

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STEEPLE BARTON PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 19th January 2026
THE ALICE MARSHALL HALL, MIDDLE BARTON

Councillors Present: Roger Tyers (Chair), Kate Carter-Windle (Vice), Jane McRobie, Graham Cox

In Attendance: Councillor Andy Graham and Cllr Dave Jackson

Clerk: Annette Fowler

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.

Members of public = 2

A member of the public mentioned people driving through the Ford and getting stuck, could we have a sign the South St side of the Ford. Cllr Tyers had previously contacted Highways to ask for another sign. They have been out to see the area and will hopefully do something later in the year. Cllr Tyers will contact them again to see if we can bring it forward.

1779 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor Barry.

1780 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).

There was none.

1781 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 15th December 2025 were approved and signed as an accurate record by Cllr Roger Tyers.

1782 To receive updates on the action points from previous minutes –

- a) ASWC (Automatic Speed Watch Camera) - Cllr Tyers – There was a reasonably good response to the Speedwatch meeting held in the AMH on the 12th of January, with 15 interested people in the room. Steve Ferrely, Chair of Westcote Parish meeting demonstrated how the new ASWC functioned; Cllr Jackson, myself and Steve carried out a trial run in South Street with cars coming down from the School around 3pm. We are trying to arrange a training session with Westcotec for the team.

Signed

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1783 **Village Matters – updates**

- a) A request was received from a resident in Holliers Crescent asking the PC to check a Parish tree outside their property as they have movement/cracks in a wall. The Clerk had asked Tree Total to take a look; awaiting a report back.

1784 Annual payment to SBPCC for graveyard maintenance is due.

RESOLVED

THAT, a payment of £750.00 had been included in the budget and was approved.

1785 **Request for donations to cover the cost of installation of Rugby posts (concrete and ground levelling)** - The Clerk reported that there had been a request via the Barton Bulletin for donations to assist in the installation of rugby posts on the lower pitch of the Playing Fields. The Estimated cost around £600/£750.

The PC asked the Clerk to find out more about the background and if there are plans to start a team. Bring forward to February agenda.

1786 **Reports from County and District Councillors (Appendix A)**

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

Dave Jackson - It has been predictably a quiet period over Christmas and the new year. I met with the two chairs of the parish councils, Roger Tyers and Steve Ferrelly, to have a preview of the new Automatic Speed Watch Camera prior to the public meeting on January 12th. I also ran off some posters to publicise the meeting and sent round an e mail to friends in the village, some of whom are "lapsed" Speedwatch volunteers. We will be able to give feedback from the meeting at the SBPC meeting. I have had no further feedback from WODC when the street cleaning will be done, nor from OCC about the scheduled drain gully clearing.

Andy Graham – Confirmed that the bleed kits would be delivered this week. OCC has moved to a booking system for household waste.

1787 **Reports**

(a) Highways (Cllr Barry) – Report read by the Clerk -

The SIDS data had been downloaded with the one at the Rectory showing that speed had dropped down to less than 25mph. This could be because the warning can be seen from further away. The Holliers one was showing an average of 23.4 mph. Thames Water were looking at the water leak outside the AMH.

(b) Drainage and Flood Protection (Cllr Tyers) – An OCC Section 19 meeting to discuss the Dorn flooding was being arranged for later this week (21st or 22nd), but I believe it has been postponed until 5th February as James Feest/OCC could not attend this week. Church Lane flood alleviation plans should shortly be sent out to contractors for quotes.

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1788 **Finance**

(a) Accounts for Payment - To consider and approve accounts for payment

Payment Method	Purpose	Payee	Amount
BACS	Clerk salary (Dec)	Annette Fowler	CONF
BACS	Payroll preparation Oct-Dec 25	TP Jones & Co LLP	£ 59.40
BACS	PAYE Q3	HMRC	£273.24
BACS	Yearly website maintenance	Coded Creations	£300.00
BACS	Membership renewal SLCC (Society of Local Councils)	SLCC	£116.00

RESOLVED,

THAT, all payments listed were approved.

1789 **To receive items for next agenda**

Any items to be emailed to the Clerk by Friday 6th February.

1790 **For Information only**

The PC had received an email from a resident regarding litter picking. This is a good idea as long as we can get some volunteer residents. Glympton organise one every year along the verges going into the village and other villages carry them out too.

Grass cutting- The current grass cutting contractor has increased his charges by 5%, should we be requesting an increase in the grant received from OCC? The Clerk will write to OCC and report back.

1791 **Date and location of next meeting**

To confirm the date of the next meeting, this is scheduled for **Monday 16th February 2026** at the Alice Marshall Hall, Middle Barton at 8.00pm.

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