

Minutes of General Meeting

Held in the Village Hall on Thursday 22nd September 2022, 18:00.

Councillors present: Cllrs Chapman (Chair), Thomas, Classen, Papadakis and Thornton.
In attendance: 4 attendees (one attendee arrived at 18.09).

- 220922/1 Chairman's Opening Remarks:** Cllr Chapman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that the standard agenda had been modified as a mark of respect for Queen Elizabeth II to enable a shorter meeting. The Parish Clerk confirmed that this was lawful. Cllr Chapman asked the Parish Clerk to record that he had signed the book of condolences in respect of the late Queen.
- 220922/2 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Thornton declared an interest regarding item 8.3 on the agenda (Lavandula).
- 220922/3 Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from PROW Warden, Steve Randles.
- 220922/4 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 number of Airbnb properties in the Village and the resident wondered who at CDC was responsible for tracking this at a local level and what Council's views are on the matter. Concern was also expressed by the LS's NHW Warden. *Item to be placed on the next agenda.***
- 4.2 The issue of blocked sink holes entering the River Eye was raised in addition to the volume of reeds near Mill End.** Cllr Chapman confirmed that the PC river maintenance team had started clearance, but complaints had been received about the activity disturbing wildlife. Cllr Chapman also advised that the water course near Mill End was owned by the Mill and as such, the PC would not be clearing this area. *No other items were raised.*
- 220922/5 Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 18th July 2022:** Confirmed and approved by all and signed electronically by Chair, Cllr Chapman.
- 220922/6 To consider and discuss an increase on tenancy plot rentals for the Allotments:** Cllr Chapman commented that the income generated from the tenancy agreements does not cover the cost of maintaining the area. However, as this outside space is considered a community amenity, Council was of the opinion it should not necessarily be self-financing. Therefore, Cllr Chapman advised that the in line with inflation increase would not be applied for 2022-2023. This is to acknowledge the rising cost of living and current economic pressures. Please note it has also been agreed to utilise local personnel/ residents for maintenance work on the allotments which should reduce the current costs by c.50%.
- 220922/7 Report received from Lower Slaughter Neighbourhood Watch Warden:**
- A drone was recently observed operating above Lower Slaughter. The Police were contacted, and the drone was taken down.
 - An incident that took place in the Church was recorded and the Police informed. The donation money safe in the Church was broken into in August.
 - It was confirmed that Traffic Enforcement Officers are driving around Lower Slaughter on a regular basis. However, as the new system issues tickets electronically, there will not be ticket dockets visible on windscreens for vehicles parked illegally. Residents are encouraged to use the following link to report parking issues directly to [Parking Enforcement Requests - e-forms](https://www.goucestershire.gov.uk/parking-enforcement-requests-e-forms) ([goucestershire.gov.uk](https://www.goucestershire.gov.uk/parking-enforcement-requests-e-forms)) or you can call 01452 937137.

- 220922/8 **Planning Applications:**
8.1 20/0068/CWMAJW Land Parcel at The Gravel Pits, Fosseway, Lower Slaughter GL54 2EY. Infilling of mineral voids and relocation of metals recycling facility and new access. *GCC Status: Approved.*
8.2 22/1199/FUL Gilders Scrap Haulage Yard, Fosseway, Lower Slaughter GL54 2EY. Removal of Condition 24 (use of parking spaces) re permission 18/01681/FUL, redevelopment of existing scrap yard and haulage depot to create EVC service station and associated works. *CDC STATUS: Not approved*
8.3 22/02916/COMPLY Lavandula, Becky Hill, Lower Slaughter GL54 2HS. Discharge of planning condition No.6. *CDC STATUS: Awaiting decision.* NB: Cllr Thornton left the Village Hall whilst this application was discussed. Cllr Chapman explained that the PC were concerned about the discharge of water associated with this application into the River Eye. It was agreed to maintain Council's position on this matter, supply further information regarding PC concerns to CDC and then wait for CDC's decision to be made. Cllr Thornton re-joined the meeting.
8.4 22/02418/FUL Briar Cottage, Lower Slaughter, GL54 2HS. Erection of a single-story extension. LSPC have no concerns or comments about this application. *CDC STATUS: Awaiting decision.*
- 220922/9 **Finance review as of 31st August 2023. Please see attached appendix.**
9.1 To consider and approve current financial status of PC accounts. Considered and approved.
9.2 To note payments sanctioned since last meeting. Noted.
9.3 To consider and authorise payments due. Approved.
- 220922/10 **Correspondence reviewed:**
10.1 Hell of the North Cotswolds Cycle Event. Letter from the Lead Organiser of HONC. Event organisers wanted to thank residents for leaving signage in situ. The event went without a hitch.
10.2 Email enquiry via LSPC website about informal PC meetings being held without public notice or members of the public being present. Cllr Chapman re-iterated that this accusation was unfounded and in fact, some members of the Council were just out walking their dogs!!
10.3 Concern in the Village about a possible breach of planning regulations regarding a shed at The Old Parsonage. Council confirmed their desire to preserve the street scene in the Village and supported residents concern on this matter. The Parish Clerk will enquire further with CDC.
- 220922/11 **Date of Next Meeting: Monday 21st November 2022 at 6pm in the Village Hall.**

Meeting ended:18.58

Signed : *Kevin Chapman*

Date: 21/11/22

Lower Slaughter Parish Council

Finance Report for Meeting of 22 September 2022

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

Reserves Account	£	49,387.38		
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	£	3,929.79	£	3,929.79
Treasurer's Account			£	1,608.90
Total	£		£	5,538.69

Receipts since last meeting on Jul-22

Bank Interest (Jul/Aug)	£	2.01
Filming Contribution - BBC Studio Prod'n Ltd	£	500.00
	£	502.01

Payments made since last meeting on Jul-22

A J Gallagher - Insurances	£	457.97	LGA 1972 s111
Clerk Wages and Expenses (May)			LGA 1972 s111
C Dix - Allotment Maintenance	£	120.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9,10
PATA - Payroll Administration	£	100.40	LGA 1972 s111
Clerk Wages and Expenses (Jun)	£	222.27	LGA 1972 s111

Payments to be Noted/Approved by Council

Payments Sanctioned since last Meeting (Minute 9.2)

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

Payments to be Sanctioned (Minute 9.3)

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

Additional Signature for Approval of Payments:

Initials: Date: Signature: