

Minutes of a General Meeting
Held in the Village Hall on Monday 21st November 2022, 18:00.

Councillors present: Cllrs Chapman (Chair), Thomas, Classen and Thornton.
In attendance: 5 attendees

- 221121/1 **Chairman's Opening Remarks:** Cllr Chapman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 221121/2 **Declarations of Interest:** NONE
- 221121/3 **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr Papadakis.
- 221121/4 **Public Session:** Cllr Chapman reminded attendees that any responses given by councillors during this session would be a personal opinion and may not necessarily represent the view of the Council. Relevant items would be added to the next meeting's agenda.
- 4.1 Concern was raised about the maintenance of the River Eye near the Mill and at what point would people in the Village be aware there was a potential flooding issue? This seemed all the more relevant to homeowners that did not live in LS and it was suggested an alert mechanism be created.** Cllr Chapman advised that a flood warning mechanism already existed on both CDC's and GCC's websites. In addition to these, it was agreed that LSPC would set up a WhatsApp alert group for interested parties. Cllr Thornton agreed to action this asap, as well as posting it as a news item in the LSVN.
- 4.2 A resident enquired if there had been any progress with the flood mitigation measures currently being explored by the PC. Concern arose because the recent heavy rainfall had highlighted the issue down Copse Hill Road and ideally this run-off needed diverting into Dikler Dam. An ex-councillor had obtained permission from the landowner and farmer, but Highways were needed to create the channels.** Cllr Thomas responded, by suggesting that the diversion ideally needed to be positioned higher up the hill near to the Rectory. Cllr Thomas also suggested that the run-off from Kingswell Lane should be diverted into the Carp Ponds. Parish Clerk to contact GCC Highways and the local flood authority to see if these works can be scheduled urgently.
- 221121/5 **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 22nd September 2022:** Confirmed and approved by all and signed electronically by Chair, Cllr Chapman.
- 221121/6 **Matters arising from the previous meeting held on 22nd September 2022.**
- 6.1 Council to discuss the number of Airbnb's in the Village.** A general discussion took place about this issue. LSPC indicated that they were concerned about Airbnb's, but some categorisation was required to identify if entire properties were being marketed as Airbnb's or if extensions/ annexes were. It was agreed that the PC do not have statutory powers to check the usage of properties in the Village and at this stage, Council await the findings from the project currently being conducted by CDC on this matter. Please note, there is an Airbnb 24-hour support line to report nuisance behaviour and a Good Neighbour and Guests Guide has been produced for hosts to leave in their properties. Cllr Chapman asked the Parish Clerk to review CDC's project outcomes when available.
- 221121/7 **Planning Applications:**
- 7.1 22/02916/COMPLY Lavandula, Becky Hill, Lower Slaughter GL54 2HS.** Discharge of planning condition No.6. *CDC STATAS: Approved. Cllr Chapman reported that LSPC were disappointed this scheme had been approved and that the issues regarding Health and Safety had been ignored by CDC. Cllr Thomas to contact GCC Highways to ascertain their thinking on PC concerns.*
- 7.2 22/02418/FUL and 22/02419/LBC Briar Cottage, Lower Slaughter, GL54 2HS.** Erection of a single-

storey extension. LSPC have had no concerns or comments on this application. *STATUS: Application withdrawn.*

7.3. 22/03753/FUL Mill Meadow House Mill Lane Lower Slaughter Cheltenham GL54 2HX. Erection of a single storey rear extension, proposed pavilion and carport and other associated works.

CDC STATUS: Awaiting decision. Standard consultation expiry date 25.11.22. LSPC have no views or comments to make.

7.4 22/03397/FUL Land Parcel At The Gravel Pits Fosseway Lower Slaughter GL54 2EY. Variation of Condition 1 pursuant to permission 21/03830/FUL for the operation of the temporary utilities compound until 21 December 2023. *CDC STATUS: Awaiting decision. Standard consultation expiry date has ended. LSPC have objected to this application for the extension.*

7.5 22/03418/FUL Fosseway Service Station Fosseway Lower Slaughter GL54 2EY. Erection of service station side extension and erection of fencing to create a relocated bin storage area. *CDC STATUS: Awaiting decision. Standard consultation expiry date 22.11.22. Cllr Chapman explained that the application for a Jet Wash had been withdrawn and whilst the PC understand and are sympathetic to the challenges service stations face regarding viability, LSPC object to this application on the grounds of excess traffic and safety.*

At this juncture, Cllr Chapman mentioned that Cllr Thomas was standing down from the Council due to his increased personal responsibilities. He would, however, remain as Tree Warden and also complete the tender document and further discussions with Brownsword Hotels for the flood mitigation activity. Cllr Chapman thanked Cllr Thomas for his outstanding contribution whilst serving as a councillor. Council will endeavour to replace Cllr Thomas by co-option.

