

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STEEPLE BARTON PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 19th June 2023
THE ALICE MARSHALL HALL, MIDDLE BARTON**

Councillors Present: Roger Tyers (Chair), Kate Carter-Windle (Vice), John Parry, Andrew Barry, Steve Rogers,

Also in attendance: Alison Umney (School Liaison Governor), PCSO Helen Duffield,

Clerk: Annette Fowler

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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Prior to the council meeting commencing there will be an opportunity of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to make comments and to ask questions of the Parish Council.

A member of the public asked if the PC had any further information regarding the Hallam Land planning application. The Chair confirmed that there was no new information on the WODC planning portal to report.

Also, was there any update regarding the neighbourhood watch scheme. Cllr Jackson will provide an update on this in his report. The Chair reported that during a recent funeral held at St Mary's Church, cars were broken into, and number plates were stolen. The Parochial Church Council is to look into the possibility of installing cameras on the approach to the church.

1424 To receive apologies for absence.
Cllrs McRobie, Cox and County Cllr. Graham

1425 Declarations of Interest
To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct (and section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992).

None received.

1426 Minutes of the last meeting
The minutes from the meeting held on **15th May 2023** were approved and signed as an accurate record by Cllr Roger Tyers.

Matters arising:
None.

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1427 **To receive updates on the action points from previous minutes –**

a) Update on traffic calming

The new build out on Enstone road is now in place and the road has been resurfaced with the white lines repainted. Discussion took place about the location of the build out and it was thought to be as planned, however the verges need to be cut back to improve vision. The Clerk will inform Westcote Barton PC.

The white lines on the bridge are not where we thought they were going to be, which needs further investigation.

Speed activated signs – Councillor Tyers met with Steve Ferrelly, Andy Barry and James Wright from OCC Communities, to look at potential siting of 4 new posts for the signs. This will provide a total of 8 locations with 4 existing and 4 new poles. The signs will be portable battery powered units with solar panels to increase battery life. It was confirmed that the signs can be placed in locations on either side of the road and turned to face the opposite direction. We anticipate the full cost of these posts, and the signs will be paid for from S106 funds available to Steeple Barton PC from Dorchester Living at Heyford Park.

The order for the 50mph restriction signs between Church Enstone and Hopcrofts Holt has been placed and we are hoping to get the additional 4 posts for the SID's erected at the same time.

b) School crossing patrol

Request from school to move the crossing patrol to Fleming Drive. The PC need to write formally to Highways to request the move. It was agreed that it would be worth looking into the possibility of having a formal zebra crossing installed in that location. Cllr. Tyers and Cllr. Barry will liaise with OCC Communities to get plans prepared for a Public Consultation.

c) Request for a tree from Middle Barton School

It was agreed that the Oak recently planted in the playing fields should be moved in the Autumn from its current location and replanted at the School.

d) Oak tree-playing fields

The Clerk will work with Cllr Rogers to investigate other trees more suitable to the area/soil and discuss further with Trevor Payne. We will also discuss the possibility of putting the tree bench in place.

e) Weed spraying

Cllr Rogers suggested WODC will have contacts – the Clerk will give them a call.

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1428 **Reports from County and District Councillors (Appendix A)**

Full reports can be found on the PC website www.steeplebartonparishcouncil.org

Cllr Jackson –

Following the recent WODC elections, my special responsibilities on committees etc remain largely unchanged. So, I am carrying on with the Uplands planning committee, and the Audit and Governance scrutiny committee. I have been appointed the vice chair of the licensing committee (which mainly deals with hospitality venue licenses), and the chair of the Miscellaneous Licensing committee, which tends to deal with taxi licenses. Thankfully neither of the licensing committees meets frequently! My new role is part of the small "Standards Committee", which again meets as and when needed.

I am hoping to have a "catch-up" with Leonie Ingram shortly as there has been quite a bit of posting on Facebook regarding support for a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Initially when Leonie raised the possibility of establishing a scheme, I offered to arrange a public meeting to galvanise support and ideas, especially for folk who do not use Facebook. I saw PCSO Helen Duffield last week at a function, and she is happy to support such a meeting. I will update the P.C. on Monday if I get to have a catch-up with Leonie.

