

## Minutes of General Meeting

**Held in the Village Hall on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022, 18:00.**

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Councillors present: Cllrs Chapman (Chair), Thomas, Classen, Papadakis and Thornton.

In attendance: 9 attendees, including GCC Cllr Mark Mackenzie-Charrington (part).

- 220321/1**      **Chairman's Opening Remarks:** Cllr Chapman welcomed everyone to the meeting including Cllr Mark Mackenzie- Charrington. Cllr Chapman advised Council of the recent passing of Derek Treeby. Condolences of the PC go to his wife Veronica and the Treeby family.
- 220321/2**      **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Thornton declared an interest with respect to planning item 9.1 due to his proximity to the property. Cllr Thornton will recuse himself during discussions on this matter.
- 220321/3**      **Apologies:** All Councillors are present. Apologies were received from Cllr Richard Keeling. NB: Agenda item 6 was brought forward to accommodate Cllr MMC's time commitments.
- 220321/4**      **To receive a report from County Councillor, Mark Mackenzie-Charrington:** The full report can be found in the Appendix.
- 220321/5**      **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022:** Approved by all and signed by Chair, Cllr Chapman.
- 220321/6**      **Public Session:** Cllr Chapman advised that the Public Session had now been re-instated at PC meetings. Due to the Pandemic, LSPC had been following instructions from NALC to remove this item from the agenda. Cllr Chapman reiterated that any responses given by councillors during this session would be a personal opinion and may not represent the view of the Council.  
**6.1 Budget Hotel and EVCS.** The Applicant voiced concern about members of the Parish Council apparently stopping on the Fosseway to take pictures of Gilders Scrapyard. In addition, further concern was raised with regards to objection comments submitted by LSPC and residents. Mr Gilder offered to discuss these concerns with interested parties and invited the PC to visit the site if it wished to better understand the planned development. The PC thanked Mr Gilder for his comments but refuted the suggestion that Parish Councillors had been involved in taking the photographs as suggested.  
*No other items were raised.*
- 220321/7**      **Matters Arising from the previous meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022:**  
**7.1 Gilders Scrapyard and Budget Hotel update**  
Cllr Chapman advised that there was no update to report about the relocation of the Scrapyard and that the period of consultation had ended for the hotel application. This application is now under consideration by CDC. Cllr Chapman confirmed that LSPC had submitted comments of objection to CDC in addition to requesting that GCC conduct a holistic road safety assessment covering all the applications in this area.  
**7.2 Allotments**  
**a) Replacement of the Allotment Committee Coordination Councillor.** Cllr Classen's resignation has resulted in the need to appoint a new Allotment Committee Coordination Councillor. Cllr Chapman confirmed that Cllr Classen's decision was fully supported by LSPC and thanked Cllr Classen for maintaining her administrative role in respect of allotment tenancy matters. Unfortunately, there were no volunteers to take on the role of Coordination Officer and it was agreed that future communications between the PC and Allotment Committee be conducted in writing with the Parish Clerk.  
**b) Accusations by a resident of unlawful conduct by LSPC.** With disappointment, Cllr Chapman informed the Meeting that CDC had received an allegation from a resident of the Village complaining that the PC were conducting its activities in an unlawful manner. As a result, the Compliance Department of CDC investigated these allegations and concluded that Council was operating lawfully.

c) **Update is respect of Councils response to the Allotment Committees comments.** Cllr Chapman asked the Parish Clerk to complete outstanding actions identified in recent correspondence with the AC.

**7.3 Village shed roof and associated tree works.** Cllr Chapman confirmed that the tree works affecting the Village shed have been completed and a date needed to be agreed to repair the roof. LSPC's financial commitment to this project will be covered under item 10.

**7.4 Update on HR Wallingford Report.** Cllr Thomas confirmed that the final report had been produced and summarised the three recommended options for flood alleviation in the Village. These were:

- i. reducing the height of the Weir @ c. £150k
- ii. widening the bypass/diversion by the Weir @ c. £40k
- iii. raising the riverbanks @ c. £80k

Cllr Thomas indicated that the favoured works was option ii. Cllr Thomas also said that he would issue the report to Brownsword Hotels for their information and in order that discussions on funding and the possible progression of the works on their site under item ii could be progressed. Cllr Chapman advised that the full report would be available on request via the Parish Clerk.

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**To receive an update on PROW investments for Scare Lane and Mill Dam path.** GCC have confirmed that the improvements to Scare Lane will take place in the 2022/23 FY due to contributions from Cllr Mark Mackenzie-Charrington and, GCC Highways in addition to the £5k contribution from LSPC. Further input is required for Mill Dam path and LSPC have already communicated with the Landowner. Council is in the process of identifying a further source of funding as well as hoping to approach charities, agencies and individuals who may be able to support funding requirements. Cllr Chapman confirmed that LSPC had allocated £10k towards these projects.

