

STEEPLE BARTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STEEPLE BARTON PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 20th March 2023
THE ALICE MARSHALL HALL, MIDDLE BARTON

Councillors Present: Kate Carter-Windle (Chair), Roger Tyers, Jane McRobie, Steve Rogers, Graham Cox

Also in attendance: Cllr Jackson, Cllr Graham, Andy Hinton

Clerk: Annette Fowler

Public: 2

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.

No comments were raised.

1376 **To receive apologies for absence**
Cllr Parry, Cllr Barry, Alison Umney (School Liaison Governor)

1377 **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).

Cllr Tyers – Planning application East of Worton Road

1378 **Minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes from the meeting held on **20th February 2022** were approved and signed as an accurate record by Cllr Carter-Windle.

Matters arising:
None.

1379 **Reports from County and District Councillors (Appendix A)**
Full reports can be found on the PC website www.steeplebartonparishcouncil.org

Cllr Jackson

I was hoping to meet OCC highways officer, Chris Grain last Friday (10th March), but he sensibly cancelled with the icy, slushy conditions. He is away next week, so we have provisionally booked Thursday 23rd at 10 o'clock. I had informed Roger Tyers who was to join us on a "tour" of the village. Both Roger and I have things that we want to clarify with Chris.

The Development Control Committee meeting to decide upon the revised Mullin Museum application is on Monday March 27th at 10 am. Unfortunately, I am on holiday in the Isle of

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Man, so I am meeting with Andy Graham who has said he can sub for me. He is quite aware of the intricacies of the application, having attended one of the Community Forum meetings. However, I wanted to share with him all the more recent discussions that have taken place. I spotted a helpful resume of the new application on the local Facebook page that the SBPC clerk had posted. I am not sure if Andy Graham would have seen it. Is there any way it could be forwarded to Andy as an email perhaps?

At the last Uplands planning committee meeting, I proposed there should be a site visit for councillors to see the site for the proposed Worton Road development. I was also concerned that there were a number of late responses that the committee was made aware of verbally at the actual meeting, which I thought we should have more time to digest. Added to that was the fact that the planning officer in charge of the application was poorly, so it would have been trickier for committee members to ask more detailed questions. The site visit will be on Thursday March 30th at 9:30, and the next Uplands meeting on Monday April 3rd.

1380 Donation request received from Bartons History Group

RESOLVED,

THAT, £500 would be donated and included in the March payments.

1381 Donation request from Clean Slate

It was agreed that before making a decision the Clerk would find out more about the service and include in the April meeting.

1382 2nd donation request from Friends of Heyford Station

RESOLVED,

THAT, as a donation of £100.00 had been made in February, the second request would be declined.

1383 Village Matters

a) Update on the Mullins

Cllr McRobie reported that a statement from the PC had been posted on Facebook and confirmed that the next planning meeting is scheduled for Monday 27th March and the PC have been asked to speak at the meeting. It was also confirmed that there will be S106 money that will be used to contribute towards flashing speed signs and Our Bus. There are still concerns about increased traffic and noise levels.

b) Update on traffic calming

Cllr Tyers reported that there were no major updates other than work should be starting on Enstone Hill shortly. It was confirmed that people are still speeding therefore we need to try to mitigate it and will look into the installation of visually activated signs. The PC are considering buying 2 smile/angry SIDS and 8/10 poles so that the signs can be relocated where needed. It was confirmed that there is just over £11K for traffic calming. Cllr Cox reported that cars are driving along the pavement on North Street, could we discuss this with Highways with a suggestion to lift the curb stones. The 50mph up to the Holt will hopefully be in place very soon.

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c) Coronation Event – email received from Sports & Social Club committee

The PC received an email from the Club who are going to organise a one day event for the Coronation. One of the things they would like to do is buy a Commemorative coin for the children in the village, and asked if the PC could offer any financial assistance. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, 29th March to discuss the event. The Clerk and Cllr Carter-Windle will attend the meeting to find out more and will report back.

d) Update on Neighbourhood watch

The Clerk has heard from the area representative, Paul Christmas who confirmed that to start a scheme we would need a co-ordinator. The Clerk will post on Facebook asking for volunteers. Paul can also supply signs and stickers if needed.

e) Salt Bins

Cllr Tyers reported that some of the salt bins need maintenance. Therefore, we need to check each bin and tidy up as required. We should work as a community and ask residents in close location to the bins to salt the roads if we have bad weather. Roger will talk to Chris Grain to ask if it is permitted for anyone to salt the pavements/road.

1384 Correspondence not covered elsewhere in the Agenda

None

1385 Reports

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

Years 4 and 5 have had sessions with Bikeability, providing cycling safety and skills. Bikeability staff said thank you to everyone at Middle Barton School for making us so welcome and to the children who really did work so hard and listen beautifully, all achieving their own fantastic personal goals. We all love coming to Middle Barton School, it's such a happy place.

Tree removal work is starting in the Easter holidays. School is planning to raise funds by selling logs and chippings from the cut down trees. Years 4 and 5 are writing to local businesses to ask for donations or replacement trees. Other ideas include asking people to sponsor a tree.

The flooring for the Old School house has now been agreed so this work can go ahead subject to getting the Various activities have been. Enjoyed at Chipping Norton school including a pottery workshop, a dance festival, a multi skills sports festival.

All classes took part in British science week last week and a variety of investigations were carried out.

Miss Sylvester has organised an in school art competition for the children.

Children dressed as favourite characters for World book day and there will be a scholastic book fair after school in the school hall from 23rd to 28th March.

They also supported Red Nose Day.

(b) Highways, Drainage and Flood Protection – Cllr Tyers

Nothing to report other than the walk round with Chris Grain as mentioned above.

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

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Playing Fields – the new bonded surface for the play area will hopefully be installed on the 31st. It was confirmed that the insurance company will pay for the damage to the bowls club wall with work starting in about 4 weeks.

Cllr Rogers reported that the Club is doing well, and costs are being closely monitored.

1386 **Planning applications**

Notification from Hallam Land Management that they have submitted their planning Application – no further details to report.

1387 **Finance**

(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 March 2023**

Payment Method	Purpose	Payee	Amount
BACS	Clerk Salary (Feb)	Annette Fowler	Confidential
BACS	Donation to wall repairs	Friends of Heyford Station	£100.00
BACS	OALC Subscription renewal	OALC	£313.19
BACS	Removal of Xmas tree	Brian Woods	£100.00
BACS	Donation to Barton History Group	Barton History Group	£500.00

1388 **To receive items for next agenda**

- Clean Slate
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Chris Grain visit
- Coronation event

1389 **For Information only**

None

1390 **Date and location of next meeting**

To confirm the date of the next meeting, this is scheduled for **Monday 17th April 2023** at the Alice Marshall Hall, Middle Barton at **8.00pm**.

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