

Slapton Parish Council

Minutes of the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held at The Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall on Wednesday 3rd August 2022 at 10.00am.

PRESENT:

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

Buckinghamshire Councillor Peter Brazier.

Mrs Bridget Knight – Slapton Parish Clerk.

Two members of the public.

C/133/22 Chairman's Welcomes and Announcements.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

C/134/22 Attendance and Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Tom Harris.

C/135/22 Disclosures of interest/dispensations pertaining to the agenda.

None.

C/136/22 To approve the minutes of the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on the 28th July 2022.

The minutes were signed as correct PROPOSED BY Councillor Cleland and SECONDED BY Councillor Packham and carried unanimously.

C/137/22 Public Question Time (2 minutes per person, maximum of 10 minutes).

A local resident read a statement detailing the work herself and family have undertaken for the parish in the three years they have resided in Slapton. They have set up a Facebook Page which she stated gives local residents a voice over matters such as the pub closure, anti-social behaviour and loss of countryside views.

The resident asked if the Parish Council could reimburse her son for the Judicial Review in respect of the Solar Farm which he has independently started. The Parish Clerk informed the Council that Slapton Parish Council does not have General Power of Competence and does not have that ability within its power.

C/138/22 To receive reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors.

The Chairman advised Cllr Brazier that there has been fly-posting for the New Bury Festival throughout Buckinghamshire. The Parish Clerk had advised Buckinghamshire Council Enforcement Department and Paul Foot the Local Area Technician.

There was no further report since the last meeting.

C/139/22 To consider supporting legal action against Buckinghamshire Council in the form of a Judicial Review of the Planning Committee meeting that approved the Solar Farm.

The Chairman explained the council has received legal advice regarding a Judicial Review. The solicitor advised that the Judicial Review on behalf of the Parish Council should be done independently i.e. without the involvement of third parties. Councillor Packham explained that a local resident has previously submitted a judicial review independent to the parish council. Councillor Griffin expressed frustration with planning matters and lack of Parish Council powers.

It was agreed to instruct a solicitor to give advice on undertaking a judicial review, the initial cost for the first stage is expected to be £5,000.

C/140/22 Quiet Area and Four Planters.

It was agreed that a local gardener will start work on the recreation ground quiet area and the four planters. The cost will be £12.50 per hour. It is expected the initial work will be for one day (seven hours) with regular maintenance of two hours a month. The hours are flexible and will be reviewed as work progresses.

C/141/22 Date of next meetings:

14th September, 12th October, 9th November and 14th December 2022.

The meeting ended at 10.25am.