

# Slapton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 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.

Five members of the public.

### **C/21/158 Chairman's Welcome and announcements.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **C/21/159 Attendance and Apologies.**

None.

### **C/21/160 Disclosures of interest/dispensations pertaining to this agenda.**

None.

### **C/21/161 To Approve the Minutes of the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

The minutes for the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were approved as correct and were signed by the Chairman PROPOSED BY Councillor King and SECONDED BY Councillor Cleland and carried unanimously.

### **C/21/162 Public Question Time.**

- 1 Hedge Cutting – this was discussed later in the meeting.
- 2 A member of the public reported that flytipping in Mill Road has been reported to Bucks Council five times and he will send details to the Parish Clerk to raise with Bucks.
- 3 A local resident mentioned the footpath sign by Mill Road has been flattened which has been reported to Bucks Council already.

### **C/21/163 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).**

The Chairman raised the matter of the Parish Charter with Bucks Councillor Brazier and a discussion took place about the call in process. The call-in is at the discretion of the committee chairman, if the Chairman feels the issues have been addressed by the Planning Officer or the reason is not a material matter the Chairman has the authority to refuse the call in.

The recycling centres have moved to winter opening hours and close at 4pm.

Councillor Brazier reported that unfortunately the Willow tree at the corner of Church Road and Knyghton Close will be felled, this is following legal advice and an insurance case. A Liquidambar styraciflua tree will be planted in its place.

### **C/21/164 Planning Application(s):**

21/03793/APP | Householder application for proposed single storey rear extension | North Stables Horton Road Horton Buckinghamshire LU7 0QR

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

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

**C/21/165 Footpaths, Bridleways and Roads.**

Councillor Cleland reported that the Horton speed limit change is proposed to be 40MPH, Councillor Brazier is progressing this through the Community Board for 50% match funding and this should be approved next month.

Grove Cottage Flooding, Horton which includes closing the B488 for two days is proposed, and the Local Area Technician will be contacted to get an update and date for the work.

Hedges and Sightlines – the junctions between robber's bridge and the B488 has been cut back and looks very neat. Top of B488 roundabout visibility is obscured, this has been reported to Bucks Council and they have forwarded to Bedfordshire Council. Councillor Cleland will send the emails to Councillor Brazier.

Ivinghoe Aston fingerpost sign has been completed and Councillor Packham commented it looks very good.

A discussion took place about the triangle of land in Slapton and ownership. The Clerk will research who owns the verge and maintains the hedge, the hedge was last cut in 2013.

Parish Planters – a discussion took place, it was agreed the maintenance needs to be formalised.

Consultation on 20MPH zones in Buckinghamshire – Councillor Cleland reported that the police do not enforce 20MPH limits and to introduce this a consultation is required. Wingrave are trialling a system where which will have advisory 20MPH signs. Councillor Packham mentioned that Leighton Buzzard is now a 20MPH zone, he would support this in villages and towns. Councillor King said he supports this in built up areas. The Chairman stated he feels this is trend. The council was split and could not come to a decision.

**C/21/166 Slapton Recreation Ground.**

The quotation from MW Agri to cut the hedge both sides £300 was accepted PROPOSED BY Councillor Packham and SECONDED BY Councillor Cleland and carried unanimously.

Councillor King explained the plan of the recreation ground with the proposed location of the fitness and play equipment. It was agreed to apply for Community Board funding towards to cost of the equipment and pathway.

**C/21/167 Jubilee Field Re-acquisition from Bucks Council.**

Bucks Councillor Brazier continues to work on this for Slapton Parish Council.

**C/21/168 Bee Slapton.**

The Chairman explained the project which would encourage bees and include the whole parish, he will update the Parish Council next meeting.

**C/21/169 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – June 2022.**

A discussion took place about a community event on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. It was agreed to purchase a brazier for the event PROPOSED BY Councillor King and SECONDED BY Councillor Packham and carried unanimously.

**C/21/170 Slapton Parish Council Website.**

Councillor Packham will be updating the website and the website is working well.

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

