

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STEEPLE BARTON PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 20th May 2024
THE ALICE MARSHALL HALL, MIDDLE BARTON

Councillors Present: Kate Carter-Windle (Chair), Roger Tyers, Jane McRobie, Andrew Barry, Steve Rogers

Public: 1

Clerk: Annette Fowler

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

1. Chairman's annual report

Cllr Tyers presented his summary of the year.

2. Financial statement

Cllr Parry reported the following

Bank Reconciliation

Current account balance as of 31.3.24	£ 6,301.01
Reserve account balance as of 31.3.24	- £40,002.06
Reconciled accounts	£ 46,303.07

Budget Tracker

Budgeted income for 2023/24	£23,217.81
Actual income for 2023/24	£23,892.74
Budgeted expenditure for 2023/24	£22,745.00
Actual expenditure for 2023/24 (Payments made but not cleared before 31-3-24 £550)	£19,221.88

- Administration costs – broke even
- Maintenance - came in under budget by just over £1060 with savings on grass & hedge cutting, bus shelters and salt bins
- Transport - Under budget by £100 due to March "Our Bus" payment not made until 2 April.
- Communications-overspent by £200 due to traffic calming posters
- Donations - the PC received less requests than previous years and underspent by £3000
- Miscellaneous - overspent by £450 due to vast increase in electric costs to £911

N.B. £3000 will be added to Income for 2024/5 and the remaining £1670 will be added to reserves.

The bulk of our reserves are being held towards possible pedestrian crossing, with the remainder held for further capital expenditure

The accounts have been reviewed and finalised by the internal auditor.

The precept for 2024-25 has been set at £21,560, the same amount as requested over the last three years.

3. AOB

None

1569 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman 2024/25

Chair

Councillor Parry proposed and Councillor Rogers seconded the proposal, that Councillor Tyers be elected as Chair. The Council **RESOLVED** unanimously to elect Councillor Tyers as Chair.

Vice Chair

Councillor Parry proposed and Councillor McRobie seconded the proposal, that Councillor Carter-Windle be elected as Vice Chair. The Council **RESOLVED** unanimously to elect Councillor Carter-Windle as Vice Chair.

1570 To approve the minutes of the meeting 15th May 2023

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

1571 Review and vote on allowing members of the public to speak outside of the Public Session

It was agreed that members of the public would be allowed to speak outside of the public session at the discretion of the Chair.

1572 Review committees and responsibilities

Finance committee - Councillor Parry (Chair), Councillor Tyers & Councillor Carter-Windle
Planning - Councillor McRobie (Chair) - All Councillors to comment and their approval/disapproval to be noted. If there is a difference of opinion then the majority decision would apply.

As Statutory Consultees we as the Parish Council must speak on behalf of 'The Parish'
Roads, Paths, Salt Bins & Verges to include SID's – Councillor Barry & Councillor Cox
Floods/drainage - Councillor Tyers
Trees, Road signage - Councillor Rogers