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**Sent:** 11 March 2022 10:38  
**To:** [Ian Geering]  
**Subject:** STEEP PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Mr Geering

We have been passed your enquiry regarding the issues you have been having with Steep Parish Council.

We have looked through the website [steepgate.info](https://steepgate.info) and see that you have undertaken all the initiatives that we would suggest that you undertake. You have complained to the Charity Commission, approached your MP and EHDC and we have suggested approaching the National Allotment Society. On your links page of the website, you have listed the [askyourcouncil.uk](https://askyourcouncil.uk) website which we would have suggested for you.

Unfortunately, we cannot see any additional action that you can take over and above the activities that you have already undertaken (e.g. the electronic petition). We wish that we could provide you with more help but we cannot see any further options that are available to you apart from mediation.

We always suggest mediation if two parties cannot reach an agreement over a dispute. However, we do not have any experience in dispute resolution when it comes to a Town Council as we deal almost exclusively with personal issues (e.g. separation). We can only point you in the direction of the Law Society and their solicitor list which you can find [here](#) and scroll down to 'business' and then 'dispute resolution'. We are aware that consulting a solicitor will be expensive but we do not see what more you can do apart from continuing to do what you are already doing.

We are sorry that we cannot help you any further and we wish you the very best of luck in your endeavours.

Kind regards

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- through our webchat service, which is available on our website <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/> between 9-5 Mon-Fri;
- by calling our telephone advice service, Adviceline 0800 144 8848;
- or by attending your local office – <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/how-we-provide-advice/advice/search-for-your-local-citizens-advice/?q=>

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