

STEVENTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

Sunday 23th October 2016, at 6pm 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:**

As there were several responses to the Cassandra email that was sent to the village about the new Jane Austen boundary signs the Parish Council called an extraordinary meeting to discuss how to proceed.

A range of potential charities and societies that might grant funding was discussed - some work has been done to date to research and apply for grants from these bodies and it was agreed that this should continue.

An offer of corporate sponsorship was discussed: it was concluded that there were a number of barriers which meant that the Parish Council would be unable to take advantage of this offer.

Offers of personal contributions have been received from some villagers and these were also discussed. It was noted that the Parish Council is not permitted to undertake fundraising activity and therefore it was concluded that the best route for funding the signs would be the combination of a Parish Council grant, grants from other external funding bodies and personal contributions from villagers.

The Parish Council determined that, with current resources and forecast spending, it could grant a maximum of £1,000 to the project but this would severely restrict any further Parish Council expenditure, beyond the amounts currently approved and committed, for the remainder of this financial year.

It was agreed that further work would be undertaken to establish the cost of the signs and their installation: we have a quote from Hampshire County Council and need to understand whether alternative suppliers are available which could meet the relevant health and safety criteria.

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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