

Slapton Parish Council

Minutes of the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held at The Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 8.10pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors Frank Wakefield (Chairman), Mac Cleland, Maggie Godsland, Emma Griffin, Tom Harris, Robert King and Alec Packham.

Mrs Bridget Knight – Slapton Parish Clerk.

One member of the public.

C/081/22 Chairman's Welcomes and Announcements.

The Chairman opened the meeting.

C/082/22 Attendance and Apologies.

Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Councillor Brazier.

C/083/22 Disclosures of interest/dispensations pertaining to the agenda.

Councillor Griffin declared she is the owner of the driveway connected to Interguide Music Festival and a Trustee of the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall. Councillor Wakefield declared he is a Trustee of the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall.

C/084/22 To approve the minutes of the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th April 2022.

Councillor Wakefield was elected as Chairman PROPOSED BY Councillor Cleland and SECONDED BY Councillor Harris.

C/085/22 To receive reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors.

None.

C/086/22 To receive details of planning decisions received and to discuss planning applications.

None.

C/087/22 HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Councillor Griffin gave an update and explained there is an open meeting tomorrow evening for volunteers and people with ideas, everyone is welcome to attend. The Villager has been circulated to all homes in the area. Frank Bruno MBE will open the event at 1pm followed by the National Anthem, there will be children's activities for two hours, the WI will be offering a children's tea party. Other activities include a tea dance, traditional games, live music and at 8pm the 'Voice in a Million' will perform. The brazier will be lit at 9.30pm followed by John Knowles performance.

C/088/22 Recreation Ground.

Councillor King reported Fresh Air Fitness have installed the equipment. Wicksteed have not completed the installation. The health and safety signs have been installed.

The RoSPA inspection has been received and no issues were raised. The Chairman thanked Councillor King for his work.

It was agreed to allocate an additional £3,050 to extend the footpath to lead to the new accessible fitness equipment. PROPOSED BY Councillor Packham and SECONDED BY Councillor King and carried unanimously.

It was agreed to include the new fitness and play equipment in the weekly inspections with an increase of £5 per month PROPOSED BY Councillor King and SECONDED BY Councillor Cleland and carried unanimously.

C/089/22 Footpaths, Bridleways and Roads.

New Bury Farm Summer Festival 13/14 August 2022 – Councillor Griffin explained about the proposed Summer Festival in Slapton. Slapton Parish Clerk will contact Buckinghamshire Council about the proposed event.

Grove roads – Councillor Harris reported some of the roads have been marked ready for work and road plainings have been put in and the road remains in bad condition and the plainings displaced. Slapton Parish Clerk will contact the Local Area Technician.

C/090/22 Environment.

Wilder Verges – Councillor Godsland reported a local resident has agreed to inspect the verges and it was resolved the volunteer will be reimbursed for mileage costs. Councillor Godsland suggested it would be best to have three cuts a year and a meeting will be organised with the contractor to discuss the cut and collect process and an area will be found for the grass to be composted. Councillor Godsland will prepare an article for The Villager as plans progress.

Managed Nature Area – Councillor Godsland reported that one of the landowners has replied and threatened to withdraw the lease from Slapton Parish Council. The Chairman and Councillor Godsland visited the area behind the Church and felt that the area has not been neglected and Slapton Parish Council are not in breach of the agreement. Slapton Parish Clerk has written to the landowner and asked her to reconsider.

C/091/22 Clerk's Report.

The Clerk reported that the public rights of inspection will be between 1st July 2022 until 11th August 2022.

C/092/22 To receive the internal auditor's report.

The internal auditor report was noted.

C/093/22 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 – Section One.

Section One was signed.

C/094/22 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 – Section Two.

Section Two was signed.

C/095/22 Date of next meetings:

18th May (including Annual Parish Meeting), 8th June, 13th July, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November and 14th December 2022.

The meeting ended at 9.06pm.