

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STEEPLE BARTON PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 15th November 2021
THE ALICE MARSHALL HALL, MIDDLE BARTON

Councillors Present: Kate Carter-Windle (Chair), Andy Hinton, Peter Meadowcroft, Jane McRobie, Cllr Parry, Cllr Tyers

Also in attendance: Cllr Graham, Cllr Jackson, Alison Umney, School Liaison Governor

Clerk: N/A

Public: 10

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.

Following a meeting between Councillor Carter-Windle, Councillor Dave Jackson & Bill Oddy of WODC, the location of all of the new combined waste/dog poo bins in the village have been agreed with the exception of the one at the junction of The Dock & South Street. Councillor McRobie and the residents of The Dock stated that they have no objections to poo bins however they are not happy with the new dual bins as they do not have lids,

and in warm weather they will smell. As a result, they do not want one adjacent to their homes. A suitable spot still needs to be sourced, possibly by the Post Box, which will require a concrete base for securing these bins.

1882 To receive apologies for absence
Cllrs Rosemont (Vice) and Annette Fowler (Clerk)

1883 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

1884 Minutes of the last meeting
The minutes from the meeting held on **18th October 2021** were approved and signed as an accurate record by Cllr Carter-Windle.

1885 To receive updates on the action points from previous minutes
a) Update on Traffic calming -
Councillor Tyres gave an update on the current position. Following a recent meeting between him, Steve Ferrelly of WBPM and James Wright of OCC Communities a scheme has been agreed, and James Wright will be issuing it within the next few weeks. Once received, a Village Consultation will take place over a weekend, and everyone will have the opportunity to make their comments. Notification will be issued via all current media. Subject to approval, a formal submission could then be made as OCC have agreed that all rural villages

will be 20mph within the next 2-3 years. Costs for this to be borne by a combination of S106 monies from Lower Heyford along with SBPC & WBPM. The works have to be carried out by OCC Highways contractors.

b) Update on flooding

Councillor Tyres confirmed that the Agents for the owner of the Old Mill have carried out a lot of work clearing the Dorn within their boundary including removing stones, tree roots and deepening the channel which has improved the situation considerably. The damaged drain in Mill Lane has been lined and cleaned out. Highways have also been requested to clear the mud etc. on Mill Lane to the South of the Dorn so that this does not block the river again. In addition, the majority of the landowners along the Dorn up to the flood plain, have cleared the river in their land. Together these should reduce the flooding issue on Mill Lane.

1886 **Reports from County and District Councillors (Appendix A)**

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

Cllr Graham

Update on home to school transport policy review – working to bring this to include it for an urgent review. The over 3 miles to qualify for free transport needs to be changed and mapping tool too. Currently this is not high on the OCC Agenda.

He also advised that we should have received confirmation from Jackie Cox of OCC of the amount of S106 monies we will receive from Lower Heyford.

Cllr Jackson

A meeting is taking place between Gigaclear & Councillor Carter-Windle on the 16TH to review the damage undertaken during their works.

Speedwatch is still taking place, however this is now missing early mornings and late afternoons as it cannot take place in the dark. Alpine (formerly Renault F1) are assisting and any of their employees speeding through the village are being reprimanded. They have also offered to provide some more safety banners for the village.

Councillor Jackson also asked if the PC could provide details of their assets and expenditure in the DFP. It was proposed that this would take place in the March addition.

1887 **Village Matters**

a) Tree Total provided quotes to remove the Apple Tree in Holliers Crescent and the Lime & Sorbus trees in Dorn close/Kirby Close.

RESOLVED,

THAT, the quotes for £100 & £150 respectively were approved.

b) Dog Bins: covered in Public Comments

c) The 2nd Defibrillator has now been fitted on North Street by Simon Day free of charge. Thanks to Simon for his generosity.

d) Results of review of assets:

The Worton Road Bus shelter has graffiti on the walls and could do with a repaint with anti-Graffiti paint. The window glass is missing but there are no sharp edges. The fascia needs repaint, and Ivy grown over rear, part of both sides and rear half of roof. Working party be commissioned to deal with this.

e) Golden Jubilee Benches- all in good order

f) Noticeboard OK at present but possible water ingress in winter

g) Youth Shelter - in good condition

h) Salt Bins - all in good condition with salt in them

i) Dog Bins have been replaced with new ones by WODC

1888 Correspondence not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

a) Thank you email received from Bowls Club for their donation

b) Email from Simon Wheeler ref the Village Emergency Plan and flooding at the Mill. Latter discussed under flooding update and an update of the former has started and will be reviewed in detail at the December Meeting.

1889 Reports

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

The school hosted its first event since Covid. It was just amazing to see so many families and members of the community back enjoying the Fireworks. A huge thank you to FOMBS for organising such a successful event.

Outdoor learning has been going well with classes making pumpkin soup and windchimes.

School has an open day planned for prospective parents on 18th, visits are by appointment and include a few families from other villages.

The Christmas tree poster competition was a great success with some super designs. Prizes will be awarded at the Christmas tree lighting event on 27th November.

All the classes have been busy learning about Remembrance. The youngest children made a special visit to the memorial and laid a beautiful handmade wreath. Older children wrote poems.

We have created a school display that will be available for all to look at in the church.

Year 6 have been given the very important role of digging our new pond. The money donated to school from the ENCON charity will not only ensure that children are able to use the pond for science lessons, but it also means that the current Year 6 cohort will be leaving the school having created something that will be used by generations to come.

FOMBS have made a generous donation to school to fund some new reading books for every class.

Christmas plans

The youngest children are planning to take part in a nativity performance. The Key Stage 2 will be performing carols in the church on the 15th and 16th December, Covid permitting.

(b) Highways, pavements and verge – Cllr Tyers

Roads & pavements generally in good condition.

Councillor Tyres will report clearing mud on Mill Lane on Fix my Street following meeting With Chris Grain.

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

Sports & Social are now becoming more focused on organising events and raising funds following a change of direction by the Committee, however they need to encourage an increase in Membership. The Bowls Club likewise are looking at new avenues for raising funds and are looking for new members, with a current shortage of younger members as well as female bowlers. The Playing Fields have questioned whether they are getting a donation from the P.C. They were advised that this was being discussed again at the next Finance Committee Meeting in early December. They have planted their own Xmas tree.

1890 Planning applications – Cllr. Rosemont

No new applications in the month.

1891 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 November 2021**.

Payment Method	Purpose	Payee	Amount
BACS	Clerk Salary (Sep)	Annette Fowler	
BACS	5 th & final grass cut	N R Prickett	£408.00
BACS	Planting of Flower Boxes & spraying weeds	Eric Probert	£490.00

1892 To receive items for next agenda

Items to be emailed to the Clerk

1893 For Information only

None

1994 Date and location of next meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting, this is scheduled for **Monday 20th December 2021** at the Alice Marshall Hall, Middle Barton at **8.00pm**.

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

