appalling & quite unnecessarily loud. South West Trains don't care about the damage the horns make on the countryside & people at all. If you do nothing else, please help us all get this sorted out.

981 Dogs

982 Law mowers

1541: Traffic calming on Stoner Hill required

1591: Hindhead tunnel will give more noise.

1601: constant dog barking from Hays Cottages

Also: Chinooks at night; Deliveries in Steep Marsh; Helicopters - noisy but necessary; Motorbikes; train horns; need quite road surfaces on A3; Bedales parents are sometimes very fast; Military aircraft must be allowed to train; Military helicopters do valued job and are therefore tolerated although a source of noise; Chinooks noisy, but tolerated; Dressage music too loud!; heavy traffic at school time; barking dogs from neighbours; happy with noise level; chain saws; cockerels at night; Sheep (joke!); A272 road noise worse than A3; Don't care about noise; Bedales should use Dunhurst entrance for deliveries

25. SNDP other comments

611: no – just additional bureaucracy

932 The process of dialogue leading to a statement would probably be as valuable as the structure itself.

941 It depends who drafts it and its aims are. Surely this Parish Plan covers the views of the village and could be given to the National Park Authority? Perhaps a précis would work but it must be drawn from the Parish Plan and refer to it, not stand alone separately and be done by just the Parish Council.

26. Visitor Numbers?

031: a village representative should be consulted on any changes within parish boundaries

081: "The landscape is for everyone to enjoy" – no car parks, road signs, display boards should encourage cars, rubbish bins, motor traffic. The peace of the countryside is to be enjoyed, not noisy park centres (as at Q.E.)

55 - Parking problems and noise due to increase in traffic could occur

56 - Parking problems and noise from an increase in traffic could occur if the numbers were too great

941: concerned about: 1) litter – do we have enough bins around to cope; or do bins encourage something more? 2) dog mess – do we have enough doggies bins around or do the bins encourage too many dog walkers? 3) cars – sprinkling themselves along roadsides?

Visitors do keep a place feeling alive, but they might need/ welcome a village centre?

111. Needs management

171: Better parking needs to be provided to provide access – assume more traffic which will not please residents

661: Mainly because of rubbish which visitors leave – there are no rubbish/dog poop bins in the Ashford Hangers.

129: would increase litter, traffic and disregard for Hangers

138: But yes if more traffic

27. Residential development

011: Although I understand the feelings of those who live in Church Road, I still believe suitably and tastefully designed social houses round a Village Green setting on the allotment site opposite the War Memorial would enhance the appearance of Steep and provide an appropriate centre

031: Agreed that it is important that those with string connections should be able to live here. In the country inevitable that majority of homes have a car or two. Church Road and through to Sheet are already busy particularly with two successful schools. Therefore any developments should take place away from Church Road – maybe Ridge Common Lane! Facilities must match increase in population

051: This housing should not be in the centre of the village

061: We should be prepared to share this beautiful area with people who would appreciate it. We support more social housing within reasonable limits

071: The character of the area (incl town of Petersfield) must be preserved. New building should maintain the “Hampshire” look. Kit houses should not be allowed.

081: There should be no further development for some years, either commercial or domestic. There is a big traffic problem and each new house spawns 2 or 3 extra vehicles even light industry creates traffic.

Because one was born in a village does give you a heaven sent right to live there. When young you go where the work is, when you can afford it you have a right to choose where you live – within your means. The genuinely needs disabled should be catered for, but not the idle. Right wing? No, very socially conscious and workkded prof in B+NHS and coluntary aid schemes.

If anything is need it could be more such as Eames cottages for the elderly to remain where they have lived, worked, raised their families; then family houses – occupied by one – could be used for families again.

111. Of course the Parish needs to make provision for residents and children of residents who would like to remain in the area but can't afford to buy a house.

However, I think the Parish, a committee of local residents (and NOT an outside agency) needs to have control of who is eligible for any accommodation built (as happens in the case of the Almshouses) wherever it is eventually sited and I think there was far too little consideration (or at least any consideration given to this was not publicised enough for people to feel happy about it) when the last affordable housing plans were proposed.

Also I think any new accommodation needs to be beautifully designed and landscaped using traditional local materials (and modern methods encouraging conservation of resources) in keeping with whatever surrounds it. This cannot be overstated as Steep residents who bought their houses at considerable cost live here because they love the landscape and will react negatively to anything that they feel detracts from that.

The Parish Council should continue to support the proposal to build nine units of affordable housing on part of the Village Hall site.

151: Plenty of expansion is being sought for Petersfield and no changes (except for existing businesses (Bedales)) is necessary in the village. Needy poor would find it impossible living in Steep having insufficient public transport.

161: As long as it is in appropriate area (no where near main roads, small space and is ready for development), then development of affordable housing is fine. Best location is next to the village hall.

171: The council needs to show leadership, promote and win cases for affordable housing, then decide, where council decide, even with a moajority vote_ and then council to promote logical explanation as to why chosen and campaign as a council for location. Council cannot get affordable housing through consensus.

191: The Parish Council, who have all been newly elected, should exercise the power to decide - in their wisdom - where to build affordable home to halt nimby-ism

201: We do need more social housing and it should be located close to the primary school. The Parish Council should take positive steps forward to this end. And soon.

211 If the Parish Council and EHDC do not promote some sites soon, Steep will become a retirement community and slowly regress.

221 Any development needs to be small-scale. too much infilling by hiving off plots from houses is not necessarily desirable and could lead to a change of the character of the village.

222 Very happy to see small-scale development of social housing to assist young people to stay within the village

231. Infrastructure would not cope if development happens around Church Rd. Already too much traffic - dangerous to walk in a group down the road.

- No centre to village - the more disparate development without creation of a centre, the more fragmented the Parish will become.

