

STEEPLE BARTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STEEPLE BARTON PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 27th June 2022
THE ALICE MARSHALL HALL, MIDDLE BARTON

Councillors Present: Kate Carter-Windle (Chair), Jonny Rosemont (Vice), John Parry, Jane McRobie, Roger Tyers,

Also in attendance: Cllr Jackson, Alison Umney (School Liaison Governor), Andy Hinton (Playing Fields)

Clerk: Annette Fowler

Public: 1

This meeting was rescheduled; originally planned for Monday 20th June.

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.

A member of the public mentioned the condition of the dock. The Clerk to ask Nigel Prickett if he could trim the weeds and clear the path.

Another member of the public mentioned the missing dog bin (owned by the PC) bin Holliers Field – could the PC post on FB when it has been resolved – Clerk to log with WODC – Dave Jackson has already made contact with Bill Oddy who is currently on holiday.

1284 **To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr Graham

1285 **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

1286 **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes from the meeting held on **16th May 2021** were approved and signed as an accurate record by Cllr Carter-Windle.

Signed

1287 **To receive updates on the action points from previous minutes**

a) Update on flooding -

Water is very low and the weeds are very high at Mill Lane. Discussion around whether it should be made vehicle friendly. Cllr Tyers will approach Chris Grain, OCC to find out what could be done.

A new storm drain in the School has been fitted. Also, there might be an opportunity for more work to be done to assist the local properties.

1288 **Reports from County and District Councillors (Appendix A)**

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

Dave Jackson –

Thames Water are digging up the road by the crossroads which is due to start on Tuesday next (June 14th). I saw yet another contractor at the blocked drain above Kiddington Road today (June 11th) and he confirmed they are mending a collapsed sewer. I have had 24 text messages from T.W. saying they are inspecting the drain!!

Some folk contacted me from my snippet in The Bulletin about replacement blue bin lids. Most had been told by WODC that there was an 8 week wait. I have still not had a reply from my contact at WODC about my suggestion of me providing a list of bins so they can be done at the same time. Bill Oddy is going to chase up the right person.

Cottsway have told Chris McGowan (43 Rectory Crescent) that the collapsed / wobbly wall by the garages off Marshall Crescent is NOT their responsibility. I am making more enquiries. Unfortunately, I have still NOT heard from Chris Grain (OCC Highways Officer) if he is back at work yet, to ask him if he thinks OCC could help.

I have done an article for the July Bulletin outlining some of the possible sources of help from WODC for folk struggling with the cost of living crisis. Some of this is via Citizens Advice. I think it is important that I work closely and discretely with SBPC if I hear from any resident who is seeking my confidential help or advice.

Andy Graham - Not in attendance.

1289 **Village Matters**

a) Princess Diana tree and plaque

The tree, plaque and stand are in very poor condition.

RESOLVED,

THAT, the Clerk should price up a new Cherry tree and a plaque.

b) 71 North Street – Tree-Total quote to remove ivy from 71 North Street - £270.00

RESOLVED,

Signed

THAT, the quote was acceptable, and the Clerk would confirm with Tree-Total that they could proceed

1290 **Correspondence not covered elsewhere in the Agenda**

None

1291 **Reports**

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

Children all enjoyed their Jubilee lunch and celebrations.

Reception children went to Woodstock museum last week.

Open Afternoon- Monday 13th June- 2-3pm

This session was attended by 82 visitors. The children really enjoyed showing the work they have been doing and was deemed a great success.

New parent meeting

This was very well attended; the new intake is likely to be 20 children. Parents had the opportunity to visit the classroom and meet Mrs Merry the class teacher, to find out about school lunches and ask any questions.

The school will revery to 5 classes from September as planned.

In the recent RLT stakeholders survey organised by RLT [completed by children, parents, staff and governors]

The overall picture for Middle Barton is one of increasing positivity over time and being above RLT averages.

These are a few of the comments from the analysis:

Middle Barton has achieved a fantastic response rate from stakeholders, well above average participation, so this data should be very accurate. The overall picture for Middle Barton is one of increasing positivity over time and being above RLT averages.

KS2 students rated "I am happy at school" as the highest in the trust.

Parents were particularly positive about how bullying was dealt with, which was highest in the trust, and also positive about concerns being dealt with and their child feeling safe, both of these questions were 2nd highest in the trust.

One area where parents were less positive was around the school supporting their child's wider development. This is an area I will be asking you for further information on in the future so I can get a better picture of what we can do to improve.

