

Slapton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting

of the Zoom Meeting (971 5034 5940) of **Slapton Parish Council**
held at **8pm on Wednesday 10th March 2021.**

Councillors Present: Wakefield(Chairman), Cleland, Golder, Kelly, Hensey. (1 Vacancy)

Unitary Councillors: Anne Wight

Public: 3 members of the public were present at the start of the meeting.

Minutes: Mac Cleland

Start time: 20:00

Item:

47 Chairman's Welcome and announcements.

48 Apologies for absence.

Councillors Alec Packham and Peter Cooper. Parish Clerk John Furniss

48 Governance

To affirm the reapplication of the Procedures and protocols for dealing with the Coronavirus (Covid-19) crisis to include without limitation amendments to Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Scheduled meeting timetable changes and dissemination of information to the Public as resolved under Resolution 2003e.70. 21st March 2020

i. To apply in the event of technical difficulties restricting the attendance of members of the Council such that this meeting becomes inquorate or otherwise disrupted such that the business of the Council cannot be completed.

ii. To apply in the event that the next meeting of the Council cannot take place either for technical reasons or is suspended in accordance with any emergency legislation or official guidance.

Resolved. The Council resolved that the Procedures and protocols approved in resolution 2003e.70 should re -apply subject to i) or ii) above.

50 Parishioners' points and proposals

A resident tabled a request to limit the size of vehicles transiting the village particularly regarding the recent delivery of mobile homes to the Traveller's site in Billington. Cllr Anne Wight was invited to comment, and she emphasised the problems regarding the lack of access from the East through Billington. The use of link roads for this purpose is not illegal as such.

The same resident posed a question regarding the light pollution produced by the Traveller's site at Willow Park Farm on the B488.

A resident raised the issue of the sense in the installation of a bollard at the entrance to the recreation ground. Such a bollard would impede the arrival in the recreation ground of ambulance assistance in the event of an accident.

The same resident also asked if due note be indicated in the proposed Village Hall survey to highlight the memory of the Griffin Family and contributing parishioners for the Old Hall and for this sentiment to be passed on to the New Village Hall.

51 Unitary Councillor's Report.

Councillor Anne Wight presented her monthly report to the Council. The content of the report will be available on the Website and in the Villager soon.

52 Declarations of interest from Councillors in items on the Agenda.

No declarations of interest were voiced.

53 Dispensations.

None required.

54 Co-option to fill Councillor Vacancy.

No Candidates had yet come forward. The Vacancy will continue to be advertised and this item will persist on the Agenda until the next election, or the position is filled.

55 Approval of Minutes.

Resolved. The Council resolved that the minutes should be signed as an accurate record of the proceedings at the meeting of the Council on 10th February 2021.

56 Planning.

To consider appropriate action or response to the following: -

CB/20/03363/FULL and CB/20/03364/FULL planning applications.

After due discussion it was resolved to object to each individual application regarding expansion on this site as they arise.

57 Parish Reports.

The Parish Clerk was unfortunately absent. His message to the Chairman was read out: -

a) Horton Defibrillator.

No response for a quote has been received from Tony Reynolds. A timely reminder to him was decided on.

b) Footpath opposite Tornay Court.

The County authority have still to action the repair/supply of the stile.

c) No enquiries from emails, correspondence or Website.

Councillors:

Litter in Grove Signage: Councillor Golder reported that a bin with a protective bollard has been installed. The pole for the sign is bent but he and John O'Dwyer will fix this soon.

The recreation ground signage is all done now.

58 Retirement of the Parish Clerk.

The position for Parish Clerk has been advertised. The various functions performed by the Clerk will be apportioned out as the situations arise. Members of the Council will take on specific roles as their inclination and skills allow.

59 See item 58.

60 Cast Iron Road Sign – Deferred from last meeting.

Quotes for this have been received from John O'Dwyer (£285) and Peter Marshall (£250). It was resolved to opt for Peter Marshall's quote.

61 Highways, Road Safety. (Lead, Councillor Cleland).

1 An email regarding the provision of 30 mph speed roundels in Horton and Slapton and for the refurbishment of other painted road furniture has been sent to Matt Whincup, the Local Area Technician. To date no reply.