- Must be distinctive between Steep & Petersfield/Sheet/Steep & Stroud or sense of identity will be eroded

241 Strongly disagree with use of land adjacent to village hall for social or any other housing

- Make stronger and repeated applications to Bedales to release land behind bus stop at Cricketers cross roads for social housing combined with Bedales staff accommodation
- Look for opportunities to provide more Almshouse type of accommodation fir elderly to retired - releasing houses for young
- Convert larger houses /farm complexes/barns into smaller units for rent or sale to provide social housing for younger people
- Get parishioners to nominate social any derelict land or eyesores that could be improved by building of social housing there

251 Local families are being forced out of Steep and some properties remain empty for long periods. Affordable housing needs to be addressed otherwise the school and church will not continue to flourish. In order for a village to remain vibrant you need a mixture of age groups and it is sad that young families who wish to remain in the area (and who often put in so much to the village in time and energy) feel forced out by lack of affordable housing in the area.

261 Continue to find a solution for affordable housing

271 Parish Council should consider all development with the utmost diligence. The implications for increased traffic in the village are paramount - Church Road is already almost impassable at certain times of the day and off-street parking should be an essential criteria for all new housing including social housing. Likewise the demand for additional social housing in Steep should be rigorously tested.

281 Affordable housing for those with strong local connections is an important consideration, but site needs to be carefully chosen. Site next to village hall does not seem appropriate as development

here would exacerbate traffic flow and safety in centre of village

321 One of the reasons why there are not enough entry level properties in Steep is that too many properties have been allowed to be extended. Out side control of PC. Like to see SDNP identify all settlement boundaries and not allow any further developments outside them (even for agriculture) and only allow building extensions in exceptional circumstances

331 Thought a few houses on the field next to the village hall was a good idea. We don't want a big estate of houses. There have been rumours about the fields at the back of us (Hays Cottages) which obviously we would not like as we have a lovely view at the moment! There would be too many houses on this site. Not sure where else houses could go.

341 Urgent need for affordable and smaller housing in Steep. From 80s sale of council housing to spate of large scale extensions to existing private properties every development in housing has moved Steep towards becoming a dormitory for wealthy rather than a village.

342 If this is to be a vibrant village where pub, playgroup and school can be properly supported, then we need affordable housing to ensure a diverse community. Public transport would also greatly benefit.

351 Maintain vision low cost housing adjacent to Village Hall. Maintain mix of housing - too many houses have been developed to point where they are no longer affordable - e.g. Steep Marsh bungalows developed in last 15 years into 4/5 bed houses. Encourage those with large gardens to build sustainable cabin type accommodation for elderly family members/offspring to enable families to stay together - follow German example!

401 Strongly oppose new development and think affordable housing is not appropriate for a very desirable area and would adversely affect the area and affordability of the houses would be hard to maintain due to market forces and demand for them. We should accept this as a very expensive area and after all parents can leave their houses to their children.

43 – We believe the Village Hall site should be utilised for social housing

46 - Not being treated as part of Steep I have no opinion, but would be happy to see housing next to our home

47 - Three houses built behind War Memorial was a disgrace. Let that be Steep's guide for the future

48 - If we have to have in-fill housing please can it be aesthetically pleasing with good landscaping. In-fill sites should not be looked at in isolation. The whole area should be considered

49 - Make more efficient use of existing dwellings. Discussion with the planners at EHDC on a regular basis at community meetings so they can understand local needs better. This could include our District Councillor

50 - New development plan for social housing to be prepared on the basis of short-term rental agreements. Steep to consider these developments as examples of best practise for sustainable

57 - Keep social housing out of Steep - energy saving (zero carbon/code 6). Make Steep a good example!

521- Since selling council housing there is a serious lack of social housing in Steep. Now Steep residents need to accept this.

522- Parish will only flourish if social housing is built. All recent additions to 'Barns' and so called 'extensions' have all increased the number of high cost housing eg. Three houses on site of one previous cottage, and the Water House which lead to the death of our old oak tree

56 - Still think social housing and some allotments for those residents who have tiny gardens where fruit and veg cannot be grown should be a priority for improving the quality of living

58 - A difficult problem but any new developments should be made attractive with trees, etc and fit in with the surroundings

59 - There is no point in building affordable house for anyone who does not work in Steep

611: The PC must listen to the result of the survey & abide by it.

1. The PC was shameful in its bias, prejudice & approach. This was undemocratic.

2. Steep is a rural community & needs open spaces. Do not build in the most densely populated area of the village (& the green heart)
3. The PC need to understand that those who have lived here for less than 10 years have equal rights to those who have lived here for generations.
4. The PC should not stigmatise the working middle classes who aspire to bettering their families' futures. Aspiration is not a crime.
5. The PC must be more balanced, open & sympathetic to majority views.
6. The PC must declare conflicts of interest & remain unbiased. If not, they will be found out & subjected to external scrutiny.

621:

1. Nobody has a right to live in the parish
2. Sympathetic consideration might be given to those working in the parish.
3. Selection of any housing site, social or otherwise, must be conducted in full & transparent consultation with parishioners from the outset, through website, newsletter, noticeboards & regular public meetings. It must consider the effect on:-
 - The settled community who will be most affected.
 - Visual impact
 - Traffic

641: Any development must be carefully monitored. Generally, if the design is good & small, a little bit of housing would be a good scheme to help young people. But, in my experience the local planners take no notice whatever the opinions of the parish councils, so good luck! Your likelihood of making any impact at all is probably nil – but do try!!

651: This country's population is growing at an unsustainable rate with consecutive governments totally losing control of immigration. So it is only logical that these numbers will flow outside of built up areas. Therefore the only people who can do something about this is the government themselves.

661: Local planning rules should be eased to allow residents to extend/improve their properties, as there are so few local properties available if people wish to upsize in the same area.

681 & 682: Build affordable housing on allotment site adjacent to Village Hall

691 & 692: Would expect the Parish Council to look to preserve the beauty of the area.

