

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STEEPLE BARTON PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 15th February 2021

Due to COVID-19 restrictions this meeting was held remotely via telephone conference.

Councillors Present: Kate Carter-Windle, Andy Hinton, Jonny Rosemont, John Parry,
Roger Tyers, Cllr Hudspeth

Public: 0

Also in attendance:

Annette Fowler

Clerk:

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.

1763 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Meadowcroft, Cllr Henderson, Cllr McRobie, Cllr Jackson

1764 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

1765 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on **18th January 2021** were approved and will be signed as an accurate record by Cllr Carter-Windle.

Matters arising

Cllr Parry asked Cllr Hudspeth about the process of applying for 20mph signage in the village. Cllr Hudspeth confirmed that OCC are aware that Middle Barton are keen to adopt this and suggested the PC write to Paul Fermer, the Assistant Director responsible for the programme.

Cllr Parry – Mill Lane – The PC are hoping to meet the drainage team but have no confirmation as yet. Chris Grain is aware, and Cllr Hudspeth will chase up to arrange a meeting. Cllr Rosemont confirmed that the meeting was primarily to look at the Moles Lane situation, and to come up with a suitable solution regarding the run-off of water around the School. Cllr Hudspeth confirmed that the water is coming off the fields and running straight into the School rather than into the drains, this can be investigated. It was confirmed that there's definitely a blockage issue in Moles Lane. Cllr Parry suggested the whole area up to North Street should be investigated. Cllr Rosemont said that he and Cllr Tyers had walked the Dorn and found a few fallen trees and a build-up of debris causing damming situations.

Cllr Tyers confirmed we need to look at a long-term solution together with the landowners. He confirmed that there is a big flood plain, but it is just not getting there. Cllr Tyers will give it some thought for further discussion.

Cllr Hinton mentioned the drains in Church Lane as he was at the School on Saturday morning, and found one of the drains located by the bike shed was chucking out water. He asked Cllr Hudspeth whose responsibility this would be. Cllr Hudspeth confirmed that it would be the School's responsibility. Cllr Rosemont asked if there was a drain map? It was agreed that Thames water would have one. The Clerk will contact Thames Water to find out the cost of purchasing a map.

1766 Reports from County and District Councillors (Appendix A)

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

Both Cllr Hudspeth and Cllr Jackson's reports had been circulated before the meeting, some highlights are shown below.

Cllr Hudspeth

The Council had set its budget on 9th February with £400,000 extra funding for drainage/vegetation clearance and 20 mph speed limits in villages that want them.

The additional funding for 20 mph speed limits will be to work with parish councils that see a lower limit as part of the solution to bring down vehicle speeds.

The roll out of the vaccine is going very well.

Cllr Parry asked if the election would be going ahead, Cllr Hudspeth confirmed that it was likely to go ahead but maybe with postal votes.

Cllr Jackson

At the full WODC meeting on January 20th, a motion was put forward to support in principle the OCC decision to promote 20 mph speed limits. Not surprisingly it was passed unanimously and included this provision on planning applications for new residential areas.

The government have announced that the local elections are to go ahead on May 6th. I want to publicise this for residents, as I believe we need to facilitate our democracy in times when some folk may be reticent to vote in person.

1767 Correspondence not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

None

1768 Matters arising and not covered elsewhere in the agenda

Updates on –

- a) Ernigrip - planning application has been submitted. No site visit as yet.
- b) Mill Lane – see above.
- c) Speeding/Traffic calming – 20mph (see above). A traffic survey will be carried out as soon as traffic is back to normal.
- d) Letter from Gigaclear – all happy to proceed. Clerk will arrange for Kate to sign the paperwork.
- e) Village litter pick – Kiddington Road, Church Lane & Pack lane and roads out of the village have lots of rubbish that needs clearing. The PC will ask for volunteers and the PC themselves will carry out litter pick when out on walks.

1769 **Reports**

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

No report

(b) Highways, pavements and verge – Cllr Henderson

No report

(c) Sports and Social Club/Playing Fields - Cllr Hinton

Very quiet. A COVID-19 grant has been applied for.

(d) Young Adults (Bruce Norgrove)

No report

1770 **Planning applications – Cllr. Rosemont**

21/00184/HHD – 15 Marshall Crescent - Erection of single storey front and two storey rear extensions – **This was emailed to the Cllrs as the closing date for comments was 5th February – no objections**

20/03582/HHD – 4 Farriers Road, Conversion and enlargement of existing garage to create additional living space. Erection of a rear single storey extension - **This was emailed to the Cllrs as the closing date for comments is 16th February – no objections**

21/00035/FUL – 57 North Street, Change of use of land and outbuilding/shed from residential use to commercial use, to be used as parking and for storage of garage equipment. (Retrospective) - Cllr Tyers feels strongly that we should go back to WODC to ask for more information as the application itself is very basic. Cllrs Carter-Windle and Rosemont will arrange a site visit a.s.a.p. and will report back.

1771 **Finances**

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 **15th February 2021**.

THAT, all payments listed were approved.

1772 **To receive items for next agenda**

1773 **For Information only**

There will be no Bulletin until lockdown is over.

1774 **Date and location of next meeting**

To confirm the date of the next meeting, this is scheduled for **Monday 15th March 2021** either by telephone conference or at the Alice Marshall Hall, Middle Barton at 8.00pm.

<i>Paper number(s).</i>	<i>Paper title</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>Report from County Cllr Hudspeth and Cllr Jackson</i>
<i>B</i>	<i>Accounts for Payment</i>