2 An email has been sent to Shane Roberts about the Speed Limit change in West Horton asking for advice on how to proceed and the provision of finance. Still awaiting his reply, but he was on leave until the 8th March. Councillor Cleland will contact Katrina Kelly to join/subscribe to the Traffic Sub Committee on the Community Board as soon as possible.

3 Regarding the flooding problems in Horton, Councillor Cleland contacted the affected resident and found that Matt Whincup is still to contact her. He will raise this with Matt Whincup in his next email.

4 The Parish Clerk has forwarded a resource on speed restrictions and strategies written by the local Authority. Councillor Cleland will converse by email with Matt Whincup on strategies available to us for Mill Road.

62 Recreation Ground.

With the absence of Councillor Packham, the update on bollards and the repair to the path was deferred to the next meeting.

The Chairman reported that the basketball net and backboard was now operational. John O'Dwyer reported that the rubber matting was now fixed.

63 New Village Hall.

Discussion regarding the wording is still ongoing. A full report was deferred until next meeting.

64 Grass cutting contract.

The quote for the next year by AGRI was presented to the Council and it was resolved it would be accepted. This was communicated to Malcolm Weaver of AGRI at the meeting. Councillor Golder queried if the contract covered Grove. In the absence of comment, he volunteered to check with Roger King of Grove. The Chairman volunteered to check on any variation of the quote if Grove was presently not included in the quote.

65 Insurance Renewal.

After due discussion it was resolved to consider updating the Asset Register and adequacy of, and amendment to the level of cover for renewal of the Council Insurance for 2021-22. It was resolved to accept the quotation from Cane and Co in order to continue uninterrupted cover

66 Town and Parish Charter.

It appears that the subject was more involved than immediately obvious. Councillors felt more time was needed to understand the issue. It was resolved to defer this until the next meeting.

67 Model Design Code.

Although there was a time limit approaching Councillors only received communication on this on the 5th March, it was resolved to ask NALC for extra time for consideration.

68 Local elections.

The Chairman has received the candidates' paperwork for re-election and will distribute it soon. Relevant dates and actions were discussed.

69 s106 monies.

- 1 Apparently £16000 is available until 5th Dec. 2022. It is meant for Sports and Leisure projects for the Parish.
- 2 There was discussion regarding various items of equipment for the recreation field. Councillor Hensey volunteered to peruse the wording of the s106 document to ascertain just what the money can be spent on. Councillor Kelly similarly will look at items of exercise equipment.

70 WCAG Website.

Discussion on this produced a consensus during the last meeting. It was resolved to agree the terms for subscription and to approve signature of the letter of agreement. It was resolved to make payment to Aubergine 262 Limited

71 Name Sign (Deferred from Feb 021 meeting)

In view of the absence of Councillor Packham it was resolved to defer this to the next meeting.

72 Slapton Parish Logo.

It was resolved to approve the logo for Slapton Parish Council.

73 Internal Auditor.

It was resolved to accept the quote from Bridget Knight of £80 for the Internal Audit.

74 Financial Reports and Transactions since last meeting.

- 1 The variations of Mandate for Lloyds have been sent. Councillor Cleland is to enquire what the problem was with his previous signature.
- 2 The documents for additional mandates for Barclays and have been sent to all Councillors. Cambridge and Counties require direct contact with Brian Williams the present account 'holder'. We will need to change the account holder before adding the present Councillors.
- 3 It was resolved to transfer £10,000 from the Barclays account, by cheque, to the Lloyds account to cover future transactions.
- 4 The Chairman was seeking clarification from the Clerk as to the need for two Direct Debits in favour of SSE.
- 5 Resolution to approve payment of the Clerk's overtime for Extraordinary meetings.
- 6 Resolution to approve authorisation for the Clerk's mileage expenses.
- 7 Resolution to authorise the financial reports and transactions made and awaiting authorisation since the last meeting.

76 Items for the Website and Villager.

None forthcoming.

77 Date of next Ordinary meeting: Wednesday 14th April 2021

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.37