

STEEPLE BARTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STEEPLE BARTON PARISH COUNCIL
Monday 18th March 2024
THE ALICE MARSHALL HALL, MIDDLE BARTON

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

Also in Attendance: Alison Umney (School Liaison Governor), Andy Hinton (Playing Fields)

Clerk: Annette Fowler

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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 questions.

1531 **To receive apologies for absence.**
Cllr Jackson, Cllr Graham, Cllr Rogers

1532 **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

1533 **Minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes from the meeting held on **19th February 2024** were approved and signed as an accurate record by Cllr Roger Tyers.

Matters arising:
None

Signed

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1534 **To receive updates on the action points from previous minutes –**

a) **Flooding –**

The Mill Lane hydraulic report has been sent to another consultant, they will consider the results and report back. Cllr Tyers feels that more needs to be done to tackle the problem to resolve it and OCC need to come out to look at the area.

1535 Reports from County and District Councillors (Appendix A)

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

Cllr Jackson -

I made enquiries on behalf of the playing fields committee (after a chat with Andy Hinton) as to whether the repairs of the playground equipment could be covered by a new WODC grant to promote youth activities. Unfortunately, it is classed as "capital expenditure", so does not apply.

I was copied into an email to Andy Graham from the resident of South Street who was concerned by the state of a front garden in South Street, which was affecting the viewings of prospective buyers of their house. Andy came to see the problem on March 1st and said he would make enquiries with Environmental Health, as to what could be done, especially as the problem has been on-going for about three years. I spoke to the resident to update her, and she was going to have further conversations with Andy. Hopefully Andy can get to the SBPC meeting to update you.

A resident of Fleming Close asked me to enquire about getting the three drains down the Close cleared as his property was nearly flooded out in recent bad weather. Subsequent correspondence has indicated that the Close is "privately" owned and there is an arrangement for the three residents to pay 50% of the cost. The resident is trying to get this payment sorted.

Another resident of Fleming Drive contacted me on March 4th to ask if a missing street sign by his house could be replaced. Bizarrely before I had made any enquiries, the day after it magically appeared along with a brand new one for Woodside Road by the hairdressers. I also spotted that the white street signs for Rectory Crescent had disappeared so I am assuming they might be replaced. I have not had chance to follow this up. I was wondering if any of the parish councillors have heard about this?

Another resident of Jervis Close contacted me to mention that the handrail up the steps at the bottom of the Dock is somewhat wobbly. It is actually the post that wobbles a bit. I am not sure if it warrants attention. I have just got back from four days in Yorkshire, so I will mention it to Roger Tyers or Andy Barry.

1536 **Village Matters**

- a) Quote from KP Tree care to remove the Silver Birch, Dorn Close and the Cherry tree
Holliers Crescent – Silver Birch - £350.00 Cherry - £100.00 + VAT

RESOLVED,

Signed

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THAT the quote was approved. The Clerk will ask if the work can be completed and invoiced before the end of the tax year.

b) Quotes for Tree survey

- Nicholson - £895.50 + VAT
- Aspect - £975 + VAT
- Top Leaf - £375 + VAT

The quotes were discussed, it was noted that the quote from Nicholsons had increased by a large amount since the last survey in 2020. The Clerk will make contact with them to ask why the price has increased so much and report back.

1537 Reports

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

Ali asked that she not report monthly & Clerk can report from the School Newsletter AF check with her how she would like to proceed – bi-monthly or drop off the agenda completely and the Clerk distribute the School Newsletter on a weekly basis. AF add in the School have said thank you for the Oak tree.

This term has been very busy with lots of additional events and experiences for the children and continued good attendance.

- All classes have worked with visiting artist from ‘Sculpture at Kingham Lodge’ and produced some lovely observational drawings.
- 2 classes have had some Ukulele lessons learning about the instruments and beginning some basic skills
- World Book Day was celebrated by dressing up as a book character and the children received their £1 voucher
- Y5/6 went to Chipping Norton school to meet the author Stewart Foster
- Y2/3 took part in a multi skills festival at CNS
- Year 4 children had a pottery workshop.
- More Bike-ability sessions took place with children learning to check their bikes to ensure it is safe as well as developing cycling skills including giving signals.
- Children also raised over £100 for Comic relief last Friday

The open afternoon was very successful as was the cake sale that followed it. The yoga teacher commented on how nice it was that some parents joined in the Yoga class with their children and said how much she enjoys coming to MB school.

There were visitors in school last week from River Learning Trust and they commented on the ‘lovely atmosphere’ in the school and commented on how well behaved the children are.

Sadly, Mr Smith will be leaving the school at the end of the summer term to take up a post in Vietnam. He will be missed as he is a great asset to the school. An advertisement has been placed and a new teacher will be appointed in due course.

There will be a book fair in the school hall this Thursday and Friday after school.

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(b) Highways (Cllr Barry)

The potholes by the Cinnamon Stick have been logged on Fix My Street. Cllr Barry will download latest SID information and report back at the next meeting. The Mill Lane traffic mirror will be put up a.s.a.p.

Cllr Parry asked about the third SID, Cllr Tyers had discussed this with Steve Ferrelly who had talked to the Police about a different type of camera. No decision has been made.

(c) Drainage and Flood Protection (Cllr Tyers)

See action points from the previous meeting above.

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

All looking positive and the social club are doing well. The work at the Bowls club is nearly finished. There are three Deddington Football teams using the football pitch and facilities. Cllr Barry asked about the play equipment, Andy confirmed it is currently being reviewed with items that need to be replaced listed and priced.

1538 Planning applications (Cllr McRobie)

24/00568/RES-Reserved Matters application (appearance, layout and scale) for the erection of a replacement detached two-storey dwelling with detached garaging and associated change of use. Heath Cottage Farm Worton Road

No comments as planning application already approved, this is just reserved matters.

1539 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 **18th March 2024**

| Payment Method | Purpose | Payee | Amount |
|----------------|---|---------------------|--------------|
| BACS | Clerk Salary (Feb incl backpay + Traffic Mirror £68.40) | Annette Fowler | CONFIDENTIAL |
| BACS | OALC Membership renewal | OALC | £316.52 |
| BACS | Cleaning Traffic Mirrors | CTF Window Cleaning | £ 19.90 |

Cllr Parry gave a quick update from the Finance meeting held earlier this evening and confirmed that there will be a small saving from the 23/24 budget, mostly due to from the Donations budget.

1540 To receive items for next agenda.

- Bowls club may request funds to help with replacing a door.
- D Day celebrations
- Transport to School

1541 For Information only

Thank you to Steve Rogers for moving the Oak tree from the Playing Fields to the School.

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1542 **Date and location of next meeting**

To confirm the date of the next meeting, this is scheduled for **Monday 15th April 2024** at the Alice Marshall Hall, Middle Barton at **8.00pm**.

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