

STEEPLE ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Thursday 8th July 2021** at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Buffery-King (Chair), Cllr Jones, Cllr Dallison, Cllr Leonard and Cllr Dampier.

In attendance: Nicola Duke (Parish Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

Open Forum

Members of the public were invited to make representations to the Council on any matters relating to the work of the Council or to raise any issues of concern: None.

	AGENDA ITEM
21.133	Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given Cllr Cottle due to family commitments, accepted.
21.132	Declarations of Interest and Dispensations to Participate None.
21.133	Minutes of Council Meetings The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th June 2021 were approved for accuracy and adopted (proposed Cllr Leonard, seconded Cllr Dampier).
21.134	Wiltshire Council Report No report.
21.135	Planning Applications Members considered the below listed applications: PL/2021/04967 - OAK HOUSE, 1 EDINGTON ROAD, STEEPLE ASHTON, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 6HP - Extensions to existing dwelling to form equipment storage areas – No objection; subject to the Tree Officer checking the potential impact of the proposed works on the TPO'd oak tree on the north side of the house, which may impact on the tree roots. PL/2021/06475 - HOMEMEAD HOUSE, VICARAGE LANE, STEEPLE ASHTON, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 6HH - T1 - Ash - Crown thin and crown rise. Shown as T1 on the plan – Support.

	<p>PL/2021/06486 - HOMEHEAD HOUSE, VICARAGE LANE, STEEPLE ASHTON, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 6HH - Yew Trees x 3 - 30% reduction – Support.</p> <p>PL/2021/06494 - MULBERRY LODGE, 22 THE STRAND, STEEPLE ASHTON, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 6EP - G1 - Group of Beech trees - crown reduce by 1.5/2m and thin the crowns to allow more light through the canopy. T2 - Oak - side prune to gain a 2m clearance from the building. T3 - Ash - crown raise to gain a 2m clearance from the farm building and shed. T4 - Mulberry - crown raise to gain a 2m clearance from the farm building and reduce away from house for a 2m clearance. T5 - Ash - crown raise to gain a 2m clearance from the farm building, reduce away from the house and garage for a 2m clearance and remove deadwood – Support.</p> <p>PL/2021/06208 -29 DARK LANE SOUTH, STEEPLE ASHTON, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 6EZ- Silver Birch tree - crown reduce 3m and raise crown to 2.5m - Support.</p> <p>To receive and consider planning applications received after the issue of the agenda (<i>where the response time falls outside of the meeting schedule</i>) - None.</p> <p>Westbury Incinerator Planning Application - request for call in to local Councils from Wiltshire Climate Alliance– members had been provided with a copy of a letter requesting the PC’s support to call in the planning application. Following debate, it was resolved that the Council would support the request for a call in and write to the Secretary of State accordingly, referencing the points in the letter, the unacceptable traffic generation and issues of the site location.</p>
<p>21.136</p>	<p>Parish Council Projects</p> <p>Members discussed the PC projects for the coming term of office agreed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Neighbourhood Planning</u> – it was noted that the format of the plans would be changing in the future. It was agreed that it would be useful to ask Wiltshire Council to undertake a Rural Housing Needs Survey in the first instance. The Clerk would prepare a report on the future of Neighbourhood Planning for the August meeting and submit the request for the RHNS to Wiltshire Council. • <u>St Mary’s Development Plans</u> – it was noted there were a number of local residents who were interested in joining a working group for this project and feedback available from the village survey undertaken in 2019. The Clerk would prepare a list of those who had expressed an interest in this project and Cllr Dampier would take the lead in forming a working group. • <u>Highways Strategy and SID</u>– a paper had been submitted to Wiltshire Council detailing highway issues which required addressing. This needed to be proactively chased and taken forward with effective local engagement. The Clerk would liaise with Wiltshire Council accordingly and the Chair, Cllr Leonard and Cllr Jones would form the working party in support of this work.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Queens Platinum Jubilee and village party</u> – the Chair had been approached by local residents regarding a post-Covid village event and information relating to the Platinum Jubilee had been circulated. It was noted that funds and resources would need to be identified to take this forward. The Chair proposed that the plans for an event to tie in with the Queens Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 2nd June 2022 be advertised to recruit volunteers and that the sum of £2,000 be initially set aside to support the event. This was seconded by Cllr Dampier and resolved. Cllr Dampier undertook to act as the Council Lead for the project; writing an article for the newsletter and establishing a working group. The Chair confirmed she was content to be a member of this group. • <u>Environment – trees and footpaths</u> – it was noted that there was outstanding work required on footpaths and delays at Wiltshire Council in attending to this. It was agreed to identify the rules relating to works on footpaths and identify what options might be available to the Council to deal directly with the work. The work of the SAVE Climate Group was noted and the Chair undertook to share the results of the 2019 village survey. • <u>Communication</u> – it was noted that the website was in development and social media was being used. The Clerk would prepare a draft Communications Strategy for consideration at a future meeting.
21.137	<p>A350 Melksham Bypass – Second Public Consultation</p> <p>Members noted the second public consultation (information previously circulated) and agreed that there was no further comment the Council wished to make.</p>
21.138	<p>Councillor Reports</p> <p><u>Cllr Leonard</u> – reported that 420 trees had been ordered (for free), which would be delivered in November. Species would be confirmed and locations were being identified. Planting volunteers would be sought nearer the time. Cllr Leonard asked for plans for a village litter pick to be added to the August meeting agenda and the Clerk would identify any of the restrictions associated with this over the summer months.</p> <p><u>Cllr Jones</u> – reported that he now held emergency internal keys for the hut at Acreshort Park. The Chair reported that she held the key to the external door. The Clerk was also asked to get some prices to trim back the hedge at the rear of the Acreshort Park car park area.</p>
21.139	<p>Date of next meeting - Monday 2nd August 2021 – Full meeting</p>

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9. 00 pm.