

### Minutes of General Meeting

Held in the Village Hall on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 18:00.

Councillors present: Cllrs Chapman (Chair), Thomas, Classen, Papadakis and Thornton.  
In attendance: 9 members of the public.

- 211018/1** **Chairman's Opening Remarks:** Cllr Chapman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were made for the cancellation of the September meeting which occurred as there were insufficient councillors available for the meeting to be quorate, and therefore decisions could not be made validly and lawfully. Cllr Chapman welcomed Cllr Thornton to his first meeting and thanked him for his agreement to serve on the Parish Council in addition to thanking all Councillors and the Clerk for their continued service and support to the village of Lower Slaughter.  
Cllr Chapman advised Council of the recent passing of Gillie Lord who lived in Four Wells. Gillie's contribution to the Village was significant having served as Chair of both the PC and Village Fete Committee and was actively involved with the Church and WI. Condolences of the PC go to Gillie's family.
- 211018/2** **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Thornton declared an interest in agenda item 7.4 and Cllrs Chapman and Thomas in item 7.6.
- 211018/3** **Apologies:** None. All Councillors are present.
- 211018/4** **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021:** These minutes were approved by all and signed by Chair, Cllr Chapman.
- 211018/5** **Matters Arising from the previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021:**  
**5.1 Gilders Scrapyard update**  
Cllr Chapman once again encouraged residents to review relevant documents on GCC's website and to comment further in support or objection regarding this application. Particular attention was drawn to the Transport Statement and concern LSPC had regarding visibility splay and the suggested use of a temporary access. LSPC are likely to object to this application on safety grounds. Please note, a new ecology report is due to be released shortly on <https://planning.gloucestershire.gov.uk/publicaccess>
- 211018/6** **Future Potential Major Project Investments:** Cllr Chapman set the scene by summarising that the total costs of suggested investment projects exceed resources available. Members of the public were invited to comment when details of potential projects were reviewed.  
**6.1 Mill Dam Path**  
LSPC agreed that this can become a treacherous path during unpleasant weather conditions. Quote received from CDC for improvements is approximately £10k.  
**6.2 Scare Lane**  
Technically, this is a bridleway with disabled access. LSPC are waiting for the GCC Highways to circulate a proposal for improvements, along with appropriate costs. At this stage, the PC hope this could be a jointly funded project across key stakeholders.  
**6.3 River Flooding Alleviation Works**  
Cllr Chapman stated that Council regard this as the greatest priority in the Village. Consultants have been appointed and commenced a flood alleviation options study in respect of river flows from the Mill through and out of the village. Initial findings suggest that controlling the height of the weir may be one



of the most effective flood mitigation options. A topographical study will be commissioned to enable modelling and a more detailed assessment of the available options following the initial findings.

#### **6.4 Allotment Improvements**

A small budget of £2-4k is required to upgrade parts of the allotments as community areas as discussed at the coffee morning on 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

NB: After some debate and comments from the Public, consensus for the two main priorities were flood alleviation and allotment improvements. Most attendees felt LSPC should not use local funds to repair public access routes that were the responsibility of GCC / CDC. However, this view was not shared by Lower Slaughters PROW Warden, Mr S Randles who expressed concern about lack of investment from the PC for Mill Dam path. Cllr Chapman thanked SR for his contribution and Council agreed that no decisions would be made until detailed costings for all the Major Projects had been received and publicly viewed.

