

Slapton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall on Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

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

Slapton Parish Clerk Mrs B Knight.

Buckinghamshire Councillor P Brazier.

26 members of the public.

C/21/143 Chairman's Welcome and announcements.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting noting the attendance of the Billington Parish Council Chairman and Vice Chairman, commenting that this is one of the busiest parish council meetings. The Chairman reminded everyone that the Parish Council is a statutory consultee, the parish council has no additional influence than individuals commenting. The Chairman encouraged everyone to comment on any planning applications directly to Buckinghamshire Council who will take the decision.

C/21/144 Attendance and Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Packham.

C/21/145 Disclosures of interest/dispensations pertaining to this agenda.

None.

C/21/146 Presentation by Consultus Group – regarding planning application 21/02775/APP followed by question and answer session (maximum 45 minutes).

David Peak - Director and Andrew Staley - CEO of Consultus gave a presentation and answered questions.

C/21/147 To Approve the Minutes of the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on 14th July 2021.

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

C/21/148 Public Question Time.

1. Solar Panel Application - a resident asked the Parish Council to object to the solar panel application with concerns it contradicts the Neighbourhood Development Plan with the scale and design.
2. Solar Panel Application – a resident raised the matter of access to the solar panel farm, could the access be from the canal bridge and concerned that the triangle of land towards from the footpath to the hedge is very special.
3. Horton hedges - the hedge at Horton by the S bend is very overgrown and encroaches into the road and is especially dangerous for pedestrians. The Chairman agreed with the resident and expressed frustration over this because Buckinghamshire Council will not enforce the hedge cutting. Bucks Councillor Brazier will investigate this matter and inform the Parish Clerk.
4. Allotments - resident raised the matter of allotments and asked if the old allotment sites can be reinstated. The field to the rear of the Church and an old allotment site at Horton. The Chairman said the council will investigate this matter. Councillor Cleland said that the old allotment site in Horton has had cinder put on it and is not suitable for cultivation. The triangle by the railway bridge is being maintained by the adjacent house.

C/21/149 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).

Bucks Councillor Brazier gave his report which covered the Licensing Review, which is under consultation, with licensing being relaxed to assist the post covid economic recovery.

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Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan – this has been approved with conditions by the inspectorate, the full Bucks Council should approve this next week. The VALP strengthens the Neighbourhood Development Plans.

C/21/150 Planning Application(s):

21/02775/APP - Construction of a solar farm - Land Rear of Bury Farm Mill Road Slapton Buckinghamshire

Objection PROPOSED BY Councillor Wakefield and SECONDED BY Councillor King and carried unanimously. Slapton Parish Council will request this is called to committee should the Planning Officer be minded to approve, Slapton Parish Council will be prepared to speak at Committee.

21/03020/APP | Single storey side in-fill extension to join main dwelling to garage. Part conversion of garage and roof space. Ridge direction of roof over garage and new extension rotated 90 degrees. Two dormer windows. | 7 Horton Road Slapton Buckinghamshire LU7 9DB

No Objection PROPOSED BY Councillor King and SECONDED BY Councillor Cleland and carried unanimously.

21/03151/APP | Removal of existing structures and construction of a new hangar (for Sui Generis use with the primary use comprising storage of aircraft, aircraft parts, cars, car parts, agricultural machinery, lawnmowers, lawnmower parts and associated items), landscaping and associated works. | Land Adj To B488 West Of Grove Farm Grove Slapton Buckinghamshire

Support application PROPOSED BY Councillor Cleland and SECONDED BY Councillor King and carried unanimously.

21/02920/ATP | Crack Willow Main tree fell down around 30 years ago now pollarded into multiple growths in an area up to 50 feet wide from main trunk that has now rotted away. Growing into farmers field blocking crop growing Wish to trim some pollards to stop exponential growth Prevent further land from being swamped by its uncontrolled spread Has fallen across a ditch blocking the drainage to the field We have just bought the land extending our garden and have inherited this tree that in effect died 30 years ago. | 19 Horton Road Slapton Buckinghamshire LU7 9DB

Support application PROPOSED BY Councillor Cleland and SECONDED BY Councillor King and carried unanimously.