701: Infill housing should give priority to social housing for local people where possible.

721: Status quo

741: I feel that any large development in the village, wherever it is, will cause a greater traffic problem in Church Road, leading to the crossroads at the Cricketers pub.

751: Conserve the current appearance of the area. Restrain all development strongly.

761: I think if the council want social housing here, they will have to build it regardless of what we say!! However, our first home was a social home as we needed this as a stepping stone to get where we are now. From living in an area of social housing, it was always obvious the majority didn't work & were happy to live on what they were given by the council. We saw violence & were woken many nights by youths shouting & drinking. We moved here to get away from that & so really don't want to see this again. I understand there are people who genuinely need this sort of housing as we did, but without asking people if they work etc & being selective on tenants, I don't know how you get around this issue!! Also, I can't see there are there are that many with strong local connections in Steep!!

771: Do not make Steep any larger than it is. We do not need social housing, as we are only two miles from Petersfield to the church, less if you walk. It will lose its character & no longer be the lovely parish it is now, if you build social housing & estates.

781: I believe very strongly that there should not be any development of Steep – why live in a beautiful area otherwise & in a village. The BT Building in Petersfield could be developed & potentially the council should look at maybe selling some of their office space & convert into flats. I strongly object to any development in Steep.

124: Need for affordable housing. Nimbyism rules in Steep; Anger at not having housing on allotment field; So many big gardens in Steep for growing vegetables

125: Possible small development behind Hays Cottages. Develop Cricketers site

126: Discourage infilling, encourage extensions in keeping with village character. Maintain green, lush area that attracted us to Steep. Social housing minimum impact if pursued.

127: Must find land for social housing with access to public transport, mains gas. Children have right to live in village where brought up.

128: Small group determined to have social housing even though survey rejected it; concerned by lack of conversation and no election of new trustees to allotment site; Guarantee must be made that housing, if built, be for Steep people only, in perpetuity; using agricultural sites for housing should be resisted.

129: Reject any plans for affordable housing; house prices are high because it is a beautiful, rural area so don't want urbanisation; social housing would detract from area, affect house prices; better in Petersfield where there are jobs and amenities. I have been fortunate enough to grow up in Steep but do not see I have a right to live here in the future – only through hard work.

131: Not convinced Social Housing is indeed good at providing its intention

132: Very confident that newly elected PC will act sensitively making decisions for future of village

134: Put any new social housing near bus route. Village already spoiled by new houses and extensions too large for site, destroying essence of village

135: Few 'in fill' sites remaining, Church Road in poor condition because of much use. Social housing not needed in Steep. Would only add to crowding and poor roads

136: Develop starter homes & social housing on site of Cricketers

811 Choose a site where there is currently minimal traffic flow i.e. NOT along Church Road.

821 Yes to additional social housing

831/2 Steep is a pleasant and rural village and needs to be kept that way. However, it must be possible for local people to remain here and there are surely areas near to but not in central Steep that could be used for some development.

841/2 Respect rural areas as just that. Plenty of places within five miles where building is happening. Insufficient infra structure to absorb more houses. Roads not suitable e.g. Church Road. Don't over build.

861 EHDC should compulsorily purchase land from the large owners.

871/2 Affordable housing by village hall should have gone ahead to provide vibrant centre which would have benefited all residents. Unfortunately, selfish NIMBES voted against before seeing details plans. Expensive allotments are NOT what is needed.

881 Parish Council - as part of Parish Plan Project – should formulate a series of options for the medium term in consultation with key parties such as Bedales. These would be subjected to public consultation and decision.

901/2 Best place for low cost housing is adjacent to village hall.

911 A great deal of time and money has been spent to establish the views of the Parish on this issue – to revisit it in the near future would be a bad mistake. The Council should strive for consensus and discourage the divisive posturing of recent years.

941: The users of any housing must always be strongly connected to Steep, not just the first residents. Could the village / parish council be the landlords and own the houses in perpetuity? Should the "local" connections be graded (like children are to qualify for the school bus) e.g. sibling / parent – x points; old infirm – y points? Maybe this already happens.

Ref the "field": remember "poor" may not mean financial. You may be poor in size of garden, and need more space to grow food i.e. land poor. You may not be "labouring" – i.e. at work – because you are a carer or retired (and greatly in need of society in an ad hoc way) and be "labouring" for no pay. Many people go to work and are time poor and would like to give a small amount of time to a community veg garden. I do think the field should be given a chance for community use before housing is imposed. It is a once only chance. You can't remove the houses. If they prove disastrous

but you can if it's still used as a community space. It's gold dust as a central site. That's why we care about it and the kind lady (sic) who donated it would have hated the idea of bricks and concrete on her village space.

961/2 It has not been handles well. Trust needs to be rebuilt. The public does not want to be 'bulldozed' into new housing in unsuitable areas.

972 All villages need a mixture of ages and social classes to survive. If there is no social housing in the future this will seriously jeopardise the numbers of children attending the village school which, with falling numbers, will be threatened with closure and Steep will lose one of its main focuses.

982 It is a pity that the plan for housing next to the Village Hall was voted out. If there had been fewer houses it would have been voted in. If the Cricketers site is sold it would be an excellent site for social housing.

1041 – There is a demonstrated demand for social housing. It has to go somewhere whether the nimbys like it or not

1051 – More affordable housing for locals please

1061 – Sensible amount of infill should be allowed. Also conversion of old agricultural buildings into residential. Social housing should be in the town where there are support services

1071 – Affordable housing on land next to village hall

1081 – Use the land next to the village hall

1101 – Don't agree with many new houses, but are desperate to get a house in Steep but they are all too expensive. Perhaps a scheme that allows a small plot of land for self-build in return for contribution to the community for several years

1151 – Parish councillors should visit neighbours of house extension applications as this can have an impact on quality of life

1171 – Low cost housing should be considered on an appropriate site

1181 – Social housing was not properly explained before we voted. Better explanation could have resulted in a different outcome

1191 – Ignore the Nimbys and build affordable housing. PC should support infill housing applications and not object

1201 Keep all green spaces, preserve countryside and current appearance. Schools should only be extended to meet demands of greater number of students.

