

# Slapton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 8.00pm

### **PRESENT:**

Slapton Parish Council Councillors: F Wakefield (Chairman), M Cleland, M Godsland, E Griffin, T Harris, R King and A Packham. Buckinghamshire Councillors P Brazier and C Poll, and Slapton Parish Clerk Mrs B Knight.

Six members of the public.

### **C/020/22 Chairman's Welcome and announcements.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **C/021/22 Attendance and Apologies.**

No apologies were received.

### **C/022/22 Disclosures of interest/dispensations pertaining to this agenda.**

The Chairman and Councillor Griffin declared they are trustees of the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall.

### **C/023/22 To Approve the Minutes of the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

The minutes for the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were amended to show the approved spend of the brazier gas equipment was £85. The minutes were signed as true and accurate.

### **C/024/22 Public Question Time.**

A resident asked who had cut the hedge by the Slapton S bend. The Chairman thanked the Bucks Local Area Technician for his assistance with this and confirmed the land owner organised for this to be cut.

A resident asked who is maintaining the Jubilee Field, the hedge requires cutting and has not been cut for two years. This was discussed later in the meeting.

### **C/025/22 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).**

Councillor Brazier mentioned the Ivinghoe Freight Strategy Consultation is running until the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022, residents are encouraged to participate in the Consultation which can be found on the Buckinghamshire Council website.

### **C/026/22 Planning Application(s):**

Solar Panel Farm Application - 21/02775/APP

A discussion took place about the route six access to the potential solar panel farm. It was agreed to reject route six as access PROPOSED BY Councillor Packman and SECONDED BY Councillor Harris and carried unanimously. Councillors Packham and Harris will prepare a response for the Parish Clerk to submit to Buckinghamshire Council.

### **C/027/22 Footpaths, Bridleways and Roads.**

Community Board Horton 40MPH Application – no update.

Sightlines – B488 Councillor Cleland mentioned that the vision on the junction is obscured near Grove by overgrown hedging, the Parish Clerk will contact Central Beds to report this.

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Village Signs – Councillor Packham confirmed the moulds are being prepared and is awaiting approval from the Council.

Tree Preservation Orders – no update.

Streetlight Survey – no update.

### **C/028/22 Slapton Recreation Ground.**

Recreational Ground Project – Councillor King reported a feasibility study for the path around the perimeter of the recreational ground. Councillor King has contacted Wicksteed and re-negotiated a better price for the equipment and suggested Fresh Air Fitness could provide all the fitness equipment. It was agreed to purchase the fitness and accessible equipment from Fresh Air Fitness and the play equipment from Wicksteed Leisure. PROPOSED Councillor King and SECONDED BY Councillor Packham and carried unanimously. An application has been made to the Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board for part funding.

Councillor King and Packham will research quotes for the proposed accessible footpath around the perimeter of the recreational ground. The Parish Council will apply for funding for the project when the quotation is received.

Councillor Packham reported the brazier is nearly completed. The brazier installation will be undertaken by John O'Dwyer over the next few weeks. Councillor Packham will liaise with John O'Dwyer and Hammer and Tongs.

Mill Road access to recreational ground, the Parish Clerk has written to the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust (VAHT). The VAHT are considering investigating this matter and this will be added to next month's agenda.

### **C/029/22 Managed Nature Area and Bee Slapton.**

Councillor Godsland has arranged to meet with the Chair of the Women's Institute to view the area behind the Church intended for WI use which could be a community garden. The Parish Clerk has written to the landowner about changing the lease. Councillor Godsland will contact Great Brickhill about their existing project.

Councillor Godsland explained about project Bee Slapton where every household in the parish will be given a packet of wildflower seeds to create a square meter of wildflowers in every garden. It was agreed to spend £750 to purchase packets of seeds PROPOSED BY Councillor Godsland and SECONDED BY Councillor Harris and carried unanimously.

### **C/030/22 Report from Local Area Technician Visit to Grove.**

Councillor Harris reported there has been a successful visit by Paul Foot, Bucks Local Area Technician to Grove. It was suggested that the road could be called Grove Lane, the condition of the highway is poor, and a discussion took place about repairing the road, this is part of a two year cycle of highway works. The problems of parking were discussed and a land owner has placed some tree trunks to keep the area clear.

### **C/031/22 HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**

Councillor Griffin reported a committee has been formed to organise a Jubilee event on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June and a brazier has been commissioned. The special event will start at 1pm and will include a children's entertainer and disco, a 1950s tea dance with choir and singers providing entertainment in the 30m x 9m marquee. Councillor Griffin encouraged members of the public to become involved in the organisation of the Jubilee and parish celebration.

### **C/032/22 Allotments Site/Jubilee Field – requisition from Buckinghamshire Council.**

Allotments – the site near The Barn, Horton has been excluded as a possible allotment site.

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The old allotment site located in the corner at Horton Councillor Brazier reported has asked if the site can be devolved to Slapton Parish Council. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council does not want the area to be devolved, that he would like ownership transferred.

Jubilee Field – Councillor Brazier confirmed that the field could be devolved to the Parish Council shortly. Slapton Parish Council would like to have Buckinghamshire Council return the title of Jubilee Field to the Parish Council.

**C/033/22 Slapton Parish Council Website.**

Councillor Godsland raised a name is spelt incorrectly and this will be corrected. There were no further updates.

**C/033/22 Unity Trust Multipay Card.**

The Chairman explained the Multipay Card could be adopted to allow the Parish Council to make payments. The Parish Council Financial Regulations will be reviewed to allow for this. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

**C/034/22 Slapton Senior Citizens Application for Funding.**

Further information is required from the Slapton Senior Citizens Group, and this will be added to the March agenda.

**C/035/22 Appointment of Internal Auditor 21/22.**

It was agreed to appoint Trevor Beeches as Internal Auditor for Slapton Parish Council PROPOSED BY Council Wakefield and SECONDED BY King and carried unanimously.

**C/036/22 Clerk's Report.**

The Clerk and Chairman stated the July meeting could be moved to 27th July and no decision was made.

**C/037/22 Financial Matters.**

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

| Payee                | Details                            | Amount  |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------|
| Alec Packham/Freeola | Emails and additional storage      | £10.30  |
| John O'Dwyer         | Inspections                        | £25.00  |
| John Furniss         | Reimburse Microsoft Office Licence | £113.76 |
| Hammer and Tongs     | 50% deposit for Slapton Brazier    | £966.00 |
| SSE SWALEC           | Streetlight Electricity            | £119.12 |
| B Knight             | Reimburse office expenses          | £20.75  |
| Bucks Council        | Dog Bins 22-23                     | £234.65 |

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| 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   | £5,202.65   |
| Unity Trust Savings Account   | £4,990.31   |
|                               | £100,743.53 |

**C/038/22 Next Meeting Dates.**

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

The meeting ended at 9.14pm.

The next Slapton Parish Council Meetings will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in The Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall at 8pm.

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