

Slapton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall on Wednesday 14th July 2021 at 8.00pm.

PRESENT:

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

Buckinghamshire Councillor P Brazier.

Slapton Parish Clerk Mrs B Knight.

Two members of the public.

C/21/123 Chairman's Welcome and announcements.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that Councillor Chris Kelly has resigned for personal reasons, the Chairman thanked her for her work as a Councillor and wished her well for the future. There are three vacancies for Parish Councillors, anyone interested should contact Slapton Parish Clerk for further information.

C/21/124 Attendance and Apologies.

None.

C/21/25 Disclosures of interest/dispensations pertaining to this agenda.

None.

C/21/126 To Approve the Minutes of the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on 9th June 2021.

The minutes for the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th June 2021 were approved as correct and were signed by the Chairman.

C/21/127 Public Question Time.

- 1 A resident from Knyghton Close asked whether it would be possible to use the car park located near the church which is leased by the Parish Council from Bucks Council for resident car parking. The Chairman said this will be investigated and a decision will be taken at a future Parish Council Meeting.
- 2 A local resident emailed concerns to the Slapton Parish Clerk which were circulated to the Councillors before the meeting. The resident read her email to the Councillors and raised concerns over the planning application for a new Solar Panel Farm and item 121 on the agenda. The planning application will be on the agenda for the September meeting.

C/21/128 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).

Buckinghamshire Councillor P Brazier gave his report which covered:

The Ivinghoe and Wing Community Board will be meeting using MS Teams on Tuesday 20th July, people are encouraged to join the meeting, he is a big supporter of the Community Boards and feels this will benefit the Slapton Parish. The Horton proposed speed reduction to possible 30MPH will be addressed through the Community Board, which will involve Council Officers working with the transport sub group.

Prior to the meeting the Chairman, Councillor Packham, Bucks Councillor Brazier and Slapton Parish Clerk visited the Slapton Jubilee Field and Councillor Brazier will make enquiries within Bucks about the possibility of transferring ownership to Slapton Parish Council.

C/21/129 Planning Application(s):

None.

Signed by Chairman: _____

C/21/130 Footpaths, Bridleways and Roads.

It was agreed that MC2 will install the Horton Defibrillator at a cost of £160 plus VAT. PROPOSED BY Councillor Cleland and SECONDED BY Councillor Packham and carried unanimously. Councillor Cleland will arrange this with the electrician.

Councillor Cleland spoke about the Horton 30MPH plan which will proceed through the Community Board. Councillor Cleland raised the matter of a public consultation to seek residents' views on the possible speed limit reduction, the Chairman stated he feels that the Parish Councillors as elected representatives will represent the views of the community and discussion took place and it was agreed the questionnaire should be organised by the community, the Parish Council will pressure Buckinghamshire Council to review the speed limit.

C/21/131 Recreation Ground

Councillor King had submitted a report prior to the meeting explaining the remedial actions required for the playground maintenance, following the RoSPA inspection. It was agreed to order parts and a new litter bin, The installation and maintenance will be done by John Dwyer. The total cost of the work will be £3000. PROPOSED BY Councillor King and SECONDED BY Councillor Packham and carried unanimously.

Following the resignation of Councillor Kelly, it was agreed Councillor Packham will work with Councillor King on recreation ground matters.

The Village Fete is planned for the 4th September, the Parish Clerk is checking the insurance with the Parish Council Insurers for this event.

C/21/132 Elizabeth Griffin Memorial/Slapton Village Hall

No update.

C/21/133 Slapton Parish Council Website.

The website is working well with a private area for Slapton Council documents which will be available soon.

C/21/134 Training

BALC Training for Councillor King was approved at £38.

C/21/135 Vexatious Request Policy.

It was agreed to adopt the Vexatious Request Policy.

C/21/136 Horton Traffic Questionnaire.

This was discussed earlier in the meeting, and it was agreed the questionnaire should be organised by volunteers and not the Parish Council. Councillor Cleland thanked the Villager Editor for organising the questionnaire.

C/21/137 Litter Signs for Grove.

Councillor Packham showed the design options for the new signs, a design was chosen, and Councillor Packham will obtain quotes and report back at the next meeting.

C/21/138 Watercourses.

The Chairman reminded the Council of the issue of flooding previously in Mill Road, with a resident raising concerns over the rain overflowing his property's septic tank. Following the discussion, it was agreed to write to Anglian Water to ask if the pipes at the pumping station can be reviewed to check they are wide enough, The Chairman will prepare the letter.

C/21/139 Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board Representative.

Councillor Cleland was Slapton Parish Council appointed Community Board representative.

C/21/140 Clerk's Report.

Signed by Chairman: _____

The Clerk's report was circulated before the meeting, the Parish Clerk reported the Unity Trust bank accounts are live and the Lloyds Bank switch should be complete by the 22nd July. Councillors are working with Barclays bank to be able to switch accounts from Barclays to Unity Trust.

C/21/141 Financial Matters.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Payee	Details	Amount
Freeola (reimburse A Packham)	Emails and storage	£12.24
Cheap as Print (reimburse A Packham)	SPC Stickers	£18.60
Almar (Tring)	Office Supplies	£49.08
Autela Payroll Services	Quarter 1 Payment	£42.00
Clerk	Reimburse expenses	£23.10
BMKALC	Councillor Skills Training - King	£38.00
M W Agri	Grass cutting	£362.40
J O'Dwyer	Recreation Ground Inspections	£25.00

Balances	
Lloyds Treasurer Account	£988.04
Cambridge & Counties	£27,306.05
Barclays (30.04.21 statement)	£58,683.68
Barclays (30.04.21 statement)	£4,560.84
Unity Trust	£8,000.00
	£99,538.61

C/21/142 Pension Scheme.

Slapton Parish Council resolves to join the LGPS (Buckinghamshire Council) as an employer in order to provide pension arrangements for its staff. This was PROPOSED BY Councillor Wakefield and SECONDED BY Councillor Packham and carried unanimously. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk will join the LGPS as from the 1st June 2021. This was PROPOSED BY Councillor King and SECONDED BY Cleland and carried unanimously. It was further resolved that the Parish Clerk makes all necessary arrangements with Buckinghamshire Council for Slapton Parish Council to join. The Council further agreed that the LGPS would be available for any additional members of staff who wished to join. This was PROPOSED BY Councillor Packham and SECONDED BY Councillor Cleland and carried unanimously.

The meeting ended at 9.14pm. Agenda items 121 and 129 were discussed and agreed in the private session as the items were confidential.

The next Slapton Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th September 2021 in The Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall at 8pm.

Signed by Chairman: _____