1381: Definitely no more development.

1382: Access to low cost housing but must be appropriate and sensibly sited

139: Site adjacent to Village Hall should not be used for affordable housing; however the village should embrace building of small family homes.

140: Small scale (alms house type) housing near in field by Village Hall would enhance community feeling.

1411: Not convinced present plans for affordable housing are suitable in any way for families.

Suspect real reason is to get precedent for other developments which most people would oppose.

1421: With planning restriction and public objection it is difficult to see how affordable housing could be achieved.

1441: Scope for affordable housing in Petersfield. Not such a hardship even if have connections with Steep

1451: Need for social housing a red herring – not so far from Petersfield; if we build a significant number of houses on green field sites we will become a suburb of Petersfield

1452: If affordable housing to be built (and villages should not be populated just by wealthy and retired) they need to be sympathetically designed – not necessarily in one place

1461: Sensitive development should be encouraged and the 'pulling up the drawbridge' mentality confronted.

1471: Village vote said NO to building on allotment field. Must Council continue to move the goal posts?

1491: Area is outstandingly beautiful in a natural way. Would prefer this is maintained without large housing/building developments.

1501: We need to protect the land and space we have.

1521: Don't infill. The reason we came to this area was because of the nature of the environment 0 it would be sad to see that hugely changed – but it also needs to be a flourishing community and if it wants to support local needs, needs to expand – but the question is where and of what type. Traditional cottages would be the answer if they could be built economically and greenly! Why go for urban buildings in a rural community.

1531: There are plenty of brownfield sites. Strongly against in fill development in such a beautiful area

1541: To try to retain existing stunning views and keep affordable housing to a minimum around Steep as the facilities to support it are scarce.

1551: Additional social / assisted housing is much needed. The site next to the Village Hall remains the best sit and I much hope the possibility of building there can be considered again before long

1571: It was a great disappointment when the affordable housing was turned down in the recent vote by parish residents. We live in a beautiful area but young people many of them from the area cannot afford to live here. We are in danger of becoming an elite village for wealthy people only. We need to be more open. I would hope that the topic of affordable housing in the field next to the Village Hall would be revisited. Those young families would help to secure the future of the village school

1581: The Council should strive to provide housing that people on average or below average incomes can afford. They should invest in good quality low impact eco-friendly building schemes that will hopefully counter the worries of house owners who think that social housing will impact on the value of their properties and / or the beauty and character of Steep

1601: Stop garden infilling

1611: I think the community has made its intentions clear about the proposed social housing development by the Village Hall. Despite voting “no”, the Parish Council seem happy to disregard this decision and appear to wish/pursue development of housing on this site, so given the Parish Council are prepared to ignore the community's wishes I am unsure of the purpose of asking this question. I have close links to a very expensive area of London but cannot afford to live there. Despite this “strong local connection” I do not expect the council to build me an affordable home there!

Also: you can't get a heart to the village if you cannot develop.

29. Public Transport

031: so slow and infrequent that they are ignored. Suggest smaller vehicles, more bus stops around the area and more frequent

071: Even if used little, needs to be preserved.

081: Have used it, but not always reliable or convenient.

152: Better timing for returning shoppers

171: not used

172: I do not need to rely on bus service but it is important that non drivers are able to access the service

173: Before I could drive, buses were very irregular

174: Buses were terrible and took forever, but now I drive

201: The bus service is essential for some people and should cater effectively to them

221 Services are very infrequent and lightly used. If there were more buses it may encourage greater use. The buses are relatively large - try minibus size.

231 Useful for children to go to school in Petersfield?

232 Never used it - but be sad if there were no bus
241 Use minibuses rather larger buses?
251 Frequency of buses do not match commuting to town centre
302 Infrequent: can't use to/from work in Petersfield
321 How does bus service help Steep Marsh - no service along A3 like there used to be
322 The only bus service helps Church Road + Hays Cottages - could we have a Harting style minibus service
323 More stops around the local area eg. Steep Marsh would improve the links between area333
Daughter uses the bus for school - seems to be OK
341 Can bus times be more widely publicised in the village?
342 Affordable housing would boost the uptake for bus services
351 No bus service in Steep Marsh - needed.
352 Need a Steep Marsh bus
353 A local bus service in Steep Marsh to Petersfield would be fab
354 No service
355 We need a bus in Steep Marsh
402 Have not used bus due to inconvenient return times but realise a more frequent service is possibly not viable.
41 – Doesn't pass where I live and very infrequent
43 – We do not use the bus service as Steep Marsh doesn't have one
45 - I doubt if it can ever work. Far greater frequency required to make it attractive but this can't be justified without higher usage. Most of us will remain staunch car users.
50 - Bus for schools. Assistance carrying shopping? Are there any links to school timetables?
51 - Fits and starts with time keeping
52 - Since withdrawal of tokens by EHDC public transport is unavailable to those who cannot drive
54 - Routes need routing to aid users
55 - When bus stop is at the Cricketers on the main road it is a long walk for some people if the weather is bad
56 - The Cricketers is not the centre of our village and only occasional buses come up to Bedales. When the weather is wet and cold it is too far to walk to the Cricketers
58 - It is too dangerous to walk from the Island to the village, so is it possible for the bus to stop outside the Island?
621. & 622: it would be helpful if bus times could coincide more with train times.
631: No bus stop outside of Island & no pavement to current stop.
641: We live about a mile from the nearest bus stop. The bus service is useless.
721: Smaller vehicles, more often
731: Bus often doesn't turn out at the 8.10am time
761: I have never even seen the bus near our house, so wasn't aware one existed. We do both have cars though, so wouldn't use the bus.
781: We are so near Petersfield no need for it.
124: If more affordable housing there would be more use of public transport
129: Should encompass wider area, by the time I can walk to bus stop may as well walk into town
131: More often service direct into town
132: Local bus often late. One driver takes shorter route to make up time leaving some out
134: A bus stop at the 'Island' entrance / Ashford Lane would be welcome
135: Further geographical reach (Harrow)
138: Never used, whilst fit we will walk
841 Too far to bus stop – infrequent
842 Dial a ride? No use – 1 mile to stop
871/2 Although lightly used it would be a pity of lose it altogether. Perhaps twice daily going in AM and back PM (for school kids and people working in town and go length of Church Road.

