

## Slapton Parish Council

### **Minutes of the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held at Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall, Slapton on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.00pm**

#### **PRESENT:**

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

Buckinghamshire Councillor Chris Poll.

Buckinghamshire Council Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board Manager.

Bridget Knight – Slapton Parish Clerk.

Four members of the public.

#### **C/166/22 Chairman's Welcome and announcements.**

The warm café is now operational, Councillor Griffin had negotiated a grant for the EGMH from Asda for the grant and the Chairman thanked Councillor Griffin. During the Remembrance Sunday church service the Chairman presented a poppy wreath on behalf of Slapton Parish Council and Councillor Griffin presented a wreath on behalf of Buckinghamshire Council.

#### **C/167/22 Attendance and Apologies.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Tom Harris. Apologies were received from Bucks Councillors Derek Town and Peter Brazier.

#### **C/168/22 Disclosures of interest/dispensations pertaining to the agenda.**

Councillors Wakefield and Griffin declared they are trustees of the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall. Councillor Griffin declared she owns the field next to the recreation ground.

#### **C/169/22 To approve the minutes of the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022.**

The minutes were signed as true and accurate PROPOSED BY Councillor Cleland and SECONDED BY Councillor King and carried unanimously.

#### **C/170/22 Public Question Time (2 minutes per person, maximum of 10 minutes).**

Women's Institute representative – the WI had not booked the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall and their Christmas Party clashes with the booking for the Parish Council Meeting, this was resolved later in the meeting.

A local resident mentioned the September minutes are missing from the website and stated she would like information about local events available. Also, she was disappointed the Villager is only online. Councillor Packham will upload September's

minutes and will publish events information when this available and shared with the Parish Council.

**C/171/22 To Receive Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).**

Bucks Councillor Poll reported the Bucks Councillors had received a briefing about Mentmore Towers and a press release will be issued shortly. Councillor Poll reported about the increase in costs for the Council including salaries, adult social care and looked after children, the budget will be set soon. Two thirds of Buckinghamshire Council budget is allocated to social care. Councillor Poll discussed the financial pressure on Buckinghamshire Council and possible increases in Buckinghamshire Council costs to the parish.

Katrina Holyoake – Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board Manager confirmed there will be further information about change of roles in Buckinghamshire Council and budget information on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The Community Board has contributed to the improvements of the recreational ground. The Chairman asked what the implications could be to the Community Board, further information is expected soon, Katrina hopes there will be a similar budget for next year.

**C/172/2 To Receive details of planning decisions received and to discuss planning applications.**

None.

**C/173/22 Village Signs.**

Councillor Packham reported the approval has been given to commence manufacturing of the signs with the deposit paid. The next stage is the colouration of the signs and completion is expected in the New Year.

**C/174/22 Recreation Ground.**

Footpath – Councillor Packham reported this is expected to be completed by the end of the week. Councillor Packham asked about further funding from the Community Board. The Chairman explained the length of the footpath will be measured so runner can record their runs. A meeting has been arranged to discuss funding issues.

Zip Wires – Councillor King reported the posts that support the zip wires have moved following the very dry summer, both need to be stabilised, the Chairman suggested that the Council take professional advice before contracting with a builder.

Councillor King agreed to initiate research. The rest of the equipment is acceptable and the crack in the footpath will be addressed. Councillor Packham reported the ground under the fitness equipment has a hole, a solution has been discussed and further advice will be taken.

**C/175/22 Footpaths, Bridleways and Roads.**

Horton 40MPH – Councillor Cleland advised that match funding has been agreed and the project funding has been ring fenced from the current budget which was confirmed by Katrina Holyoake. There was no further update.

Ivinghoe Freight Strategy Zone has been approved with signage ordered, no further information.

**C/176/22 Environment.**

Climate Change – Councillor Godsland reported she attended the Climate Change Conference run by Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils. Councillor Godsland reported there are things the parish could easily adopt such as installing swift boxes on houses and potentially insect and bee hotels in the Jubilee Field. The Chairman thanked Councillor Godsland for her report.

Managed Nature Area – the Chairman explained the area behind the church has been identified as an area for the managed nature area, permission is required from the landowner to change the lease. No response has been received from the requests to the landowner and the Parish Clerk will write to the landowner again.

**C/177/22 Request from WI to Change December Meeting Date.**

The Chairman explained the clash of meeting dates with the WI Christmas Party and the Parish Council meeting. It was agreed to change the venue for the meeting to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December to Holy Cross Church, Slapton. PROPOSED By Councillor Wakefield and SECONDED BY Councillor King with two abstaining from the vote.

**C/178/22 Finance.**

The following payments were authorised for payment. The summary report of the budget was circulated prior to the meeting with no comments.

Payee	Details	Amount
John O'Dwyer	Post repair work	£240.50
SSE	Streetlight electricity	£102.80
BALC	Training	£25.00
Poppy Shop	Poppy wreath	£23.98
Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall	Room hire	£32.00
John O'Dwyer	Rec inspections	£30.00
MW Agri	Grounds maintenance	£258.00
BALC	Training	£140.00
Bridport Foundary	Deposit - Village signs	£4,860.00
CPC	Microphones	£346.75
The Villager	Grant and leaflets	£336.38
Emma Griffin	Reimburse Jubilee event expenses	£923.80

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Nicky Hedges	Gardening	£93.75

Balances:	Unity Trust Current	£66,800.35
	Unity Trust Savings	£10,779.65
	Cambridge & Counties	£27,576.99
		<b>£105,156.99</b>

**C/179/22 Clerk's Report.**

The defibrillators were discussed, and Councillor Cleland has updated The Circuit to confirm the Horton defibrillator is operational.

**C/180/22 Date of next meeting(s):**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December (Holy Cross Church, Slapton) and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

The meeting ended at 7.45pm