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Finance review as of 31st October 2022. Please see attached appendix.

8.1 To consider and approve current financial status of PC accounts. Considered and approved.

8.2 To note payments sanctioned since last meeting. Noted.

8.3 To consider and authorise payments due. Approved.

8.4 To consider potential costs and budgets for the forthcoming by-elections in 2023.

8.5 To increase the number of designated signatures for cheque usage. Proposed by Cllr Chapman and agreed by all.

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Reports from the Wardens:

9.1 River LSPC have been actively maintaining the riverbanks over the last few weeks. This excludes the Mill side of the river. Given that the Mill is due to be sold, Council agreed to ask the Mill owners to document their river processes and the management of the sluice gate for the Parish Council and new owners. Cllr Thornton agreed to follow through with this as well as speaking to the owners of the small holding nearby.

9.2 Rights of Way The remedial work for Scare Lane has commenced. Our PROW Warden presented his report on the status on the other Rights of Way in the Village. A request was made for LSPC to contact GCC Highways about road sweeping the new tarmac on Scare Lane when they are in the Village. Also noted, was the fallen sign up Kingswell Lane that Cotwolds Warden were due to remedy shortly.

9.3 Trees The only point to note was the deadwood trees beyond Scare Lane which will require work before the nesting season. The Parish Clerk still needs to chase CPRE about the £500 allocated to LSPC purchasing fruit trees for the Allotments.

9.4 Highways Nothing to report. However, GCC should be contacted about the flooding and drain blockage on the corner by the bridge.

9.5 Flood and Snow Nothing to report.

9.6 Neighbourhood Watch Fireworks were recently set off in the Village from an Airbnb property at the start of November. Airbnb were contacted and these guests have now been blacklisted. Cold callers selling wares have been seen in Lower Slaughter. As a licence is required by law to conduct this type of activity, the local Police force would like to be kept informed. Please note, that 'No Cold Callers' stickers are available from NHW.

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Correspondence reviewed:

10.1 A resident has complained about the ongoing issue of horse droppings being left near their property along the riverside. The resident has requested that Council discuss the matter with the riding school and that all horse droppings are collected after riders have been in the Village. Council acknowledged that most horse droppings are removed but asked the Clerk to send a note to the Equestrian Centre advising them of this complaint.

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Date of Next Meeting: Monday 16th January 2023 at 6pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting ended: 19:07

Signed

Date.....

Lower Slaughter Parish Council

Finance Report for Meeting of 21 November 2022

Current Financial Position (9.1) (at 31 October 2022)

Reserves Account	£	49,391.58		
Reserved for Weir/River Repairs	£	20,000.00		
Reserved for TRO management	£	10,000.00		
Reserved for PROW Improvements	£	10,000.00		
Reserved for Village Projects	£	5,457.59		
Available Reserves	£	3,933.99	£	3,933.99
Treasurer's Account			£	1,933.00
Total	£		£	5,866.99

Receipts since last meeting on Sep-22

Bank Interest (Sep/Oct)	£	4.20
CDC Precept (payment 2 of 2)	£	1,737.00
Filming Contribution - Bandicoots (Masked Singer)	£	500.00
Allotment Income	£	45.73
	£	2,286.93

Payments made since last meeting on Sep-22

English Window Cleaning - Bus Shelter Cleaning	£	80.00	LGA 1972 s111
Clerk Wages and Expenses (Aug)	£	152.16	LGA 1972 s111
C Dix - Allotment Maintenance	£	90.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9,10
	£	322.16	

Payments to be Noted/Approved by Council

Payments Sanctioned since last Meeting (Minute 9.2)

Clerk Wages and Expenses (Sep)	£	448.46	LGA 1972 s111
Bibury - Village Grass Maintenance (Sep)	£	446.39	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9,10
Bibury - Village Grass Maintenance (Oct)	£	446.39	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9,10
Castle Water - water rates (Sep)	£	39.68	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9,10
Castle Water - water rates (Oct)	£	39.68	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9,10

Payments to be Sanctioned (Minute 9.3)

Clerk Wages and Expenses (Oct)	£	255.64	LGA 1972 s111
CLlr Chapman - Expenses	£	28.99	LGA 1972 s111
C Dix - Plantation Maintenance	£	75.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9,10

Additional Signature for Approval of Payments:

Initials: Date: Signature: