

Slapton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall on Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 8.00pm

PRESENT:

Slapton Parish Council Councillors: F Wakefield (Chairman), M Cleland, M Godsland, R King, E Griffin Buckinghamshire Councillor P Brazier and Slapton Parish Clerk Mrs B Knight.

Two members of the public.

C/060/22 Chairman's Welcome and announcements.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C/061/22 Attendance and Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Harris and Packham.

C/062/22 Disclosures of interest/dispensations pertaining to this agenda.

Councillor Griffin stated she is trustee of the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall and Editor of the Villager. The Chairman stated he is a trustee of the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall.

C/063/22 To Approve the Minutes of the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on 9th March 2022.

The minutes for the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th March 2022 were signed as true and accurate. PROPOSED BY Councillor Cleland and SECONDED BY Councillor King and carried unanimously.

C/064/22 Public Question Time.

None.

C/065/22 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).

The Chairman thanked Councillor Brazier for his assistance with registering the Elizabeth Griffin Hall with Royal Mail. Councillor Brazier confirmed that the Buckinghamshire Lottery is two years old and has raised £125,000 for community use and there have been £27,000 in prizes. Seventy trees for Seventy years, there is one month to go to nominate trees. Councillor Brazier said he has chased the Horton speed limit reduction and there is no update. The Buckinghamshire Councillors are trying to get the Solar Farm Application to be heard at committee, the Chairman thanked Buckinghamshire Councillor Brazier for his efforts.

C/066/22 Planning Application(s):

21/02775/APP – Construction of a solar farm. Land rear of Bury Farm Mill Road, Slapton, Buckinghamshire. This was covered in the last item, Councillor Griffin mentioned that the access is proposed to be on the corner of Mill Road from Little Billington, Councillor Griffin raised concerns this is a dangerous route. Slapton Parish Council has requested this is called to committee for a decision and is waiting for confirmation.

C/067/22 Proposed Pole and Antenna and Replacement at Cornerstone Q33755 Whaddon Farm Lodge, LU7 0QT.

No comment.

C/068/22 Footpaths, Bridleways and Roads.

- Horton Speed Limit Change – Councillor Cleland reported there is no update as Buckinghamshire Council are preparing the Project Implementation Document.

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- Village Signs – the Chairman reported that cost of steel had increased, and therefore the price will rise. It was unclear whether the quote supplied related to one or two poles. This to be clarified with Councillor Packham.
- Grove – road update, the Parish Clerk will contact the Local Area Technician for an update.
- Streetlight meeting with Sparkx. Slapton Parish Chairman and Slapton Parish Clerk met a representative of Sparkx to consider an upgrade of the lights to LEDs. Sparkx have provided a quotation to change the Slapton lights at a cost of £5,265 plus VAT the Horton quotation is expected.

C/069/22 Slapton Recreation Ground.

Tribute to Mrs Jacquie Lamb – Councillor Griffin informed the council of great contribution that the late Mrs Jacquie Lamb made to the parish including her role as Parish Clerk, Parish Councillor, Village Hall Chairman and setting up the Scarecrow Competition and assisting with establishing the Village Fete. Councillor Griffin suggested a Sweet Gum tree could be planted in the recreation ground as a tribute to Mrs Lamb. It was agreed to investigate a Sweet Gum tree height 1.5-2m height PROPOSED BY Councillor Griffin and SECONDED BY Councillor King and carried unanimously. Councillor King will research a location for the sapling and Councillor Griffin will research a suitable plaque.

Recreation ground improvements – Councillor King reported that the Fresh Air Fitness installation starts at 8am tomorrow morning, the hand bike, chest press and table tennis table. The big rig will be installed on the 19th April.

Slapton brazier – it is understood that this is almost finished and will be installed very soon.

Laura England at Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust reported investigations are being made to install a key operated bollards and will seek funding for this. An update is expected in May.

Rose garden and gate – a discussion took place, and it was agreed the Chairman will ask a local resident.

C/070/22 Environment.

- Bee Bomb update – Councillor Godsland thanked the Councillors for their assistance in distributing the Bee Bombs. The spare Bee Bombs will be passed to the Women’s Institute and some residents.
- Wilder verges – Councillor Godsland distributed a report prior to the meeting and explained the idea to allow the verges to grow to facilitate the growth of more wild flowers which is beneficial to insects. Councillor Godsland explained there is a wild verge in Weedon. The wild verges would require cut and collect by the contractor. A discussion took place and the number of cuts would be reduced to four or five a year and a cut and collect service would be required. Councillor Godsland will contact a local resident to ask if she could assist with monitoring the progress. Councillor Godsland will contact Transport for Bucks about the project.
- Proposed nature area – the Parish Clerk will contact the landowner.

C/071/22 HM The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

Councillor Griffin confirmed the plans are underway. Frank Bruno MBE will open the event at 1pm there will be traditional games and live music covering the ages. Fiona Harrison will be singing Last Night of the Proms to the lighting of the brazier. John Knowles will be providing live music into the night. Councillor Griffin reported lots of volunteers are required and jubilee mugs have been ordered.

C/072/22 Bucks Best Kept Village Competition.

It was decided not to enter the competition.

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C/073/22 Allotments Site/Jubilee Field – requisition from Buckinghamshire Council.

Buckinghamshire Councillor Brazier reported there is no update about the Jubilee Field, the process is ongoing.

C/074/22 Slapton Parish Council Website.

It was agreed to renew the annual website hosting fee with Aubergine Ltd £597 plus VAT.

C/075/22 Scribe Software.

It was agreed to purchase Scribe Software at a cost of £288 plus VAT plus initial set-up fee £147 plus VAT.

C/076/22 Office Laptop.

It was agreed to purchase a laptop at a cost of £815 plus VAT PROPOSED BY Councillor King and SECONDED BY Councillor Cleland and carried unanimously.

C/077/22 Slapton Parish Council Insurance.

It was agreed to renew the Parish Council Insurance with Gallagher at a cost of £1008.08.

C/078/22 Clerk's Report.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 11th May and the Annual Meeting of Slapton Parish will take place at 7.00pm on Wednesday 18th May and refreshments will be available.

C/079/22 Financial Matters.

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

Payee	Details	Amount
SSE	March Streetlights	£109.37
Alec Packham reimburse Freeola	Emails	£22.32
Royal Images		£93.60
M W Agri	Grass cutting	£258.00
John O'Dwyer	Inspections	£25.00
Gallagher	Insurance	£1,008.08
Aubergine Ltd	Annual website hosting & WCAG	£597.00
Clerk	Reimburse expenses	£49.00
Slapton Village Hall	Room hire invoice 05	£48.00
Slapton Village Hall	Room hire invoice 06	£96.00

Balances - 31st March 22	
Cambridge & Counties	£27,306.05
Barclays (30.04.21 statement)	£4,560.84
Unity Trust Current Account	£59,137.57
Unity Trust Savings Account	£4,993.02
	£95,997.48

C/080/22 Next Meeting Dates.

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The next meeting is the 11th May 2022.

The meeting ended at 9.14pm.

The next Slapton Parish Council Meetings will be held on 11th May, 8th June, 13th July, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November and 14th December all in Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall at 8pm.

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