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#### **Planning Applications Update:**

**7.1 21/01973/FUL Manor Farm, Lower Slaughter GL54 2HP** Conversion of barn to residential use (part retrospective), erection of two storey extension and installation of 2no. rooflights. *Awaiting decision by CDC. LSPC have considered and have no comments.*

**7.2 21/3456/TCONR Lower Slaughter Manor, Lower Slaughter GL54 2HP.** T1: Sycamore reduce by 3m and shape and remove dead wood as it is showing pockets of decay. *Awaiting decision by CDC. LSPC have considered, have no objection dead wooding, but are concerned about the height reduction. Cllr Thomas to discuss with hotel GM.*

**7.3 21/013312/TCONR Grange Farm, Lower Slaughter GL54 2HP.** T1: Conifer reduction of branches encroaching over neighbouring property. *Permitted by CDC.*

**7.4 21/01797/LBC Lavandula, Becky Hill, Lower Slaughter GL54 2HS.** Removal and refitting of stone flag floors. *Permitted by CDC. LSPC have considered and have no comments.*

**7.5 21/03542/LBC and 21/03539/FUL Lavandula, Becky Hill, Lower Slaughter GL54 2HS.** Erection of single storey link and minor alterations. *Awaiting decision by CDC. Cllr Thornton left the room. LSPC have reviewed this application and intend to object to both LBC and FUL.*

**7.6 21/02215/FUL Caradon, Mill Lane, Lower Slaughter GL54 2HX.** Removal of existing entrance gates and associated posts and replacing with hardwood gates and posts in sustainable hardwood. *Permitted by CDC. LSPC have considered and have no comments.*

**7.7 21/03722/TCONR 18, Mill Lane, Lower Slaughter GL54 2HX.** T1: Cherry – fell due to client disliking species and size of tree. Replacement of Amelanchier 10/12). *Awaiting decision by CDC. Cllrs Chapman and Thomas left the room. LSPC have considered and have no comments.*

**7.8 21/03376/FUL Park View, Mill Lane, Lower Slaughter GL54 2HX.** Replacement driveway gates. *Awaiting decision by CDC. LSPC have considered and have no comments.*

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**Allotments:** Cllrs Classen and Papadakis reported on the success of the coffee morning held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021. 25 people attended this event and discussions were held amongst other things on how the allotments can be improved, the need for an Allotment Committee and consideration should be given to reduce allotment sizes.

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#### **Finance:**

**9.1** Cllr Chapman reported on the current financial status and full itemised details can be found in Appendix 1.

**9.2 and 9.3** Cllr Chapman reported on receipts since the last meeting/retrospective payments and secured approval from Council for payments due. These are also detailed in Appendix 1. All were APPROVED.

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#### **Reports from Wardens**

**10.1 River Thames Water lining works** have been completed. Cllr Thomas advised that there was an additional cost of approximately £1900 (£1968.75) for the flood alleviation study associated with detailed modelling of the riverbed and banks following the initial findings of the study. This expenditure was considered and approved by all Councillors.



NB: LSPC confirmed river study reports would be made available at the appropriate time, on request from the Parish Clerk. Thanks were given to Cllrs DT and ST for recently implementing more river maintenance work with further thanks going to Tony Lang.

A resident asked Council if there was a known management strategy for the water levels in Mill Dam. Parish Clerk to contact the owners of the Mill to see if one exists.

**10.2 Rights of Way** Discussed in item 6. Updates were received on two further projects, namely that the kissing gate by the Cricket Club which has been repaired by Cotswold Wardens and the repairs made along the riverbank near Scare Lane bridge / the old tree stump.

**10.3 Trees** Cllr Thomas confirmed that dead wooding had been completed before leaf fall and a further assessment of trees in LS was scheduled by the contractor later in the year/Spring.

**10.4 Highways** Nothing new to report. Double yellow lines have been requested to replace the single yellow lines in the Village and additional 20 is Plenty signs have been installed. NB: Drains on the corner by the Inn bridge need to be cleared. Parish Clerk to raise the request with GCC.

**10.5 Snow** Cllr Papadakis confirmed receipt of grit supplies.

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**Correspondence:** To review relevant correspondence received since last meeting; consider actions/responses.

**11.1 Further correspondence regarding inappropriate parking in the Village, traffic speeds and the lack of patrol personnel / vehicles during peak tourist periods.** The Parish Clerk confirmed that PC Richard Webb had been contacted and GCC in a bid to get a traffic warden in the area. As speeding is the responsibility of Gloucestershire Police Force, a request has been submitted for consideration to be given for more patrols in the area.

**11.2 Concern about the rotted gate post at the kissing gate near the cricket club fence.** This is now repaired.

**11.3 Concern about the scope of works been carried out on the plantation.** Cllr Chapman confirmed that all works had been carried out in line with the contractor agreement. It is hoped that the removal and clearing of vegetation would be something managed by the Allotment Committee should one be formed.

**11.4 A suggestion from a resident to properly maintain the plum trees on the allotment.** These are at the end of their life and need to be replaced or removed and another use for this space agreed.

**11.5 Enquiry by a local business requesting support from the PC regarding a mobile truck in LS for the provision of coffee, cakes, breads, and other provisions.** LSPC are hoping to support this initiative and are in discussions with the Church and street trader.

**11.6 Concern by a resident about trees from the allotment overhanging their property and potentially causing damage.** Council confirmed that work had been completed in this area in October.

**11.7 Thank you note from Katrina, Sue, Catherine and all the congregation of St. Mary's.** Received with thanks by LSPC.

**11.8 Detailed correspondence regarding concern from a resident about the mid-season cutting along the riverbanks.** Council confirmed that the management of riverbanks was made in accordance with guidelines published by Natural England- Govt. UK

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**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 6pm in the Village Hall.

**Meeting ended:** 19.32

NB: The meeting scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021, has subsequently been rescheduled to 13.12.21

Signed: *Kevin Chapman (Chair)*

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021



## Lower Slaughter Parish Council

### Finance Report for Meeting of 18 October 2021

#### Current Financial Position (8.1) (at 30th Sep 2021)

<b>Reserves Account</b>	£ 60,715.91		
Reserved for Weir/River Repairs	£ 10,000.00		
Reserved for TRO management	£ 10,000.00		
Reserved for Village Projects	£ 34,026.87		
Available Reserves	£ 6,689.04	£ 6,689.04	
<b>Treasurer's Account</b>		£ 2,253.45	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 8,942.49</b>

#### Receipts since last meeting on Jul-21

Bank Interest (Jul-Sep)	£ 1.56
True North - Filming Contribution	£ 150.00
CDC - Part 2 of Precept	£ 1,650.00
	<b>£ 1,801.56</b>

#### Payments made since last meeting on Jul-21

Clerk Wages and Expenses (Jul - Sep)	Data Protected	LGA 1972 s111
GAPTC - Annual Membership	£ 59.15	LGA 1972 s111
English Window Cleaners - annual charge	£ 80.00	LGA 1972 s111
R Godwin - W Allotment Clear Up	£ 525.00	Open Spaces Act 1909 ss9,10
Bibury Landscape - Village Grass Mtce	£ 435.50	Open Spaces Act 1909 ss9,10
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PATA - Admin Charges	£ 95.40	LGA 1972 s111
Clir Chapman - Expenses	£ 24.89	LGA 1972 s111
SUCC - Boundary Fence - 50% contribution	£ 1,432.00	Open Spaces Act 1909 ss9,10
	<b>Data Protected</b>	

#### Payments to be Approved by Council

<b>Payments Sanctioned since last Meeting (Minute 8.2)</b>		
PATA - Admin Charges	£ 95.40	LGA 1972 s111
Clir Chapman - Expenses	£ 24.89	LGA 1972 s111
<b>Payments to be Sanctioned (Minute 8.3)</b>		
Clerk Wages and Expenses (Oct)	Data Protected	LGA 1972 s111
Bibury - Plantation	£ 569.40	Open Spaces Act 1909 ss9,10
Clir Classen - bulbs and things	£ 166.78	Open Spaces Act 1909 ss9,10
<b>Additional Signature for Approval of Payments:</b>		
Initials: <i>GAP</i>	Date: <i>18 / 10 / 2021</i>	Signature: 