932 The combination of distance from Petersfield, frequency and cost makes the bus an unlikely unattractive options for both car owners and bike users. To enhance use it should be tailored to the needs of those who are neither ie young people (school time, early evenings? And elderly (midday services)

933/4 A Timetable which is easy to read and more publicised.

941: You seem to get v little time or too much time before being able to get back from Petersfield, i.e. 40 mins or 4 hours after ctaching the 9.36am from Bedales. We caught the bus – very friendly driver - but couldn't do much in the time (40 mins). You'd manage even less if old or infirm or disabled. It seemed quite expensive – I wouldn't use it just to have a "mooch", it would have to be an organised shopping trip. So, it's not really a social asset. Very noisy and smelly bus, however.

982 Was invaluable as a means of transport for our children when they were at TPS. I hope this continues.

1001 On some occasions the bus driver have not come up Church Road. Complaints to company have been dealt with promptly .

1071 – Older residents rely upon it, community bus?

1111 – There is NO bus service to steep Marsh

1131 – It could go to the Harrow and increase frequency

1161 – poorly used because of lack of frequency

1191 – not frequent enough to be viable for everyday use

1421: Do not use bus service

1461: If it is making a loss, scrap it. Encourage a 'post-bus'.

1491: If bus service were more regular we would use it often.

1493: Busses from town at school end times and college drop off times would be great.

1501: Bus service too far away (Harrow Lane)

1511: Smaller bus rather more often – possibly Post Office bus.

1551: I will need it greatly when I become too old to drive (in 10 years time?)

1571: We use the bus occasionally. Please maintain it.

1581: More reliable, predictable arrival times and more frequent buses too and from Petersfield

1591: Bus is great asset to the village

1601: The wheels go round and round

1611: Never use it, drives too fast along Church Road

30: Major Shop

Also: Liphook; Horndean;

31. Village Shop

031: suggest, like Froxfield, outreach service post office based perhaps on Cricketers or Cycle Shop

171: Until there is a viable business case, enthusiasm is irrelevant

341 Difficult - I'd love to say 'yes' but my fear is 'no'. It would take a big effort to relaunch the idea and a lot of commitment. It would be great if it could happen.

49 - Plus Post Office

124: Not as a stand alone shop

140: 'Niche market' small Waitrose / M&S type, central possibly Cricketers – passing trade, parking

1411: coffee bar / deli

142: would support shop selling local produce

831/2 Yes but not counter service. Should be modern self-service.

941: I don't know. It would have to be quite special to get beyond the "bread and milk" purchase. It would lovely to have one, though.

1441: Can't see business case for a shop

1511: Possibly voluntarily operated.

Also: Don't know;

32. Employment Opportunities

Also; Horticulture; Home workers; small scale design studios; Home based Businesses; part-time travelling post office; driven by the economy; NB many do not want more jobs as it will mean more traffic; market gardening

33. Parish Council improvements

081: By abandoning bullying tactic by an old clique, their behaviour has deterred the public from attending open meetings, others have little desire to serve with them. Has been largely self-perpetuating until a few years ago, when we had an election – and the council complained at the cost of this. Democratic? – no!

101: Better communication and transparency

161: Need to finalise affordable housing question once and for all

171: Who determines parish ambitions/responsibilities? Appears to be interested parishioners! Needs to show leadership and hope for consensus, not seek consensus for fear of upsetting some

241: Making sure that discussion of a topic is directly followed by a relevant action; Parish Council should always pursue best compromise solution in areas where there is contention; Introduce a maximum number of years for which councillors should serve.

321 Limit of 2 terms in office per member should not be all conservatives but should be non

351 PC hijacked in recent years by partial Church Road councillors who effectively sabotaged shop/affordable housing scheme that would have benefitted whole Parish

361 Move into the 21st century with regard to public's growing awareness of local politics and greater need for transparency in its dealings

41 – Ensure planning conditions are adhered to

46 - Increase in Precept when ignored constantly. Really awful approach to 'democracy'

51 - Lack of confidence for truth

57 - We don't need a Parish Council

611: Kick out the old guard, bring in fresh representative people.

621: Too many Parish councillors have their own agenda & forget they are there to serve. Parish councillors should serve a maximum of two consecutive four year terms.

641: I have no idea if you do a good job or not – I have rarely/never ever heard of anything any of you have ever done!!

651: Understand a planning application before you put in a rejection.

661: Put pressure on EHDC to improve the quality of the lanes. Install doggie poop/rubbish bins in strategic locations within Ashford Hangers, as it is usually visitors who leave the rubbish.

781: No-one knocks on my door – very distant.

124: They do a very good job

127: Councillors should not have planning applications or business connections in Parish

129: Remove ever looming affordable housing threat

131: Greater transparency, less personal interest, avoid nepotism

134: Restrain temptation to change Steep

138: Be less formal. Have more open forums

1411: Act in interest of majority of residents

144: Good apart from allotment / affordable housing fiasco and grant for VH storage (see 42)

831/2 Stop encouraging extra houses in an already crowded village and observe the Trusts for the land help under Trust

911 More consensus and less confrontational

941 Perhaps try a daytime meeting instead of evening – may get different people attending and interested in it all? Being quite new to the village, I can't comment on all the achievements because I don't know them. I have been shocked by the intransigence, lack of transparency, and overbearing nature of the council – not pulling the village together but dividing it relentlessly over the matter of allotments/housing. Really poor show, no matter how well intentioned they felt they were being. They don't seem to listen, they tell. Fingers crossed, it improves. We need to trust our parish council, please.

