

# STEEPLE ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023** at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Leonard (Chair), Cllr Tapper, Cllr Jones.

**In attendance:** Nicola Duke (Parish Clerk) and 2 members 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
2022.115	<b>Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given</b> Cllrs Cottle & Dallison due to family commitments, accepted.
2022.16	<b>Declarations of Interest and Dispensations to Participate</b> None.
2022.117	<b>Minutes of Council Meetings</b> The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on <b>6<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b> were approved for accuracy and adopted (proposed Cllr Tapper, seconded Cllr Jones).
2022.118	<b>Planning Applications</b>  <b>PL/2023/01767</b> - 32 ACRESHORT LANE, STEEPLE ASHTON, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 6HD - This is a householder application for internal alterations and proposed first floor extension and garage conversion to the existing dwelling at 32 Acre Short Lane, Steeple Ashton. The proposal additionally includes a new oak double garage - Objection on the grounds that the proposed development would have a detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the area, due to the visual impact of the

	<p>garage extension and removal of the hedge on the transition from the rural section of Acreshort Lane into the built environment of the village.</p> <p><b>PL/2023/02415</b> - THE OLD PARSONAGE, VICARAGE LANE, STEEPLE ASHTON, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 6HH - T1 - Yew: To reduce Yew by 2m all over – No objection.</p> <p>Members considered a planning application received after the issue of the agenda:</p> <p><b>PL/2023/02148 and PL/2023/02642</b>- Longs Arms, High Street, Steeple Ashton, Trowbridge, BA14 6EU - Replacement of derelict curtilage listed former stables building with timber clad storage barn - Support.</p>
<p><b>2022.119</b></p>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan – Village Survey</b></p> <p>Members noted the receipt of the analysis into the recent village survey from the PC’s planning consultants (copy previously circulated) and considered how to deal with those issues which were not strictly Neighbourhood Plan related. The Chair had sent an email outlining the issues which could be considered by the PC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicle speed and numbers through the village.</li> <li>• Drainage / flooding.</li> <li>• Footpaths &amp; pavements.</li> <li>• Sustainable Travel Plan.</li> <li>• Community Facilities.</li> <li>• Better facilities and activities for young families.</li> <li>• Improvements to Play areas (REC Group tasked with this).</li> <li>• Green environment.</li> <li>• Carbon reduction.</li> </ul> <p>Members discussed the issues above and it was agreed that it would be useful to set up an informal working group to explore traffic related issues. Cllr Tapper would take this forward as lead member, in conjunction with his CSW role. This would be publicised in the next newsletter.</p> <p>The Chair would contact Cllr Seed in relation to drainage and flooding issues, further to the PC’s previous correspondence on this matter.</p> <p>The Council would consider the other items for prioritisation at the Annual Council Meeting in May.</p>
<p><b>2022.120</b></p>	<p><b>St Mary’s Playing Field</b></p> <p>Members considered a request from the St Marys &amp; Newleaze Recreation Working Group for permission for additional planting at St Mary’s – a report from the Chair had been previously circulated and was introduced. Hedge planting was requested from the entrance gate to Sandpits Lane and back down from Bartlett’s Mead towards the kick wall. The planting was approved.</p>

<b>2022.121</b>	<b>Village Newsletter</b> Members agreed the following items for inclusion in the village newsletter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning information – Parish Clerk</li><li>• Traffic working group – Cllr Tapper</li><li>• Police Report – Cllr Tapper</li><li>• Call for new members</li></ul>
<b>2022.122</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b> Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Annual Parish Meeting. Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023 – Annual Council Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.28 pm.