

Slapton Parish Council

Minutes of the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held at Holy Cross Church, Slapton on Monday 12th December at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

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

Buckinghamshire Councillor Peter Brazier.

Bridget Knight – Slapton Parish Clerk.

No members of the public.

C/180/22 Chairman's Welcome and announcements.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated Councillor Rob King for his presentation to the Community Board. Councillor Brazier stated his presentation was a great example.

C/181/22 Attendance and Apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillor Mac Cleland and Tom Harris.

C/182/22 Disclosures of interest/dispensations pertaining to the agenda.

Councillors Wakefield and Griffin declared they are trustees of the Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall.

C/183/22 To approve the minutes of the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th November 2022.

The minutes were signed as true and accurate PROPOSED BY Councillor Packham and SECONDED BY Councillor Godsland and carried unanimously.

C/184/22 Public Question Time (2 minutes per person, maximum of 10 minutes).

None.

C/185/22 To Receive Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).

The Chairman asked about the planning portal which has been re-vamped, and searches are more difficult to locate. Councillor Packham will check the link on the Slapton Parish Council website connects to the Buckinghamshire Council planning portal. Councillor Brazier recommended "Bookmarking" the link and agreed to set up this up for use by Parish Councillors.

Councillor Griffin enquired if Buckinghamshire Council had changed the premium rate hours for Taxis to extend up to 9am Councillor Brazier agreed to investigate.

The Chairman asked about the Jubilee Fields lease, Councillor Brazier confirmed the documents are being prepared.

The 40 MPH is waiting implantation and Councillor Brazier expects this to be done when the new highways contractor is in place. The freight strategy zone signs will be installed shortly. Buckinghamshire Council Proud of Bucks Award nominations will be open in January for an individual and an individual (under 21 years) and a voluntary group who have made an outstanding contribution to the community this year. The awards will be presented at an event in April.

C/186/22 To Receive details of planning decisions received and to discuss planning applications.

None.

C/187/22 Solar Farm Update.

The Chairman stated he had asked Councillor Harris about enforcement of the solar farm if production exceeds the permitted number of megawatts. A discussion took place about planning at Bury Farm Equestrian Centre. Councillor Brazier will ask the Planning Officer about enforcement of the conditions.

C/188/22 Village Signs.

Councillor Packham reported the quotation from Hammer and Tongs has been received for the post and ornate sign bracket for £1,980. It was agreed to apply to the Community Board for 50% match funding for the new signs and brackets £4,500.

C/189/22 Recreation Ground.

The gate from Bury Farm Close to recreation ground is damaged, a quotation for the repair has been received from Hammer and Tongs for £1,390 plus VAT. Councillor Packham will research alternative quotations.

The Clerk will contact Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils to enquire about playground inspection training for the playground inspector.
Recreation Ground slip and heave – deferred to the next meeting.

C/190/22 Jubilee Field Lease.

This was covered earlier in the meeting.

C/191/22 Village Christmas Tree.

The Chairman thanked the local resident for the Christmas Tree donation to Slapton Village.

C/192/22 Village Information Booklet.

Councillor Griffin has produced a Village Information Booklet which is eight pages long with information for residents detailing support and grants available. The plan is to produce the leaflets and distribute to all residents the cost for 250 booklets is £152.14 to be printed this week. The supporting posters will be ordered at a cost of £75.00. A proof will be circulated to Councillors and Clerk to review tomorrow morning.

C/193/22 Website.

At the last meeting a resident complained that minutes were missing from the website, however, on checking the minutes are complete as there are no minutes for the cancelled meeting which was scheduled in September following the passing of HM The Queen.

C/194/22 Footpaths, Bridleways and Roads.

Horton – 40MPH was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Ivinghoe Freight Strategy – discussed earlier in the meeting.

Grove stile – this will be reported as faulty.

Church Road Stile (on the right in Slapton Lane), this was reported to Rights of Way and will be reported again.

C/195/22 Environment.

Councillor Godsland has researched inset hotels and circulated details. The cost is £91 each and will house bees and other insects. It was agreed to order three bug hotels and an application will be made to the Community Board for Microgrant funding. Insect hotels will ideally be in Jubilee Field, Holy Cross Church and possibly recreation ground. The Parish Clerk will contact Holy Cross Church about finding a suitable site in the graveyard.

C/196/22 Finance and Payments Approval.

2023/24 Budget.

It was agreed to set the budget for £32,500 and the precept demand will be for £32,500 the Parish Clerk will inform Buckinghamshire Council.

Payee	Details	Amount
John O'Dwyer	Inspections	£30.00
M W Agri	Village Rec Cutting	£78.00
Ivinghoe PC	Contribution towards Clerk training & office phone	£36.00
SWALEC	Streetlight electricity - Oct	£102.80
Sparkx	Old Farm Close lights (2)	£306.00
Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall	Room hire	£40.00
Clerk	Office allowance & reimburse expenses	£26.54
Amazon	Printer inks	£30.09
Amazon	Printer paper	£28.48
SWALEC	Streetlight electricity - Nov	£106.17

Balances:	Unity Trust Current	£68,995.82
	Unity Trust Savings	£10,779.65
	Cambridge & Counties	£27,576.99
		£107,352.46

C/197/22 Clerk's Report.

No comment.

C/198/22 Date of next meeting(s):

Wednesday 11th January 2023 – Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.