

Slapton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall on Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 8.00pm

PRESENT:

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

Slapton Parish Clerk Mrs B Knight.

Buckinghamshire Councillor P Brazier.

Nine members of the public.

C/21/176 Chairman's Welcome and announcements.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C/21/177 Attendance and Apologies.

None.

C/21/178 Disclosures of interest/dispensations pertaining to this agenda.

The Chairman declared he is a trustee of the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall.

C/21/179 To Approve the Minutes of the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on 13th October 2021.

The minutes for the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th October 2021 were amended and approved as correct and were signed by the Chairman PROPOSED BY Councillor King and SECONDED BY Councillor Cleland and carried unanimously.

C/21/180 Public Question Time.

- 1 A local resident asked who is responsible for the rose beds in the recreational ground, the Chairman said the council will look at this.
- 2 A local resident asked about the allotments whether the old allotments in Horton can be re-opened and the area behind Holy Cross Church could be used as an allotment site.
- 3 A statement was read regarding the willow tree in Church Road, the tree was planted before the house was built and the villagers did not know anything about the matter before the tree was felled. Buckinghamshire Councillor Brazier replied he shared the sentiment and felt sad the tree had to be felled, it was an insurance issue and out of the council's hands. The resident asked if this type of information can be shared on the village Facebook page.
A local resident confirmed the willow tree was planted originally because the area was so damp. The Chairman stated that this was a Buckinghamshire Council matter. Councillor Brazier stated a tree preservation order could have assisted the council with the decision.

C/21/181 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).

Councillor Brazier reported that Buckinghamshire Council is working on budgets now, some of the priorities of the council have changed and Buckinghamshire Council is seeking views of residents regarding priorities, and he encouraged residents to become involved.

Signed by Chairman: _____

Councillor Brazier reported that the two stiles that have been reported as damaged have been assessed by Bucks Rights of Way and they will not be repaired or replaced. Councillor Brazier suggested that Slapton Parish Council contact to rRipple to replace the stiles with kissing gates.

Councillor Brazier gave an update that Jubilee Field is available to be devolved to Slapton Parish Council. The 40MPH application is progressing. The old allotment site in Horton was discussed and Councillor Brazier will investigate getting this devolved to the parish council.

C/21/182 Planning Application(s):

None.

C/21/183 Footpaths, Bridleways and Roads.

The B488 through Horton is scheduled to be closed between 15-19th November due to a new gully installation outside of Grove Cottage.

Horton S-bend overgrown hedge - the landowner has been written to, if there is no response by the end of the week this will be passed to the Buckinghamshire Council Local Area Technician.

Councillor Packham explained the draft design for the Slapton sign which includes aspects of the village. Councillor Packham will obtain an up-to-date cost to be considered at the December meeting.

The streetlight contractor Aylesbury Mains have ceased trading and it was agreed to use Sparkx PROPOSED BY Councillor King and SECONDED BY Councillor Cleland and carried unanimously.

It was agreed to investigate the costs of changing the lights to LED and the Parish Clerk will contact Sparkx.

C/21/184 Slapton Recreation Ground.

It was agreed to book Play Around the Parishes and a date will be agreed.

C/21/185 Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Councillor Packham suggested a permanent brazier it was agreed to purchase a bespoke brazier to be located in the Recreation Ground. The cost for the brazier to be made by local blacksmith Hammer and Tongs is £1,600 PROPOSED BY Councillor Packham and SECONDED BY Councillor Cleland and carried unanimously. Councillor King will liaise with the Chairman and Councillor Packham regarding the location on the recreation ground.

Councillor Packham suggested a commemorative bench in Slapton, this will be included in The Villager and website for opinions.

The Chairman is liaising with the village groups regarding the Jubilee event.

C/21/186 Remembrance Sunday – 14th November 2021.

The Chairman will lay the poppy wreath on behalf of Slapton Parish Council and Councillor Cleland will lay the poppy wreath on behalf of Buckinghamshire Council. The Chairman encouraged the Councillors to attend the service.

C/21/187 Children's Christmas Party.

It was agreed to allocate £250 towards the Children's Christmas Party.

Signed by Chairman: _____

C/21/188 Jubilee Field Re-acquisition from Bucks Council.

Buckinghamshire Councillor Brazier covered this earlier in the meeting.

C/21/189 Bee Slapton.

The Chairman explained the project which would encourage pollinators and include the whole parish, with residents planting wildflowers in their gardens. Councillor King suggested wildflowers could be planted in the triangle or the Jubilee Fields.

C/21/190 Slapton Parish Council Website.

Councillor Packham reported the website is working well. The Chairman mentioned since the pandemic the larger bookings have not continued. The Chairman invited the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall Booking Clerk to speak to address the council, she explained the changes she would like made to the Slapton Parish Council website. The required content will be sent to Councillor Packham, and he will add the content and pictures to amend the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall section.

C/21/191 Clerk's Report.

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

C/21/192 Financial Matters.

The following accounts were approved for payment PROPOSED BY Councillor King and SECONDED BY Councillor Cleland and carried unanimously.

Payee	Details	Amount
Clerk	Reimburse stationery and poppy wreath	£94.23
Aylesbury Mains	Repairs to light o/s 12 Rectory Close	£160.20
Aylesbury Mains	Repairs to light o/s the Court	£124.68
M W Agri	Grass cutting	£586.80
Slapton Village Hall	Room Hire	£96.00
John O'Dwyer	Inspections	£25.00
SWALEC	Electricity	£109.37

Balances	
Cambridge & Counties	£27,306.05
Barclays (30.04.21 statement)	£58,683.68
Barclays (30.04.21 statement)	£4,560.84
Unity Trust Current Account	£8,548.07
Unity Trust Savings Account	£4,990.00
	£104,088.64

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.

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

Signed by Chairman: _____