

STEVENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

Sunday 13th November 2016, at 7pm at Orchard House

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1. **Present:**

Councillors Present: Peter Lees, Harriet Aldridge, Mike Everton Browne, Rosina Forde.

Councillors Absent: Tony Carter

2. **Jane Austen Festival 2017:**

An extraordinary meeting was called to report progress on seeking funds for the Jane Austen boundary signs.

The Parish Council has had further communications with the Traffic & Safety Department of Hampshire County Council. It was made clear that HCC will no longer fund "local services minor traffic improvements", and the only route left is to fund the signs ourselves via the new process of Community Funded Projects. The suggested estimate of £4000-5000 for three signs includes the manufacture and installation of the signs, plus fees for the application and a site visit. It appears we may use a third party supplier to make the signs at a lower cost. The Parish Council felt these costs were extortionate but worth checking further.

We have been in touch with Borough Councillor Ian Tilbury, whose ward covers Overton, Laverstoke and Steventon. He is very keen to help us find funding and suggested several avenues that he could pursue. We forwarded to him the information received from the HCC and will stay in touch with him.

The Four Lanes Trust will be meeting on 22 November and will be reviewing our request for funding.

3. **Next Meeting Dates:**

Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting to progress Jane Austen boundary signs – TBD
Ordinary Parish Council Meeting - 9th January in the village hall at 8.00pm.

Signed:, Chairman

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