

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STEEPLE BARTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Monday 16th March 2026  
THE ALICE MARSHALL HALL, MIDDLE BARTON**

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

**In Attendance:** Councillor Andy Graham and Cllr Dave Jackson

**Clerk:** Annette Fowler

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Three residents attended the meeting to discuss the flood issues at the Ford, Mill Lane. Cllr Tyers brought forward the flood report from report item (b) below. In recent weeks we have had DPD and Ocado delivery vans and a car reversing away from the Ford finding themselves stuck. Councillor Tyers read out an email he had received in response to an email he had sent to OCC regarding the situation. The email confirmed that a design was being worked on for repairs required to the ramps and to reduce the step. Unfortunately, due to a backlog of work there is a delay in implementing the repairs. As a temporary measure some additional signage is likely to be installed, and further discussion to find a long-term solution.

There was an open discussion with Cllr Jackson suggesting that temporary signs are put up to stop vehicles entering.

A resident mentioned that most drivers attempting to drive through the ford are not people who know the area, therefore trying to make it more accessible for drivers is not the right thing to do. We should be working on resolving/preventing flooding.

**1804 To receive apologies for absence**

None

**1805 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.

Signed .....

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**1806 Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes from the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 were approved and signed as an accurate record by Cllr Roger Tyers.

**1807 To receive updates on the action points from previous minutes –**

- a) Donation towards installation of Rugby Posts-Playing Fields** – awaiting further information regarding the installation date – bring forward to April.
- b) ASWC Training** – The ASWC training took place as planned and was reasonably well attended; lead members will need additional training to know how to set up the ASWC. No further news from the Police regarding the ANPR camera. The Clerk will chase up.
- c) Cars parking opposite the Holliers Crescent turn** – Cllr Tyers has been in touch with James Wright, OCC and will be arranging to look at the parking situation when James visits the village to look at Mill ford.

**1808 Reports from District and County Councillors** - Full reports can be found on the PC website [www.steeplebartonparishcouncil.org](http://www.steeplebartonparishcouncil.org)

**Dave Jackson –**

Potholes – These will be marked and scheduled for action.

Gulleys - Last month OCC drainage teams visited the village and randomly seemed to empty various gulleys, including Kiddington Road.

The Fox – I emailed Phil Shaw who had arranged a meeting with the owner/builders at the Fox to discuss possible retrospective planning.

**Andy Graham -**

Local government reform is in the last 2 weeks of consultation.

OCC have reported significant lower air and noise pollution following the implementation of electric buses.

Our Bus – there will be extra money available from grants i.e. disability access.

**1809 Village Matters – updates**

**Update on Village Meeting** - The Clerk gave an update – the Jubilee room at the Sports and Social Club has been booked for 7pm, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, May and invitations sent to the various organisations/groups in the village to give short presentations, share updates, and highlighting what has been happening over the past year. So far we have had a positive response.

Signed .....

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**1810 Reports**

**(a) Highways** (Cllr Barry) – attended the recent transport meeting, nothing to report for our village. The SID in Westcote Barton is being moved without warning and therefore it is difficult to download accurate data for that camera. The average speed at the Cinnamon Stick overnight is 60mph.

Thames Water finally carried out work at the bottom of Worton Road, however there is still a leak.

The footpaths are mainly clear.

**(b) Drainage and Flood Protection** (Cllr Tyers) – see above public question time.

**1811 Planning - 26/00317/HHD** – 3 South St - Widening of existing dropped kerb and removal of grass verge to extend access to driveway.

No objection comment posted on the WODC planning portal.

**1812 Finance**

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

Payment Method	Purpose	Payee	Amount
BACS	Clerk salary (Jan)	Annette Fowler	CONF
BACS	OALC Subscription renewal	OALC	£360.49

**RESOLVED,**

**THAT, all payments listed were approved.**

**1813 To receive items for next agenda**

Any items to be emailed to the Clerk by Friday 10th April.

**1814 For Information only**

Cllr Barry confirmed that he will not be standing at the May elections.

**1815 Date and location of next meeting**

To confirm the date of the next meeting, this is scheduled for **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026** at the Alice Marshall Hall, Middle Barton at 8.00pm.

Signed .....

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