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**Planning Applications Update:**

**9.1 22/000811/FUL Charles Well, Mill Lane, Lower Slaughter GL54 2HS. *Construction of one oak framed single garage and one oak framed single garage with stable attached.*** Cllr Thornton left the Village Hall. LSPC considered this application and agreed that there were no grounds for objection. Cllr Thomas asked if a request for drainage attenuation of the new roof drainage could be included in Parish Council comments to the planning department in view of the known run-off from this area of the Village during persistent rainfall. Cllr Thornton was invited back into the meeting.

**9.2 22/00570/FUL Copse Hill House, Copse Hill, Lower Slaughter GL54 2HZ. *Provision of a lake within parkland setting including underground services related to heat source pumps to house; provision of estate railings, ha-ha level changes, steps to terrace and associated works.*** LSPC are concerned about this application which lies within the Parish of Upper Slaughter. There is insufficient information with regard to the excavations for the lake, and dam failure has not been considered as part of the risk assessment. LSPC have therefore requested an extension to the consultation period to allow further dialogue to take place about these concerns with the Landowners and CDC. Cllr Thomas confirmed that he would speak to the applicant's engineers about the flood risk assessment in the proposal to highlight PC concerns.

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**Finance:**

**10.1 To consider and approve current financial status.** Full itemised details can be found in Appendix 1. This was APPROVED by all councillors.

**10.2 and 10.3** 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.

NB: Council passed a resolution to contribute £500.00 from the Village Project Reserves towards the Platinum Jubilee by providing stone flower troughs outside the Village Hall.

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**Reports from Wardens**

**11.1 River** The river maintenance schedule will restart when the weather gets warmer taking note of comments received from previous activities.

**11.2 Rights of Way** PROW Warden, Steve Randles reported on the status of paths in the Village. Thanks were given to Cotswold Wardens for the work they have done on HSL10. The repair to the gate is outstanding. The last correspondence with the Wardens was regarding which landowner owned the gate i.e., Hambros estate or Francis Witts.

**11.3 Trees** Cllr Thomas reported that the second stage inspection of trees had taken place and Council were waiting to receive the report.

**11.4 Highways** Nothing new to report.

**11.5 Flood and Snow** Nothing new to report apart from council wardens meeting soon with GRCC to discuss a flood action plan for the Village.

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

**12.1** Concern from a resident about water overspill from the spring in the field adjacent to Kingswell Lane in Lower Slaughter and running down the road. It was agreed that LSPC have no recourse on this matter. It is a natural occurrence and the property owner's responsibility.

**12.3** Request from an allotment holder to erect a non-permanent greenhouse for 12 months near the allotment gates. This was not granted for fear of setting a future precedent regarding the use of the allotment area as a storage facility.

**12.3** Concern from a resident about flood levels near Lavandula and a request for the PC to raise the riverbank near this property. This correspondence was received after the agenda had been published. Cllr Chapman advised the meeting that Council believed the homeowner had misinformation regarding the flooding of this property in December 2020. Further correspondence will be despatched restating Council's view on this matter.

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**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 6pm in the Village Hall.  
This is the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting.

**Meeting ended:** 19.07

**Signed:** *Kevin Chapman*

**Date:** 30.05.22

## **Lower Slaughter Parish Council Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

### **Report from GC Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington**

- Future local Road Closures include:  
Stow – Well Lane 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March  
Lower Oddington 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March  
Icomb Hill 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April  
Upper Oddington 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
Lower Oddington 20<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April  
Moreton, Coders Lane 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May
- Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service is donating to Ukraine an Aerial Ladder Platform vehicle, along with equipment including portable generators, batter-powered saw, cable reels, batter chargers, jerry cans and body armour. The vehicle was scheduled to be sold by auction.
- Tarmac have been awarded a £40m road surfacing contract over the next 2 years with an option for a further 2 years. Tarmac have been resurfacing in the county since 2018. This contract is all part of the commitment to invest an additional £100m into improving our roads.
- The Central Government support grant for bus services has, after lobbying, been extended until October this year having been originally set to finish at the end of March. Special bus arrangements are in place in Cheltenham for the Festival Week.
- The School Streets trial, where cars are banned during arrival and departure times, is being extended to 4 further Primary Schools in Cheltenham after a 2 year trial with Tewkesbury C of E & Warden Hill Primary Schools in Cheltenham.
- Future Bridleways and Footpath closures or diversions include:  
HMM10, Evenlode Road, Moreton across the 'polo ground' from 26<sup>th</sup> Feb for a period of 6 months.
- A new support service has been launched for adults suffering bereavement following suicide in the family. Run by Rethink Mental Illness, the service will include help for friends, colleagues, health and social care professionals and those who might have witnessed the death. Information can be found via 07483 375516 or e-mail [glossupportaftersuicide@rethink.org](mailto:glossupportaftersuicide@rethink.org) or visit [www.rethink.org/glossupportaftersuicide](http://www.rethink.org/glossupportaftersuicide) .
- The County Council approves the £521m budget for the 2022/23 on 16<sup>th</sup> February. £10m on roads; £150 into school buildings; £14m additional funding into Children & Young People's Services; £20m into cycling and pedestrian ways; a further £9m into support for vulnerable adults & those with disability. Additional amendments include £550,000 for Community Speedwatch; £45,000 for a biodiversity officer to identify opportunities in Council owned land; £120,000 to establish recycling shops at county recycling centres. A further £2m to the Fire & Rescue Service in addition to a similar sum last year.
- Moreton Market has joined the 'Real Deal Charter' to ensure that traders are offering legitimate produce and products for sale and ridding markets of counterfeits. There are over 500 markets across the county who are signed to the Charter,
- The proposed 26 mile 'cycle spine' has been announced that will extend from Stroud in the south, through Gloucester and Cheltenham to Bishop's Cleeve in the north. Funding was approved at the recent Council Budget meeting.
- Libraries have opened up 'Green Together' sections specialising in ecology, waste management, how to reduce energy consumption & more climate friendly approach to energy at work.
- The County Council will be working with the Aspire Foundation providing additional support for families in need of additional support who don't have easy access to existing Children & families