I let Chris Grain know that I had done a series of posts on Fix My Street recently for potholes, just to bring them to his attention. I also asked if he knew who to contact if street signs needed re-painting, as several in the village are very difficult to read (e.g., Frances Road, Woodway Road). I was hoping to catch up with Cllr. Tyers as this may be something he is knowledgeable about.

We are still trying to do at least one Speedwatch session each week to continue monitoring if the 20-mph limit is bringing down the average speeds at different locations. We have recruited two new volunteers recently who are very good at recording car details for those exceeding 26 mph. The main drawback still seems to be that it tends to be me who suggests a date and time for a session. I am trying to "encourage" others to take the lead!

1429 **Village Matters**

a) Parking issues – PCSO Helen Duffield

Helen confirmed that the PC are permitted to put notices on cars that are badly parked/parking on pavements etc. It is an offence to park on the pathway if it means the pathway is then obstructed. Notices were left with the Clerk that can be placed on cars if necessary. Helen also had leaflets with information regarding the use of electric scooters.

Cllr Rogers asked about a possible pull in on North Street – Cllr Tyers will speak to James Wright.

PC Duffield also mentioned that a spate of distraction burglaries was currently occurring in the area and asked that we all look out for neighbours.

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b) Request for traffic Mirror at the top of Mill Lane

The PC need to get in touch with BT to ask if we can put a mirror up on the telegraph pole opposite the access/egress to Mill Lane. Cllr Tyers will speak to James Wright.

1430 Reports

(a) School Governors report - (Alison Umney, School Liaison Governor)

Pupils in Years 2 and 6 have completed their national SATs tests.

Some of the enriching experiences that children have experienced include:

- Various sporting activities at CN school [including rugby, cricket and athletics]
- Visits to school by an author and an illustrator of children’s books
- A visit to the Sculpture trail at Kingham lodge by KS2 pupils which included a sculpture created by the pupils attending Art club our school
- Choir involved in the ‘Festival of Voices’
- Our school attendance data is very good with over 96% attendance over the last term.

The morning run on the running track remains popular and is continuing to bring health benefits to many children.

As a result of the falling pupil numbers, from September there will be four classes not five. This is due to the fall in birth rate and lack of new housing in the area and the fact that many families choose to stay in our village for a long time. Fortunately, this has been managed without the need for redundancies.

The school Eco club, kindly run by Mr Jackson and Mrs Horner is working towards getting a Green Flag for the school and becoming an ECO school. Children are becoming more aware of the need to switch of lights and importance of recycling and reusing things.

Two of our pupils spoke at the small event held at school at which a representative from the National Lottery Fund presented a cheque to Our Bus Bartons for the purchase of two electric buses and charging equipment. The children were previously involved in the campaign and application and spoke passionately about the need to protect the environment for future generations. Our Bus have asked the school children to come up with names for the new Buses.

The schoolhouse renovation is near to completion it has been a long and incredibly costly project due to many unforeseen issues and school are extremely appreciative of the funding provided by River Learning Trust. The opening event is now likely to take place in September. The space will include a nurture centre and meeting spaces.

The trees that have been donated have been planted and the school still has some logs available. Cllr. Tyers asked if all the trees that were removed had now been replaced.

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(b) Highways, Drainage and Flood Protection – Cllr Tyers

The drainage and flood protection are currently working perfectly as haven't had any rain. Highways was covered earlier in the report.

(c) Sports and Social Club/Playing Fields (Andy Hinton)

No report.

Cllr Rogers mentioned that the club was doing really well and that the playing fields had managed to acquire a new mower, so funds previously requested would no longer be required.

1431 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

i) To consider and approve accounts for payment (*Appendix B to agenda*)

ii) Accounts not on Appendix B submitted by 8pm on **19th June 2023**

Payment Method	Purpose	Payee	Amount
BACS	Clerk Salary (May) + Tree watering bag (£15.99)	Annette Fowler	CONFIDENTIAL
BACS	Planting 3 trees	Charles Hoare Landscape and Garden Services Ltd	£468.00
BACS	Grass cutting - 2 nd cut	N R Prickett	£441.60

1433 To receive items for next agenda.

Mirror in Mill Lane and on the corner of Woodway Road
Neighbourhood Watch

1434 For Information only

None

1435 Date and location of next meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting, this is scheduled for **Monday 24th July 2023** at the Alice Marshall Hall, Middle Barton at **8.00pm**.

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