961/2 Not to have hidden agenda and be more open to all council members. Not run separate issue groups within it. Discussions.

1001 Improved by not dismissing the opinions of newcomers

1171 – More use of local media to keep us informed

1091 – Poor...but with luck that is all changed

1061 – Some footpaths are being neglected

1471: Listen to concerns of parishioners; be more transparent and less 'cliquish', too keen to try driving own agenda though, limit term of office to 4 years – some have served 20 years.

1491: Listen to residents concerns more openly and act upon majority wishes.

1501: Should seek more opinion on how to spend its budget.

1521: Sometimes we don't know what they are about – after the election I looked in the newsletter for the results and couldn't find them. Are the councillors listed with their interests on our website?

1531: Approach to controversial issues needs to be addressed.

1611: Have younger, more representative councillors

34. East Hampshire District Councillor improvements

081. Last one was more concerned with EHDC than our concerns, New one remains to be seen.

121: Be more aware of public needs and less aware of prestige and new trends

152: Hoping for better things from new one

171: Too early to tell.

172: Jennifer Fray was very good

173: What do they do?

231 Communication

241 EHDC Councillor should live in the Parish and be sympathetic to representations of all parishioners

351 Jenny Gray was excellent - more opportunities to meet and discuss issues e.g. after PC meeting (or before) Suggest a councillor's surgery once every couple of months

44 - Leadership and vision

52 - When asked for help no assistance was provided

56 - More communication

611: Shameful, biased & manipulative & not prepared to listen to the majority

641: Communication! Who is it???

751: Reduce waste – soon

781: Communicate!

811 Stop the argument over the fate of the land adjacent to the village hall

841/2 Don't know who it is.

911 Saddened by 'party' politics -bring back independent minds!

941 Could they write regularly in village newsletter

1001 Could hold local surgeries in Village Hall

1061 – Less red tape more action

134: Hope new Councillor is better

1471: Hopefully the new member will be better. Previous member was unprofessional allowing personal feelings to come into play

35. Hampshire County Council improvements

081. No yardstick to measure performance. HCC seems to do well for us

141: Who is he/she?
173: What do they do?
231 Communication
241 County Councillors should represent views of Steep Parishioners to HCC and raise their concerns
351 See above - same comments
52 - When asked for help no assistance was provided
56 - More communication
641: Communication! Who is it???
751: Reduce costs - !! (waste) !!! Councillors expenses etc absurd 'top end' salaries.
841/2 Don't know who it is
941 Could they write regularly in parish newsletter?
1001 Could hold village surgeries
1061 – Only hear from them when they want our vote

36. Comments on overall satisfaction

081. Satisfied but sad
241 We are fortunate in our beautiful surroundings and in having a large number of local inhabitants who undertake to work in some voluntary capacity for the benefit of the community
341 Worried about closure of Cricketers
351 Steep is a diverse and dispersed community. More effort required to develop cohesive identity and better community spirit
621: Steep used to be a happy, tranquil village. In the past four years, the handling of the Affordable Housing issue has been grossly mishandled by the Parish Council. This has divided the village & bred mistrust in the parish council. There is a general feeling of unease & uncertainty in a significant part of the community.
641: Lovely area, lovely people, awful communication from local councillors.
712: Only downside is Steep village parking/traffic chaos!
781: I love Steep & my neighbours but want Steep to remain beautiful, rural & respected.
132: I feel very lucky having lived here for 64 years
134: Worried about decisions made by outsiders
138: We love living here. Lots of walks, reasonably quiet, safe
841/2 Little sense of community
941 Steep has masses going for it. Glorious countryside, close to station and A3. Pretty safe and civilised. Just needs a Parish Council and harmony with its parish and a village centre.
1061 – Love the place, rural enough for peace and quiet, but close enough to town for facilities
1471: Satisfied because of friendly neighbours. Depressed by undercurrent of unpleasantness and uncertainty threatening immediate surrounds (has gone on for many years now).
150: We are happy here but realise improvements could be made.

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42. And finally.....comments

021: speed limit on lane from War Memorial to Rock Pit Rd to Steep Marsh
031: Congratulations on producing such a searching questionnaire
051: We need a car park in the centre of the village; no bonfires; improved sewage pipes, no wind turbines; no cocks crowing at 2a.m.

061: We need to ensure that Steep attracts a cross section of the community both social and age wise. Therefore it is important to offer some affordable housing

071: Traffic on Stoner Hill needs much more control from Island down to Petersfield – why not a system like that used in Selborne

081: What is wrong with the village? People come to live here because they like it as it is!

Populations change naturally, the once-young grow older and retire, young families move in and are to be welcomed. The “island” was young 40 years ago, families grew up, children left home, parents retired, sold up and now it is full of young folks again! Splendid.

091: Overall, would like to see village shop/post office

121: I find that many activities that are organised in the village tend to be rather elitist and non inclusive.

161 Let's reduce the amount of litter in the Parish

201: Good luck with analysing this!

221 We have a unique and attractive village at Steep. Pressures for development will continue and should be permitted but only if appropriate in scale and location

231 Focal point for point for community ; Cycle route to Petersfield

232 Focal point for community; Traffic speed on Church Rd. Safety of school access + gates on Common

251 Walking to Steep School is being made increasingly difficult due to no pavement along Stoner Hill. Have had some near miss accidents and would like a pavement beyond Hays Cottages up to the start of the 40 limit. My young children wish to walk and I feel the speeds of traffic make it a terrifying experience. We have to walk in the road as the verge is too narrow. The verge has been eroded over the last 10 years and a footpath now is the only sensible solution.

