

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STEEPLE BARTON PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 18th May 2026
THE ALICE MARSHALL HALL, MIDDLE BARTON

Councillors Present: Roger Tyers (Chair), Jane McRobie, Graham Cox

In Attendance: Councillor Andy Graham and Cllr Dave Jackson

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Clerk: Annette Fowler

1829 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman 2026/27

Election of Chair: Roger Tyers was elected Chair and made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Proposer: Councillor McRobie - Seconder: Councillor Cox.

Election of Vice Chair: Kate Carter-Windler was elected Vice Chair, the signed Declaration of Office will be handed to the Clerk as soon as possible.

Proposer: Councillor McRobie - Seconder: Councillor Tyers.

1830 To receive apologies for absence

Councillor Carter-Windle

1831 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 were none.

1832 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 20th April 2026 were approved and signed as an accurate record by Cllr Roger Tyers.

1833 To receive updates on the action points from previous minutes –

a) Donation towards installation of Rugby posts in the playing fields - £350 to cover the cost of the concrete.

RESOLVED,

THAT, a donation of £350.00 was approved.

Signed

Date.....

b) ANPR camera – carry forward to June.

c) Insurance renewal – The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted two other insurance companies who both reported that the Zurich quote was very competitive.

RESOLVED,

THAT, the PC would proceed with the quote for £431.75 from Zurich.

1834 Village Matters

a) Notification of Proposed Diversion Under the Highways Act 1980 s.119

Part of Steeple Barton Footpaths No. 8 and 19 at Whistlow Farm (email 6/5/26) - Cllr Tyers Confirmed that OCC Public Footpath Division asked the PC to comment on a request by Barton Abbey to divert part of Steeple Barton footpath numbers 8 and 19 across the rear of Whistlow Farm under section 119 of the Highways Act. The path(s) currently go through the farm buildings between the cattle sheds. The owners have requested the diversion to ensure public safety and on animal health and welfare grounds. The yard is an active one with 320 beef cattle at the farm that frequently need to be moved across the footpath, thereby giving rise to biosecurity concerns for the farmer and physical risk to both walkers and cattle. Walkers’ dogs are also a concern, and whilst most are on a lead, there have been occasions where dogs have entered the barns causing stress to the cattle and calves. Both myself and Cllr Carter-Windle have walked the path and looked at the suggested diversion which to us, makes good sense.

1835 **Reports from District and County Councillors** - Full reports can be found on the PC website www.steeplebartonparishcouncil.org

Dave Jackson - Needless to say, my main focus since the last parish council meeting has been campaigning to secure my re-election to WODC. I am very grateful for the support I received gaining exactly 50% of the 870 votes cast which was a turnout of nearly 54%. This was the second highest of the 16 wards up for election. My role on the Council is unchanged. Therefore, I will carry on with Speedwatch and Super user for potholes.

Andy Graham - Following the elections, OCC leadership has changed; a new leader will be appointed this week. More road resurfacing is being carried out with 1,100 potholes repaired last month and a total of 3,500 to be done. Accumulated funds from the congestion charge are being used for the reduced a Park & Ride scheme which will continue until August. There is also a Benefit scheme for Teachers/NHS workers.

1836 **Donation request** – The PC received a request for a contribution of £708 towards the cost of producing the Barton Bulletin.

RESOLVED,

Signed

Date.....

THAT, a contribution of £708 was approved.

1837 Reports

(a) Highways - The Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Councillor Barry. No report other than there has been an increase in speeds coming into the village from Enstone.

(b) Drainage and Flood Protection (Cllr Tyers) - Fee proposal for the drainage ditch and SUDS basin along the south of Church Lane houses - verbal agreement reached with the development site landowner to run outflow drain through their site. Expression of interest form submitted to OCC Flood department. No progress on Mill Lane Ford.

1838 Planning -

26/01051/LBC - 47 South Street - Replacement of ten windows to south elevation and one window to east elevation

No objection

26/01002/PN56 – 27 Worton Road - Conversion of existing offices to create two bed dwelling house.

No objection

1839 Finance

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

Payment type	Purpose	Payee	Amount
BACS	Clerk salary	Annette Fowler	CONF
BACS	Insurance	Zurich	£431.75
BACS	1 st Grass cut	N R Prickett	£494.40

RESOLVED,

THAT, all payments listed were approved.

1840 To receive items for next agenda

Clerk to find out who the replacement is for Steve Martin, Facilities Manager, Alpine.

ANPR

Evenlode Catchment Partnership email - Invite residents from Mill Lane to the next meeting to discuss.

1841 For Information only

- a) Thank you email received from the school for the donation for parking safety signs.
- b) Cotswold Automotive Museum Update – revised scheme being worked on; intention to submit a Section 73 notice to amend the scheme later this year. Community Forum update meeting mid-late June.

Signed

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- c) Email from Ann Berkley from Evenlode Catchment Partnership regarding flood mitigation downstream from Manor Farm Barns, Middle Barton to include new swales and attenuation measures to the flood plain.

1842 **Date and location of next meeting**

To confirm the date of the next meeting, this is scheduled for **Monday 15th June 2026** at the Alice Marshall Hall, Middle Barton at 8.00pm.

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