CB/20/01719/REG3 - The Stables and Greenacres, Gypsy Lane, Little Billington, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9BP

Proposal: Continued use of the land for the stationing of 77 caravans (68 statics and 9 tourers) for Gypsies and Travellers, retention of two buildings for unrestricted C3 (residential) use together with the addition of a landscape buffer and associated development including drainage works, access road and fencing.

Object PROPOSED BY Councillor Wakefield and SECONDED BY Councillor King.

C/21/151 Footpaths, Bridleways and Roads.

The Chairman, Councillor Cleland, Slapton Parish Clerk and Bucks Councillor Brazier met with the Bucks Local Area Technician in Horton and had a very useful meeting and discussed highways matters including accepting a 40MPH speed limit for Horton, this will be discussed by the Community Board and an application for funding will be made.

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Flooding in central Horton – this was discussed with the Local Area Technician and it was agreed to add a new drain, the timescale was discussed and the LAT will arrange a date for this, Slapton Parish Clerk will write to the LAT next week.

Horton hedges – the hedge at Horton Hall and Gardeners Cottage is encroaching onto the highway and calms the traffic, it was decided to review the hedges next year.

Ivinghoe Aston Finger point sign renovation – John O'Dwyer will speak to the person that is renovating the sign.

Knyghton Close parking area at the side of the Church was raised in July in public question time. In 2014 Slapton Parish Council took a 99-year lease at a rent of £1 per annum, the lease states the property must only be used by road worthy and taxed vehicles. The car park is for church use which is prioritised over any parish council use. No vehicles can be left in the car park overnight. The car park has a padlock and is not accessible to nearby residents who are not using the Church. Slapton Parish Clerk will let the resident know.

Parish Planters – a resident had complained that the Slapton Planters are neglected, since then an anonymous person has tidied the planters and the Chairman thanked the resident. The Villager editor will mention this in Villager to ask who the volunteer is.

C/21/152 Recreation Ground

It was agreed to buy refreshments for up to the value of £50 for Play Around the Parishes PROPOSED BY Councillor Wakefield and SECONDED BY Councillor King and carried unanimously.

Councillor King will review the quotations and recommend the preferred equipment, a discussion took place about the potential location of the equipment and a decision will be taken at a future meeting.

The playground maintenance has been completed and the Chairman thanked Councillor King for organising this.

C/21/153 Defibrillator Training.

Defibrillator Training will be advertised in The Villager and attendees will be encouraged to make a donation to the Central Ambulance Service for the training.

C/21/154 Elizabeth Griffin Memorial/Slapton Village Hall

No update.

C/21/155 Slapton Parish Council Website & IT.

The Parish Clerk raised concerns over the laptop system with emails being automatically deleted automatically.

C/21/156 Clerk's Report.

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

C/21/157 Financial Matters.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Payee	Details	Amount
Anglo Dutch Accountants	Payroll Services	£36.00
Bucks Council	Play Around the Parish	£444.00
Bucks Council	Uncontested Election	£105.04
Future Signs	Grove litter sign	£90.00
Glasdon	Litter Bin	£202.72

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Huck Tex	Playground - Zip Wire Repair	£2,917.68
J O'Dwyer	Inspections Aug 21	£25.00
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M W Agri	Parish grass and pitch marking - July 21	£292.80
M W Agri	Parish grass and pitch marking - Aug 21	£388.80
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MC2 Electrical	Defibrillator Installation	£192.00
Mrs K Lowery	Reimburse Play Around Parish Refreshments	£8.00
SWALEC	Streetlight Electricity	£99.43
Wicksteed Leisure	Playground - swing parts	£516.11
J O'Dwyer	Grove litter sign installation	£75.00

Balances	
Cambridge & Counties	£27,306.05
Barclays (30.04.21 statement)	£58,683.68
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Unity Trust	£8,110.60
	£98,661.17

The meeting ended at 9.17pm.

The next Slapton Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th October 2021 in The Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall at 8pm.

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