

Slapton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely on Wednesday 14th April 2021 at 8.00pm.

PRESENT:

Slapton Parish Council Councillors: F Wakefield (Chairman), M Cleland, S Golder, C Kelly and A Packham.

Buckinghamshire Councillor A Wight.

Slapton Parish Clerk (Interim) Mrs B Knight.

Seven members of the public.

68 Chairman's Welcome and announcements.

The Chairman expressed condolences following the recent death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, he stated that the council's thoughts are with Her Majesty and their family at this very sad time. Slapton Parish Council has a condolence book located in the Village Hall for residents to sign.

69 Attendance and Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Slapton Parish Councillor Hensey.

70 Disclosures of interest/dispensations pertaining to this agenda.

None.

71 To Approve the Minutes of the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on 10th March 2021.

The minutes for the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th March 2021 were approved as correct and will be signed. PROPOSED by Councillor Golder and SECONDED by Councillor Kelly and carried unanimously. The Chairman thanked Councillor Cleland for taking the minutes in the Parish Clerk's absence last month.

72 Appointment of Interim Slapton Parish Clerk.

It was agreed to appoint Bridget Knight as Slapton Parish Clerk (Interim) starting 1st April 2021 initially until the end of May 2021. The Chairman welcomed the new Clerk to Slapton Parish Council.

73 Public Question Time.

A local resident mentioned flytipping (building rubble) has been left in her field entrance and this has been reported to Buckinghamshire Council for collection. Councillor Packham explained that flytipping on private land such as a gateway or field entrance is usually cleared by the landowner, but the resident is hopeful this will be removed by Buckinghamshire Council as they have previously.

74 To receive reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).

Buckinghamshire Councillor Wright explained she was not standing again for election for personal reasons, the Chairman expressed thanks to Councillor Wright for her service over the past four years and wished her well in the future.

Councillor Wright informed residents that Covid business grants are available and further information can be found on the Buckinghamshire Council website, Councillor Wright reminded everyone to carefully follow the Covid restrictions as lock down is lifted gradually. Councillor Wright hoped the new Clerk settles in well.

The Ivinghoe Freight Strategy Consultation is expected to happen after the May elections. Councillor Wright stressed the importance of taking part in the Consultation as Buckinghamshire Council needs a strong response from the villages.

Councillor Wright ended her report by thanking Slapton Parish Council for their welcome and she will be staying in contact through the community events when restrictions allow.

Signed by Chairman: _____

75 To appoint Trevor Beeches as Internal Auditor for Slapton Parish Council.

It was agreed to appoint Trevor Beeches as Internal Auditor for 2020/21.

76 Planning Application(s):

21/00895/APP Removal of condition 5 (The existing signage attached to the building shall be retained in situ and shall not otherwise be altered or re-sited without prior agreement in writing of the local planning authority) relating to application 18/03976/APP 1 Horton Road, Slapton, Buckinghamshire LU7 9DB.

Objection PROPOSED by Councillor Packham and SECONDED by Councillor Golder and carried unanimously.

77 Footpaths, Bridleways and Roads.

- Provision of 30MPH repeater signs in Horton/Slapton – this will be deferred to a meeting after the May elections. A Horton resident has contacted Buckinghamshire Council about problems she has accessing her drive near the width restriction, Buckinghamshire Councillor Wright has escalated this within Bucks for a timely response to the resident.
- Councillor Cleland will request a site visit with the Buckinghamshire Local Area Technician.
- Horton speed restriction – a discussion took place about the location of the speed restriction and this will be deferred to a meeting after the May elections.
- Councillors Packham and Golder will organise for the MVAS to be moved to Horton, having been located in Slapton for four months.
- Village name sign – Councillor Packham has received a quotation for a new Slapton sign at a cost of £5,000. Over the next few months, the reserves will be reviewed, and the village sign will be considered at a future meeting.

78 Recreation Ground.

Bollards by Bury Farm Close entrance to recreation ground – a discussion took place, it was decided the Parish Clerk will check with the insurers regarding insurance cover for any future encroachments onto the recreation ground and any repairs to any damage or rubbish removal.

Following a request from a resident in Mill Road it was agreed to allow a pedestrian gate from their property to the recreation ground. The gate must open onto their land and not the recreation ground. The Parish Clerk will inform the resident.

79 Village Hall Survey.

Councillor Golder gave an update and the closing date for the survey is 23rd April 2021. Ivinghoe Parish Councillor Stephen Lott will act as an independent person to review the results.

80 Slapton Parish Council Website.

The new website will be ready soon and should be operational by the end of the month.

81 S106 Monies.

A discussion took place about a new path or playground/fitness equipment and Councillor Kelly and the Parish Clerk will meet to work on this.

82 Clerk's Report.

- Defibrillator – enquires will be made to find an electrician to install the Horton defibrillator.
- Post Box – it was agreed to install a post box for Slapton Parish Council to be located at the Village Hall the cost of the post box is £64.99.
- Signs for Grove – it was agreed to purchase bin signs and poster for £75.

Signed by Chairman: _____

83 Annual Meeting of Slapton Parish Council.

The Annual Meeting of Slapton Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 12th May in the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial/Slapton Village Hall.

84 Financial Matters.

The following list of accounts were approved for payment PROPOSED by Councillor Cleland and SECONDED by Councillor Golder and carried unanimously:

Payee	Details	Amount
A Packham	Reimburse Freeola Web Cost	£12.24
Autela Payroll Company	Payroll services	£57.83
B Knight	Reimburse expenses	£70.17
BMKALC	Councillor Training	£38.00
HMRC	J F PAYE	£10.40
J Furniss	Reimburse expenses	£3.68
J O'Dwyer	Recreation Ground Inspections	£25.00
M W Agri Ltd	Grass Cutting	£240.00
S Golder	Reimburse printing costs	£280.00
Slapton Village Hall	Donation printing costs	£349.20
SSE	Streetlight Electricity	£147.93

The meeting ended at 21.22pm.

The next Slapton Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 12th May 2021 in The Elizabeth Griffin Memorial/Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman: _____