100% of staff believe that MB is well managed, and takes their wellbeing into account when developing policy

97% of KS1 and 100% of KS2 students say that MB encourages them to be kind to people from other backgrounds

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100% of parents are aware of what their child will learn through the year
100% of governors feel that the school has an aspirational culture, and understand their role well

Miss Sylvester is working hard to develop and improve the music curriculum; she aims to make it more practical; the school is short of tuned instruments and her plans include fundraising to purchase keyboards so that all children have the opportunity to learn to play a tuned instrument.

The Old School house

The building is slowly beginning to dry out with the help of fans and quotes are being gained for the refurbishment.

Flat roof repairs

The major works to repair and replace the flat roof on the main school building will commence on Monday 27th June 2022 with some site preparation taking place at the end of this week.

It is expected to take 5-6 weeks with work spilling over into the Summer Holidays

The site area will be based on the top car park outside the main school entrance which will be out of use for the duration of the works. During this time the large gate will remain closed to prevent unauthorised access. This area will be secured with high fencing which will be padlocked out of hours.

A safe pedestrian only access route to the main playground will be left clear for use by pupils and parents for drop off & collection. Please be aware that space will be limited so we ask that you try to time your arrival at school to reduce too much time hanging around.

Pre-school parents and children will not have their usual access to this area for drop off & collection during the works to ensure their safety and should remain outside of the school grounds at all times.

Temporary signage will be in place to direct visitors to the site.

(b) Highways, pavements and verge – Cllr Tyers

The Green – The foreman from Luke Carter Homes asked if the PC would write to the residents around the green to ask that they do not park their cars around the area next Mon/Tues/Wed so that work can be carried out as planned. This would be all houses close to the Green – 33-43 and 38-40. The Clerk will draft a letter on PC headed paper.

Traffic calming – the 20mph scheme has been approved and we have asked for an update on next steps i.e., timescale etc. The PC will arrange another meeting to discuss the next steps.

(c) Sports and Social Club/Playing Fields (Andy Hinton)

The Jubilee weekend was a great success with really good attendance and memberships have increased following the celebrations.

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A location for the tree and tree bench have been agreed. The PC will look to have this in place in time for Autumn planting.

It was confirmed that the Playing Fields now own the memorial garden.

The car park has been repaired.

The ROSPA inspection is due soon. The top play area has been cleared and will no longer be involved in the inspection.

There have been discussions about an outdoor gym with the cost being approximately £10,000 for 6 units including installation and delivery + VAT. The School have the same package and have agreed that the PC can visit to take a look. Andy asked if the PC would be in a position to make a donation toward the cost. Cllr Rosemont asked about maintenance, it was confirmed that this will be investigated. Cllr Carter-Windle asked about lighting in the Winter for the gym area and the running track; this is also being investigated.

Heating in the clubhouse – the boilers need to be replaced or alternative ways of heating be investigated. There will be a green energy survey in the club and bowls club. It has been established that both have terrible insulation.

1292 Planning applications – Cllr. Rosemont

22/01298/HHD – 13 Orchard way – Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of two storey side extension. Alterations to existing family room to include replacement roof with lantern. Formation of new vehicular access and associated works.

No objections

1293 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 **20th June 2022**.

Payment Method	Purpose	Payee	Amount
BACS	Clerk Salary (May) + £47.99 for paint for bus shelter floors	Annette Fowler	£
BACS	Amazon – paint for bus shelters (paid by BACS 23/5/22)	Annette Fowler	£ 70.00
BACS	Music for Jubilee celebrations (Paid by BACS 2/6/22)	The Groove Company	£ 850.00
BACS	Providing PA afternoon of June 5th 2022 – Jubilee celebrations (Paid by BACS 28/5/22)	Martin Alker	£ 100.00
BACS	Donation for maintenance to Playing Fields public toilets	BVMHF	£2,000.00
BACS	Repainting Bus Shelters	Rodney Benfield	£ 340.00
BACS	Jubilee celebration-prizes	Kate Carter-Windle	£ 50.00
BACS	Grass Cutting – 1 st cut	Nigel Prickett	£ 428.40
BACS	Planting of flower boxes and weed spraying	Eric Probbitts	£ 500.00
BACS	Tree pruning Dorn Close & removal of	Tree-Total	£ 250.00

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1294 **To receive items for next agenda**

Clerk to invite Jenny McCLeery (footpaths Warden) to next meeting to discuss the village footpaths.

1295 **For Information only**

Website expiry – the Clerk confirmed the expiry date is 21st January 2023 but will be automatically renewed.

Cllr Carter-Windle reported on the wonderful Jubilee celebrations.

1296 **Date and location of next meeting**

To confirm the date of the next meeting, this is scheduled for **Monday 18th July 2022** 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 Graham and Cllr Jackson</i>
<i>B</i>	<i>Accounts for Payment</i>

Signed