271 Steep is a “residential” village centred on two educational establishments - there maybe some “home” working but not much. Local employment in the village will be very limited and should be discouraged. Why? traffic - it will kill the village which is already more disrupted than many quiet estates in Petersfield. Nothing that generates more traffic should be permitted - there are cottages in the village with no less than 5 permanently used cars!

291 When the Post Office closed the Post Box was also removed. There is no Post Box between the Island and the Village Hall. SUGGEST - a Post Box is sited in place of the phone box at Hays Cottages

322 Can't see how this is anonymous now that you have prize draw details with addresses

332 I would like to see the village with a shop, cafe, restaurant to use in the evenings and weekends (as well as the days). A good pub too. People would be more loyal if we had good places to eat and drink.

342 Please consider all benefits of affordable housing - both for those who desperately need it and for village life

351 Steep Marsh children should be in catchment for Steep School - applies to all children in Parish

353 Too many heavy goods vehicles on roads in Parish. Too big and drive too fast. Makes roads unsafe for walking, running, horse riding and cycling. (Roads are not designed for them)

361 Very good questionnaire - can't think of anything else at the moment

371 I would like to see a stricter speed limit the whole length of Ridge Common Lane (including middle section) so many people use it for dog walking, cycling, horse riding etc. and people not familiar with lane may not be aware of the extent of this. Two or three times I have narrowly missed being in a head-on collision because I was driving slowly and if the speeding drivers concerned had met with a horse or cyclist it could have been disastrous.

381 No bus;no post box; no lights at night; no milkman

41 – We are very fortunate to live in such a lovely place but we should allow ourselves to become NIMBY-ISH

43 – No mention made here of Neighbourhood Watch, a force for good in the Parish

It would be useful to have a single point of contact for people in need in the Parish

44 - We moved back to Steep in the past year. I had the good fortune to be at Bedales in the early

1940s and am delighted to be living in Steep.

46 - It would be great to play (and be treated as playing) a part in Steep, despite living in Steep Marsh. Sheet appears to want us more (i.e. in catchment for Sheet School, not Steep; receive Church mag from Sheet; see notices etc re Sheet).

49 - Planning applications should have more than one case officer to make sure interpretation of policy is not taken by one person

522 - This questionnaire is obviously meant to relate to recent villagers. It doesn't really relate to older parishioners, even if they have been here for many years and participated in the past

53 - We have lived by the Harrow for 55 years and generally played our part in local activities. We knew of the A3 Petersfield bypass when we bought our house, so have little reason to complain, however the rat run is a big problem particularly as there are excellent routes around the town. Upkeep of footpaths and bridleways is difficult. Walkers and horses don't mix well particularly in narrow ancient paths, (note not bridleways).

56 - Speed bumps and inadequate lighting are the main priority for the safety of everyone

57 - Parish Council is run by a self serving clique. Best our affairs are run by an anonymous body such as the Local Council

59 - A speed restriction to 60mph maximum and a quiet tarmac would make the junctions safer and road quieter

60 - I have read several times of improvements to bridle-ways on the Hangers, as so many of these paths become very difficult to walk on in bad weather, I am surprised to see horses using smaller alternative routes which at one time were for walkers only. But the barriers have now collapsed leaving them open to riders. In addition, this applies to the footpath between Mill Lane and Ashford Lane. I feel that as walkers outnumber riders by a great number consideration should be given to walkers and to keep riders to the designated bridle-ways. As I live in Ashford Chase and walk the Hangers daily with my dog I am well aware of these problems.

611: We would appreciate bins for dog mess in strategic locations.

641: There is no excuse for lack of communication in this day & age. Deal with it!!!!

712: I must get more involved in the local community!

721: We are on the fringe of the parish and find we use more local services.

761: I love the area as it is. I just want to see it looked after & enhanced such as with a little village shop, and conservation programme.

771: More car parking space at the Village Hall would be very helpful.

841/2 Village green needed with activities other than for children. Local café/sports/clubs etc particularly for weekends. The questionnaire did not need to be printed on high gloss quality paper! No green credentials here!

871/2 It would be wonderful if Bedales could make another entrance for drop-off/pick up as it is so busy and noisy on Church Road at certain times.

871 Under Noise Bedales traffic along Church. Bad enough to Steep Primary traffic.

881 Under 32 Local Employment opportunities. Need to encourage home based businesses.

901/2 WE are very grateful to all those who give their time, skills and energy in the interest of the parish.

911 Having in the midst of local affairs for many years I am hugely relieved that others have taken over – although (of course) I like to think we managed things better in our day.

921/2 Steep is a wonderful place to live with a great place of community. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

931 Steep is situated in a beautiful part of the country and as a result is a place we wish to remain despite not being Steep born and bred

932 Balancing development with maintaining the rural character of village like Steep will always be a challenge but one that is being managed pretty successfully. – long may it remain so.

933 I wish that every rural village was like Steep Parish

934 I think Steep is a very nice community and I love living here overall.

941 Well done for caring to put this altogether for everyone. Thank you.

982 Enjoy living in Steep but because of where we work and where we have lived in the past, most of our social life takes place outside the village now that our children have left home.

1001 There is little call in this questionnaire to flag up the huge influence of Bedales School on the Parish. They are the largest generators of employment, own half of Church Road and a huge estate. Generate large amounts of traffic and are very generous to the community. The tenants of their tied housing are those most likely to require affordable housing.

1002 Bedales need to engage more with the village.

1041 – Social housing for local people within parish

1051 – Fantastic village, not at all snobby like people think, but more affordable housing for our children please

1061 – Why do councillors only come to speak to you when they want your vote?