Centres. A fund of £920,000 is being provided through the Gloucestershire Health and Care NHC Foundation Trust.

- Trading Standards are reminding people to keep poultry under cover while avian influenza is prevalent in the county.
- CDC car parking charges in Stow & across the Cotswolds are to rise by 5%, rounded to the nearest 10p. 'Free After 3' introduced in 2015 will also be removed as of April 2022. The 6 day a week charging times will be 8am to 6pm.
- Don't forget my 'Build Back Better' Fund where Councillors have access to £40,000 over the next 4 years to support projects, such as;
  - Nature and Environment
  - Physical and Mental Wellbeing
  - Digital Inclusion
  - Building Connections and Improving NeighbourhoodsThe funds will be open to community and voluntary organisations, charities, sporting groups and other non-for-profit groups, town and parish councils.
- Innovation Labs located in libraries across the county are being rolled out. They will work with schools, businesses and the community offering training in virtual reality, computer skills, digital design, 3D modelling and printing. Experienced volunteers are now being sought to help manage these.
- £1.7m has just been made available as New Year bonuses of £185 per care worker throughout the county as a thank you for their unstinting work during the Covid pandemic. To qualify the individual needs to have completed 6 months continuous service. Two further bonuses are scheduled to be paid in the Spring & Summer months.
- A central government fund of £3.7m is available for greater support for vulnerable households for food & fuel vouchers, white goods and essential household items. A sum of £123,000 will be given in addition to each of the 6 district councils for their own targeted schemes.

MMC/17<sup>th</sup> March 2022

# Lower Slaughter Parish Council

## Finance Report for Meeting of 21 March 2022

### Current Financial Position (9.1) (at 28th Feb 2022)

|                                 |   |                 |              |                   |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>Reserves Account</b>         | £ | 54,106.30       |              |                   |
| 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   | £ | 10,420.09       |              |                   |
| Available Reserves              | £ | <b>3,686.21</b> | £            | <b>3,686.21</b>   |
| <b>Treasurer's Account</b>      |   |                 | £            | <b>1,219.18</b>   |
|                                 |   |                 | <b>Total</b> | <b>£ 4,905.39</b> |

### Receipts since last meeting on Feb-22

|                     |   |             |
|---------------------|---|-------------|
| Bank Interest (Feb) | £ | 0.95        |
|                     | £ | <b>0.95</b> |

### Payments made since last meeting on Feb-22

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|---|-----------------------|---------------|
| Clerk Wages and Expenses (Feb)              | DATA PROTECTED        | LGA 1972 s111 |
| Cllr Classen - Commemorative Jubilee Medals | £ 260.00              | LGA 1972 s111 |
| PATA - Payroll Services                     | £ 23.85               | LGA 1972 s111 |
|   | <b>DATA PROTECTED</b> |               |

### Payments to be Approved by Council

#### Payments Sanctioned since last Meeting (Minute 9.2)

#### Payments to be Sanctioned (Minute 9.3)

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| Clerk Wages and Expenses (Mar)                      | DATA PROTECTED | LGA 1972 s111 |
| Mr S Randles - Village Hall Shed Roof Repairs       | £ 148.80       | LGA 1972 s111 |
| H R Wallinford - Flood Alleviation Study (Reserves) | £ 10,162.50    | LGA 1972 s111 |

#### Additional Signature for Approval of Payments:

Initials:      Date:      Signature: .....