

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STEEPLE BARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 14th April 2025

THE ALICE MARSHALL HALL, MIDDLE BARTON

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

Also in Attendance: Councillor Dave Jackson and Councillor Andy Graham

Clerk: Annette Fowler

No members of the Public.

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.

1679 To receive apologies for absence

The Council received and approved apologies from Cllr Barry

1680 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).

Nothing was declared.

1681 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 17th March 2025 were approved and signed as an accurate record by Cllr Roger Tyers.

1682 To receive updates on the action points from previous minutes –

a) ASWC – The cost is £5,288.40 - this will be covered by £4,881.00 from the Heyford S106 funds and £407.40 from the PC traffic calming budget and 15% from Westcote Parish meeting.

1683 Village Matters - updates

a) School Buses – No update, carry forward to May.

1684 Reports from County and District Councillors (Appendix A)

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

Councillor Dave Jackson –

I have replied to an email from the recently appointed WODC Youth Development Officer, James Edney. He is keen to investigate the establishment of youth activities in areas where few exist, and he has identified The Bartons as one such area. He is writing to Parish Clerks soon, so we may get a message before our SBPC meeting on the 14th April. I have invited

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him to come for a chat over a cuppa at my house, and if I get a positive reply, I will let the parish councillors know in case anyone wants to join us.

They are slightly simplifying the way I schedule the action for potholes on Fix My Street in my capacity as a Super User. There is a short Teams meeting on Tuesday 15th April to explain the changes, and I have indicated to the organiser, Lorraine Tougher, that I will log on. She has also indicated how I can raise concerns about the quality of the work done by the pothole teams, so I hope I can take the opportunity to discuss other concerns raised at the SBPC meetings, like several instances of the team seemingly sitting in the car park for prolonged periods of time.

There has been another development in the prolonged saga about the wobbly manhole cover outside 13 Marshall Crescent. Following BT's insistence that it is not their responsibility, Chris Grain, OCC Highways Officer, has discovered that it is a gas company chamber, so he has raised an urgent repair order with them. I have let the concerned resident know of this latest "twist in the tale"!

Councillor Andy Graham

Relatively quiet due to the elections. Oxfordshire is number one for recycling rates. Cllr Tyers asked about the dragon patcher, Cllr Graham will report back.

1685 Reports

(a) Highways (Cllr Barry)

Met with Cllr Tyers and James Wright, OCC Highways recently to talk about the North Street traffic/driving issues. It has been suggested that the centre white line is re-instated as a guide for drivers. Also discussed signage for Worton Road and Church Lane for the School.

The SID at Hollier's is showing no increase in speed through the village, this being around 24 Mph.

(b) Drainage and Flood Protection (Cllr Tyers)

The School works have commenced, they have connected into the manhole at the bottom of the school with about 85% of the drain being completed so far.

There is an opportunity to obtain more funds for flood work.

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

No report

1686 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 **17th March 2025**

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Payment Method	Purpose	Payee	Amount
BACS	Clerk Salary (Jan)	Annette Fowler	CONF
BACS	PAYE Q4		£245.20
BACS	Payroll preparation Jan-Mar 2025	TP Jones & Co LLP	£ 59.40

RESOLVED

THAT, all payments listed were agreed.

1687 To receive items for next agenda.

Holliers application
Internet for AMH – update from Kate
Paddock – Church Lane

1688 For Information only

The PC would like to offer their sincere condolences to the family of Andrew Henderson who recently passed away. Andrew was a much valued member of the Council and also a School Governor for many years. His knowledge of the village was invaluable and the time he gave to the community was very much appreciated.

1689 Date and location of next meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting, this is scheduled for **Monday 12th May 2025** at the Alice Marshall Hall, Middle Barton at **8.00pm**.

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