

# Slapton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7pm.

### **PRESENT:**

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

Buckinghamshire Councillors C Poll and D Town.

Slapton Parish Clerk Mrs B Knight.

Two members of the public.

### **C/21/109 Chairman's Welcome and announcements.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Buckinghamshire Councillors Chris Poll and Derek Town.

### **C/21/110 Attendance and Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Bucks Councillor P Brazier, Slapton Councillors C Kelly and A Packham.

### **C/21/111 Disclosures of interest/dispensations pertaining to this agenda.**

None.

### **C/21/112 To Approve the Minutes of the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

The minutes for the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were approved as correct and were signed by the Chairman.

### **C/21/113 Public Question Time.**

None.

### **C/21/114 Slapton Parish Council Vacancies.**

There are two vacancies for Councillors, please contact the Slapton Parish Clerk for further details.

### **C/21/115 To receive reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).**

Buckinghamshire Councillor C Poll gave his report which covered:

Community Boards are re-starting with £273,000 budget for this year. Applications are welcomed which meet the priorities – Health and Wellbeing, Youth Provision and Transport. Micro-grants are also available for £300. Councillor Ashley Bond is the Chairman and Councillor Chris Poll is the Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Poll confirmed his support for the 30MPH speed limit for the Horton Road.

The Buckinghamshire Councillors have been undertaking lots of training this year.

Buckinghamshire Councillor D Town gave his report which covered:

Covid-19 – GPs are closing their Covid vaccination centres with more vaccinations offered through pharmacies and the Stoke Mandeville Centre. Councillor Town congratulated the NHS on the vaccination programme.

Bury Farm Equestrian Centre planning application is ongoing and could be discussed by the planning Chairman, this does not mean at that it will automatically go to the committee.

The parking consultation in the AONB beauty spots is available online and open until 13<sup>th</sup> June, residents are encouraged to take part. There will be a Transport to School Consultation launched soon, in time for the new school term in September.

Signed by Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

**C/21/116 Planning Application(s):**

No update.

**C/21/117 Footpaths, Bridleways and Roads.**

Councillor Cleland reported:

The Local Area Technician has informed Councillor Cleland that the 30MPH roundels can only be painted on the road where there are vertical signs adjacent, these could be painted onto the road at the same time as the white lines are re-painted in a future date. In the meantime, the existing roundels are very worn and faded and have been reported to Bucks using the Fix My Street App.

Horton speed restrictions – this is supported by all three Buckinghamshire Councillors. It was agreed to that the Clerk will write to the Community Board Co-Ordinator, Local Area Technician and Shane Thomas at Buckinghamshire Council regarding the 30MPH speed limit project.

Flooding outside of Grove Cottage – Matt Whincup (Local Area Technician) has looked at the flooding site. His email states that *'I have visited the site today and devised a plan of action to resolve the ponding issue. It is a lot of work just to drain a puddle! However, I have seen the video and can see that the water splashing on to the house from passing traffic is a nuisance.'* The resident concerned sees the problem in more urgent terms but sees this communique as a positive sign from the County.

- 1) Further to his previous statement, *'For me to do this work we need to close the road as the site is directly opposite the traffic calming narrowing. I will likely have to give at least 12 weeks' notice for the closure, and I will of course let the parish know when I plan to close the road. I will likely have the road closed for at least 2 days.'*
- 2) Councillor Cleland proposed that Slapton Parish Council write to him soonest to put this plan into action.
- 3) Matt Whincup stated that this would be a good opportunity for any residents to do some drastic cutting back of their boundary hedges along the road. He states that the line of sight on approach to the traffic calming narrowing, 'is clearly as a result of the encroaching boundary hedge for Horton Hall. *'This road closure would be a perfect opportunity for the owner to get a contractor in to do some cutting back. A good meter width could be cut out of the hedge between the Horton Hall access and Garden Cottage. This would improve the visibility splay no end.'*
- 4) Councillor Cleland proposed a letter is drafted advising Horton residents about the proposed roadworks and road closure with a follow-on letter to Horton Hall advising them that TfB advice is for a meter width to be cut back as stated by Matt for vision splay purposes.
- 5) The hedge in question is pretty thin and a reduction in width of one meter will take all the height out of the hedge. It was suggested that perhaps the Parish Council can find a means to re-plant the hedge one meter back by way of replacement of the existing heavy traffic screen?

Mill Road, Slapton – Councillor Cleland gave the results of the traffic speeding survey undertaken between January – April which recorded 81,000 vehicles with less than 2% of vehicles exceeding 35MPH it was decided there is not a speeding problem in Mill Road.

**C/21/118 Recreation Ground**

Councillor Kelly was not present at the meeting and will report next month.

Councillor King has met with John O'Dywer and has examined the RoSPA report, there are some maintenance works to be undertaken and Councillor King will report next month with the cost of the works.

**C/21/119 Elizabeth Griffin Memorial/Slapton Village Hall**

No update, the annual report was heard at the Annual Meeting of Slapton Parish which followed.

**C/21/120 Slapton Parish Council Website.**

Councillor Packham was not present. The new website is working well.

**C/21/121 Clerk's Report.**

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

Signed by Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

**C/21/122 Financial Matters.**

It was agreed to change banks to Unity Trust and the forms were signed by Councillors Present.

It was agreed to make an annual donation of £1,000 to The Villager Newsletter PROPOSED BY Councillor Wakefield and SECONDED BY King and carried unanimously. This payment will be made when The Villager has bank details available.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Payee	Details	Amount
B Knight	June allowance & expenses	£66.28
B Knight	Reimburse postage	£1.98
RoSPA	Annual Inspection	£58.18
M W Agri	Grass cutting	£432.00
J O'Dwyer	Recreation Ground Inspections	£25.00
Villager	Grant towards Villager Newsletter	£1,000.00

Balances	
Lloyds Treasurer Account	£10,322.84
Cambridge & Counties	£27,306.05
Barclays (30.04.21 statement)	£58,683.68
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	£100,873.41

The meeting ended at 7.50pm.

The next Slapton Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in The Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall at 8pm.

Signed by Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_