1111 – Steep Marsh has narrow lanes that cannot take any more vehicles

1151 – Due to living on the edge of the parish we do not feel part of the community

1161 – A post box at Hayes Cottages would be a great help for the elderly

1181 – Lynn Hill should be given an honour for organising PYT

1191 – The Village Design Statement had no effect, anticipate the same with this

122: Church Road is used as a bypass to avoid Petersfield by A272 traffic. Especially in winter can be very dangerous.

127: Public footpaths connecting Steep Marsh, Liss, Hawkley, Steep. Preserve trees that give parish its character and beauty. Will be qualified nurse next year and like to live near my family. Steep Marsh must have playing space. Kids need to play in all fields & woods, not just 'big kids' with guns and posh cars.

129: Difficulty with restrictive questions; allows for data manipulation and misinterpreted results

132: Very grateful to all who work so hard to produce a survey like this where we can have our say.

134: Problem with overgrown trees / branches / hedges on lanes. Do landowners know they are now responsible?

136: Enjoying living here, find folk friendly; a wonderful place to live, we are very privileged

138: Only downside is traffic. Lived here 25 years and gets worse yearly. New 30 mph makes little improvement.

140: Thanks for time & effort doing this. C18 causes disruption when closed

1411: Referendum on allotment site was clear; some new trustees of allotment field not Steep residents, how were they appointed?

1412: Would like to see Parish Council acting in interest of whole parish, not their own interests. Maybe affordable housing laudable but where is there evidence for people wanting 2 up 2 down?

1441: Think application for European fund for storage area in VH is dreadful example of applying for funds just because available rather than urgent need; these silly grants are supported by our taxes

1451: Need to decide if we are a rural village or suburb of Petersfield; former should have less housing, less street furniture, lighting etc; if part of Petersfield then more houses, street calming etc. Please, more spaces at the school.

1481: Steep has priceless asset in Hangers which we must protect, preserve and maintain. Development of housing or providing employment should have as little impact as possible.

1501: Better communication for PC to villagers; reduce speed between Steep and Sheet villages; road signs to mark cross roads at Old Harrow Lane / Waterworks Road; mark entrance to common and ask people NOT to park in it.

1531: We would love a better broadband service. Couldn't fibre be brought up from Petersfield?

1511: Can't really read it but think it is about using church premises for other activities.

1521: Steep is a wonderful place to live – however noise from the A3 continues to increase – in other parts of Europe sound barriers have been created along such major routes – it would be amazing if we could restore peace and quiet to Steep – especially as the opening of the Hindhead tunnel is going to add to the noise. Has any research been done on this?

1551: Congratulations on the depth of the questionnaire. Apologies for late return

1591: Steep is an extremely pleasant place to live and seems to be working well as it is.

1601: Stop parking in the turning space on the common during school hours; please monitor and enforce the new 30 mph limit

STEEP PARISH SURVEY – data and comments from Business Forms

Seven businesses returned completed survey forms.

Key points arising from the responses (to be read in conjunction with the comments at the bottom of the page) were:

- Two of these employed more than ten people, three employed between three and six staff, one employed between one and three, and one none.
- The youngest business had been in existence for six years, the oldest for 124! The average business age was 33 years.
- Two of the seven were interested in the possibility of linking their business to the village web site or advertising through it, but five were not.
- The only improvement to mains services that provoked any interest was the possibility of better broadband (echoing feedback from the household survey).
- All of the businesses seemed to be interested in the prospects for community-owned energy resources and the most popular option was solar panels on large buildings. Roof solar collectors and community wind turbines were the next most popular.
- Only one of the businesses identified any negative impacts of its operation on the area – and mentioned delivery vehicles. No suggestions were made for mitigating this impact.
- Lack of roadside footpaths and poor road maintenance were the main concerns mentioned in relation to access to their businesses.
- The judgements on the performance of the Parish Council from a business perspective) ranged from Poor (2) to Excellent (1). The average rating was a little less than average.

- Five of the respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with running their businesses in Steep. The other two were neutral on this topic.

POSSIBLE ACTION PLAN

- 1. Communicate the comments on our website (which could be taken to imply that the site in its current form is not especially attractive to local business) to the Parish Council (as owners/sponsors of the site).**
Timescale: Short term
- 2. Combine the business wish for improved broadband with the results from household survey and develop action plan**
Timescale: Medium term
- 3. Combine the business views on community-owned energy resource with the results from the household survey and consider establishing a project sponsored by the Parish**
Timescale: Medium term
- 4. Combine the business views on lack of roadside paths and poor road maintenance with the results from household survey and develop action plan** *Timescale: Medium term*
- 5. Communicate the business views on performance (together with the results from household survey) to the Parish Council for the Council to develop a response.**
Timescale: Short term
- 6. As a general point, any action on access to the Parish and traffic management should be explicitly sensitive to the needs of local businesses.**

Specific Comments about businesses in Steep

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN STEEP

B1: There is a need to improve existing commercial premises rather than add to them. If new commercial premises were to be built, they should be constructed at the back of the Brickyard industrial estate where there is plenty of space next to the small pond. This would be out of sight of the footpath, well away from houses and would be on a brownfield site. At the time of writing, there is an application in the system to build a new large industrial unit on a green-field area of the Brickyard, near existing housing. This proposed development is unwanted, unnecessary and should be rejected.

B3: Planners need to be a lot more in the “real world” to help our parish prosper with small businesses. More businesses will create more local jobs.

B5: Small business units would be ideal. Create a 1 – 10 person office complex. With excellent communications, this would be ideal for new business start-ups.

4: Main Services:

B1: Existing broadband is only average.

11 Parish Council performance?

B5: The Parish Council is not aware of any local businesses.

12. Overall satisfaction with running a business in Steep?

B5: I work from home, so it’s ideal!

AND FINALLY.....comments

B3: We need to be careful that our village does not become a suburb of London. Need to create local work and a village community to keep Steep as it has been.

B5: With its location and communications, Steep is an ideal place to have a business. If there is a consensus to grow business in Steep, then the Council must try to improve sites for businesses to grow.
