

STEEPLE BARTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STEEPLE BARTON PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 12th December 2022
THE ALICE MARSHALL HALL, MIDDLE BARTON

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

Also in attendance: Cllr Graham, Cllr Jackson

Clerk: Annette Fowler

Public: 4

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 talked about the recent break-ins and was interested to know if villagers would consider in coming together to work on making our community less attractive to people who want to steal from the village. Cllr Carter-Windle confirmed that the PC had tried in the past to set up a neighbourhood watch scheme, but it has proven to be very difficult. She also confirmed that the PCSO's had been invited to the January meeting and that this could be discussed with them. Cllr Tyers suggested organising a village meeting to discuss what could be done. It seems that CCTV is the only reliable source of information that the Police will act on. The Clerk confirmed she would again investigate the procedure for starting a Neighbourhood watch scheme.

1337 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Rosemont

1338 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).

1339 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on **21st November 2022** were approved and signed as an accurate record by Cllr Carter-Windle.

Minor amendment - To confirm that the recent £2,000 donation to BVMHF was to be used to maintain the play area.

1340 Reports from County and District Councillors (Appendix A)

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

Cllr Jackson

I was delighted to hear from Jackie Hinton that the A.M. Hall has had positive feedback from WODC regarding a community grant to help with heat and light costs for the warm space/lunches etc initiative.

Signed

I was also pleased to see the pavement by Holliers field repaired after a resident requested me to try and sort it as he went in to vote in the election in May.

I was similarly pleased that Holliers Crescent had been resurfaced at the eastern end, as I had requested that at the same time. However, it was on a lengthy list of streets with poor surface conditions I had mentioned to the OCC highways officer, and most of them are still requiring some kind of top dressing.

Cllr Graham

Discussion around the status of the Mullin S106 payment; a new application is being made. It was confirmed that the payment will be as agreed.

The Home Schools transport working group was delayed during Andy's absence. Any changes will not take effect until 2023.

1341 Village Matters

a) Trees for Playing Fields, Princess Diana replacement and Dorn Close/Cross Way

The Clerk had posted on the local FB asking for advice on trees. The comments received were positive, and it appears that the preferred Acer for the Playing Fields would be suitable. The quote from Nicholsons for the Playing Fields tree and Princess Diana tree including delivery is £819. The quote from Charles Hoare to plant both trees is £330.00. The Clerk will contact Nicholsons and Charles Hoare to ask for both quotes to be updated to include the third tree and to arrange a suitable date for delivery and planting.

Tree Total have quoted £60 to remove the stump left in Cross Way and £20 to remove the Princess Diana Tree in Farriers Road.

b) Donation request Middle Barton Bowls Club

A letter had been received from the Bowls club giving detail of works required as there is damp in the club house resulting from issues in the car park. The club are seeking professional advice and will supply further details when available.

1342 Correspondence not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

a) Email from Playing Fields committee

An email was received on 1st December supplying details of scheduled work required in the near future. The PC confirmed that funds available are limited and any reserves have already been allocated for traffic calming. It was confirmed that there could possibly be S106 payments in the future depending on developments being approved, but this would need further investigation.

The PC asked the Clerk to email Andy Hinton to request a breakdown of how the recent £2,000 donation had been allocated for repairs to the play area.

1343 Reports

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

Signed

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Everything is running smoothly, and the children are practising for Christmas shows. They have had a Christmas jumper day and raised money for Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

Next week, they have a number of exciting events taking place including: a Santa run, Christmas movie night, Christmas performances and Christmas lunch.

The highlight of this term is the Ofsted report which has been circulated to the PC for information.

(b) Highways, pavements, and verges – Cllr Tyers

The proposed North St/Mill Lane build out has been re-drawn; The PC are awaiting costings. A letter to residents has been drafted Westcote Barton need to be included and can then be distributed.

The PC have received a notice of road closure in Westcote Barton in March 23, the Clerk will advertise nearer the time.

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

Sports and Social Club/Playing Fields **(Andy Hinton, Treasurer, Playing Fields)**

No report.

1344 **Planning applications**

No new applications received.
Cllr Tyers confirmed the Mullins application had been made.

1345 **Finance**

(a) Precept - Report from Finance Sub Committee from the December meeting and to consider and agree the Budget and setting of the Precept level for 2023/24

Cllr Parry confirmed that a draft budget had been agreed at the recent finance meeting and distributed to full council for review before this meeting. After a general discussion it was

RESOLVED,

THAT, the Budget was approved, and the Precept will remain at the same level as 22/23, this being £21,560. The Clerk will complete the application process.

(b) 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 **12th December 2022**

Payment Method	Purpose	Payee	Amount
BACS	Clerk Salary (Nov)	Annette Fowler	Confidential

Signed

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1346 **To receive items for next agenda**

Neighbourhood watch
Clerk to approach Countrywide regarding weed spraying.

1347 **For Information only**

Cllr Carter-Windle confirmed that Cllr Rosemont had resigned from his position as Councillor and thanked him for all his hard work for the Parish.

1348 **Date and location of next meeting**

To confirm the date of the next meeting, this is scheduled for **Monday 16th January 2023** 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