

Slapton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Slapton Parish Council held at the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall on Monday 17th May 2021 at 8pm.

PRESENT:

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

Buckinghamshire Councillor P Brazier.

Slapton Parish Clerk (Interim) Mrs B Knight.

Two members of the public.

APM/21/01 Appointment of Chairman.

Councillor Frank Wakefield was appointment as Chairman and signed the Declaration of Office.

APM/21/02 Appointment of Vice-Chairman.

None.

APM/21/03 Councillors to sign declaration of office and register of pecuniary interests to be completed and returned.

The Councillors signed the declaration of office and register of pecuniary interests have been returned.

APM/21/04 Attendance and Apologies.

None.

APM/21/05 Disclosures of interest and dispensations.

None.

Signed by Chairman: _____

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C/21/89 Chairman's Welcome and announcements.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially newly elected Slapton Parish Councillor Rob King and newly elected Buckinghamshire Councillor Peter Brazier.

C/21/90 Attendance and Apologies.

None.

C/21/91 Disclosures of interest/dispensations pertaining to this agenda.

Councillor Wakefield declared he is a trustee of the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall.

C/21/92 To Approve the Minutes of the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on 14th April 2021.

The minutes for the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th April 2021 were approved as correct and were signed by the Chairman.

C/21/93 Public Question Time.

None.

C/21/94 Slapton Parish Council Vacancies.

Chris Kelly was co-opted as Slapton Parish Councillor PROPOSED BY Councillor Wakefield and SECONDED BY Packman and carried unanimously. There is one vacancy if anyone is interested, please contact the Slapton Parish Clerk.

C/21/95 To receive reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).

Buckinghamshire Councillor Brazier gave his report which covered the Ivinghoe Freight Strategy Zone and encouraged all residents to have their say on this consultation through the Buckinghamshire website. Buckinghamshire Council are running free four weekly online sessions about encouraging wildlife and wildflowers in gardens, further information can be found through the Buckinghamshire Council website.

The Chairman highlighted the main areas of concern with Buckinghamshire Council is Highways and Planning issues, Councillor Brazier will work with Slapton Parish Council on these matters.

C/21/96 Planning Application(s):

21/01317/APP -18 Mill Road, Slapton, Bucks, LU7 9BT.

Erection of a single storey rear extension and construction of new access on to the highway.

Slapton Parish Council comment no objection to the extension. Slapton Parish Council express concerns over removal of hedge to create new entrance, this is against the adopted Neighbourhood Development Plan. PROPOSED by Councillor Packham and SECONDED by Councillor Cleland and carried unanimously.

21/01466/APP – Land adj 40 Mill Road, Slapton, Bucks, LU7 9BT.

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Erection of garage.

No objection. PROPOSED by Councillor Packham and SECONDED by Councillor Cleland and carried unanimously.

21/01623/APP – Land adj 40 Mill Road, Slapton, LU7 9BT.

Erection of garage.

No objection. PROPOSED by Councillor Packham and SECONDED by Councillor Cleland and carried unanimously.

20/02465/APP – Land at Willows Park, Horton Road, Slapton, LU7 9BT.

Erection of stable building, laying of hardstanding, construction of horse exercise arena and formation of new access and driveway. Decision pending, reports work has commenced and question whether complaints about increased lighting have been reported. Parish Clerk will check with Buckinghamshire Council Planning Department.

C/21/97 Footpaths, Bridleways and Roads.

Councillor Cleland reported:

- Ivinghoe Freight Strategy Consultation.
Councillor Cleland explained the potential effect of the freight strategy zone and encouraged everyone to have their say through the Buckinghamshire Council website.
- Speed Roundels.
Councillor Cleland has been in contact with the Bucks Council Local Area Technician he suggested if Slapton Parish Council is prepared to wait these could be re-painted where they are faded and placed by the 30MPH repeater signs by Bucks Council free of charge. Councillor Cleland will update the council with further updates.
- Horton Speed Restriction.
Slapton Parish Council would prefer 30MPH speed limit in Horton, currently it is not prepared to accept the offer of 40MPH. Councillor Cleland explained the reasons and discussions with Buckinghamshire Council continue.
- Flooding outside of Grove Cottage, Horton.
The Buckinghamshire Local Area Technician has some ideas to resolve this matter and confirmed a 12 week notice is required for the two day road closure, during which time he suggested overhanging hedges could be cut back to improve visibility.
- Speed Restrictions in Mill Road.
Following several complaints about speeding traffic the MVAS has been in use. Councillor Cleland will speak to the Local Area Technician about possible speed restrictions for the road.
- Village name sign – this will be discussed after the budget review.

C/21/98 Recreation Ground

Councillor Kelly reported she has met with three playground equipment providers and is expecting quotations for teenage/adult fitness equipment and play equipment. This will be added to the next agenda for an update. It was agreed to book Play Around the Parishes for Slapton Recreation Ground to be held on 4th August 2-4pm at a cost of £380.

C/21/99 Elizabeth Griffin Memorial/Slapton Village Hall

The results from the Slapton Parish Council Village Hall Consultation were discussed with Option One the preferred option. Slapton Parish Council will inform Buckinghamshire Council of the full results.

Councillor Kelly was appointed as Slapton Parish Council Village Hall representative.

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C/21/100 Solar Farm

The Chairman explained the fund from the Solar Farm is £27,300 which is held in reserves and is earmarked for use on projects to benefit the residents.

C/21/101 Slapton Parish Council Website.

The new website has been shared with the Councillors and Clerk and it was agreed to check the accessibility standards. Once the checks have been made the website will be live.

C/21/102 Councillors Roles and Responsibilities.

The roles of the Councillors were agreed, these will be shown on the Slapton Parish Council website.

C/21/103 Councillor Training.

Councillor King has been booked onto new Councillor Training and Councillors are encouraged to check the BALC website for courses that could be of interest.

C/21/104 Clerk's Report.

This was circulated before the meeting and there were no further questions.

C/21/105 Financial Matters.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Payee	Details	Amount
T Beeches	Internal Auditor Fee	£145.00
Wel Medical	Defibrillator Pads (Slapton)	£50.34
Aylesbury Mains	Repair 2 streetlights	£112.08
J Furniss	Reimburse Postage	£4.68
B Knight	Reimburse stamps & IT equip	£216.15
M W Agri	Grass cutting	£432.00
J O'Dwyer	Recreation Ground Inspections	£25.00
The Safe Shop	SPC Post Box - VH	£64.99
SSE	Streetlight Elec	£115.93
BMALC	Year End Accounts Training (JF)	£30.00
BMKALC	Subs	£106.57
Future Signs	Late invoice - Recreation Ground signs	£68.40

Receipts	Details	Amount
Bucks Council	Precept (half year)	£14,990.00
Bucks Council	Devolved Services Payment	£1,170.81
HMRC	VAT Refund	£3,029.11

Banking - It was agreed that the Parish Clerk will contact Unity Trust Bank to start the process of changing banks, the application will need to be signed by signatories at a future meeting.

C/21/106 Internal Auditors Report.

The Parish Clerk had circulated the Internal Auditors Report, his recommendation of simplifying the banking was adopted.

C/21/107 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21 Section One.

This was signed by the Chairman and the Parish Clerk.

C/21/108 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21 Section Two.

This was signed by the Chairman and the Parish Clerk.

Signed by Chairman: _____

The meeting ended at 21.50pm.

The next Slapton Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Meeting of Slapton Parish will be held on the 9th June 2021 in The Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall at 8pm.

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