

Slapton Parish Council

Minutes of the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held at Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall, Slapton on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

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

Buckinghamshire Councillor Peter Brazier.
Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall Chairman John O'Dywer.

Bridget Knight – Slapton Parish Clerk.

Two members of the public.

C/001/23 Chairman's Welcome and announcements.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Griffin and Packham for the local booklet production. The Chairman thanked the Parish Clerk for the application for Community Board funding.

C/002/23 Attendance and Apologies.

Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Councillor Derek Town.

C/003/23 Disclosures of interest/dispensations pertaining to the agenda.

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

C/004/23 To approve the minutes of the Slapton Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th December 2022.

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

C/005/23 Public Question Time (2 minutes per person, maximum of 10 minutes).

Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall Chairman confirmed that he has suspended use of Hall Master and there are problems within the Village Hall Committee membership. Slapton Parish Council Chairman explained this is not a Parish Council Matter. Councillor Packham agreed to remove the link to Hall Master on the Parish Council website.

C/006/23 To Receive Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).

Councillor Brazier mentioned the Proud of Bucks Award and encouraged the Parish Council to nominate groups and individuals. The Buckinghamshire Council tax will increase by 4.99%. Councillor Brazier explained there is an estate policy in place and Buckinghamshire County Hall building could be re-purposed as the offices are in

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The Gateway. The old council Amersham offices could be re-developed to affordable housing.

The Horton 40MPH is still on the list and Councillor Brazier expects this to happen in the middle of the year. Jubilee Fields – the Officer has left, and the case handed over to another officer, with no update. The Freight Zone is being rolled out and the signage is expected to be up in February.

Councillor Brazier is contacting the Officer responsible for the gritting route to possibly include Slapton Lane.

C/007/23 To Receive details of planning decisions received and to discuss planning applications.

Councillor Packham explained how to easily access the Slapton planning applications, through the Slapton Parish Council website.

C/008/23 Solar Farm Update.

Deferred to February meeting.

C/009/23 Village Signs.

Councillor Packham reported that the patterns have been made and the next step is the castings followed by the painting.

C/010/23 Recreation Ground.

Councillor King report there are no issues.

The Chairman mentioned the recent playground inspection highlighted there is a broken spring on a gate, there was also a report of broken concrete.

Community Board Application for the footpath – further information is required, and the Parish Clerk will respond.

Zip Wire repair – Councillor Harris explained the tension needs to be removed from the zip wire and the support needs to be underpinned. Councillor Harris expects the work to be undertaken in the spring as the weather improves.

C/011/23 Jubilee Field Lease.

This was covered earlier in the meeting.

C/012/23 Website.

Councillor Packham explained the website is up to date and the link to Hall Master will be removed.

Councillor Packham will liaise with Councillors who do not have photographs on the website to add them.

C/013/23 Footpaths, Bridleways and Roads.

Horton – 40MPH was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Ivinghoe Freight Strategy – discussed earlier in the meeting.

Grove stile and Church Road Stiles have been reported to Rights of Way and Councillor Brazier will follow this up.

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Grove salt bins – the Parish Clerk will contact the Local Area Technician to request this.

C/014/23 Environment.

No update.

C/015/23 Finance and Payments Approval.

The following payments were approved:

Payee	Details	Amount
John O'Dwyer	Rec inspections	£30.00
Relax Days	Insect hotels	£284.70
Instaprint	Booklets	£152.14
PJH & Co Elegant Driveways	Footpath	£12,750.00
Clerk's expenses		£18.87
SWALEC		£115.93
Ivinghoe Parish Council	Phone contribution	£15.00

Balances:	Unity Trust Current	£52,223.01
	Unity Trust Savings	£10,779.65
	Cambridge & Counties	£27,578.99
		£90,581.65

C/016/23 Clerk's Report.

The Parish Clerk reported the insect hotels have been ordered.

King's Coronation – a discussion took place about ideas, and this will be added to the agenda to the next meeting.

C/017/23 Date of next meeting(s):

The meetings will be held the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be Wednesday 8th February 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

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