

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall on Monday 4th March 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr G. Burton (Chairman), Mr J. McPetrie, Mrs V. Mercer, Mr D. Murphy, Mr C Staines, Mrs Shirley Sullock, Ms J Hinder, Mr S Smaridge.

In attendance: Cllr J. Brazil, Cllr R. Foss.

180-19. Apologies for absence – Mr K. Widger.

181-19. Declarations of interest – None.

182-19. Public comment – Parishioner suggestion that villagers be encouraged to go onto Western power vulnerable register. **Agreed to put on agenda for Parish meeting**

183-19 Police report – None.

184-19. County & District Councillor reports

County Report Cllr J. Brazil:

- 4% increase in the precept – 3% allowable amount, 1% ring fenced for adult social care.
- Flood work repair at Frogmore completed within a week and ahead of schedule.
- Meeting with Highways w/c 14th March to discuss pothole maintenance in Slapton, with the road at Townsend Cross as a priority.

District report from Cllr R. Foss:

- Sophie Hosking appointed as the new District Council CEO.
- 33% increase in Totnes precept.
- 190K budget released to the South hams for play equipment.
- Strete Parish Council agreed to an increase in car park fees to ensure free public toilets.
- District Council adopting work practices with West Devon. This means arrangements for rubbish collection will change from April '19 with glass collected from doorsteps. Further details in due course.
- District Council reviewing 'Invest to earn schemes' to help provide further income in addition to council tax.
- District Council lobbying Central Government to close a loophole on business rate relief on holiday homes.

185-19. Minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2019

It was proposed, seconded and *resolved* that the Minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

186-19. Matters in abeyance - None discussed.

- Village flooding issues; site meeting with Highways and SHDC. Future improvements to be discussed at PC meeting later in year.
- Facebook page – in progress. To be reported on in Spring.

187-19. Planning applications

0167/19/FUL - Thorn Park, Buckland Cross to Burlestone, Slapton, TQ7 2RD
Erection of a general purpose agricultural building.

No objection.

0294/19/FUL - Watergate Cottage, Start, Slapton, TQ7 2QD

Retrospective application for the erection of a garden tool store/logstore, erection of greenhouse and use of land as residential curtilage.

No objection.

0297/19/HHO - Alston Well, Alston Farm, Slapton, TQ7 2QE

Householder application for single storey extensions to existing dwelling.

No objection.

0368/19/HHO - Kimberley Stable, Slapton, Kingsbridge, TQ7 2QT

Householder application for single storey extension.

No objection.

Decisions (for information only, see SHDC website for more information)

3951/18/LBC – Old Walls, Sands Road, Slapton TQ7 2QZ

Listed building consent for repair and maintenance of 'Old Walls'.

Conditional Approval

4161/18/LBC – Fleur Meijs, Hansel, Slapton, TQ6 OLN

Listed building consent for replacement of windows with slim double glazed hardwood equivalents.

Withdrawn

188-19. Matters for discussion

- a) Agenda and arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting 27 March 2019 discussed. **Chair to draft agenda, Cllr S Sullock to arrange catering with the Village shop, Clerk to contact FSC to hire the screen and arrange public notices in the village.**
- b) Single Focus Neighbourhood Plan (New homes designated as primary residence). **Update provided. Chair to provide update at the Annual Parish Meeting for voting on.**
- c) Annual Standing Orders / Asset Register and Financial Regs review arrangements. **Clerk to review/present any suggested amends at next meeting for adoption by the Council.**
- d) New outdoor shelter request at Greenbanks bus stop – No local suppliers currently available. **Cllr S Smaridge to liaise with Nick Mathias on availability. Clerk to liaise with Village Voice Editor regarding article to tender for work. Agreed to extend timelines for erection to Autumn.**
- e) Decommissioned parish noticeboard on Old Walls – **Clerk to liaise with Nick Mathias and Cllr Julie Hinder to relocate to Greenbanks play area.**

189-19 Proposals for resolution

- a. That the Council approve a contribution of £1760.83 to the Clerks CiCA level 3 foundation course study costs. Commencing Spring 2019. **It was proposed and seconded for approval.**

190-19 Clerk's report

- a) Elections - Public notices, nomination pack distribution, next steps. Cllr R Foss and Clerk advised the nomination packs had not arrived on time. **Clerk to set up meeting in village hall 8 March 2019 for the Cllrs to collect their packs / obtain Electors roll number. Clerk to add digital nomination packs to the parish website 'information' page. Clerk and Cllr D Murphy to arrange for promotional posters to be displayed around the village.**

- b) Blacksmiths Hill Road subsidence update: Highways have placed temporary patches in the potholes. Open Reach are undertaking investigations to ascertain if collapsed BT ducts have caused the subsidence. **Pending update and next steps from Open Reach and Highways.**
- c) The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018' - 22nd September 2020 deadline. **Clerk reported minor amends required to comply and liaising with Website host to implement.**
- d) Projector – Annual PAT testing arrangements. **Clerk to contact local electrician to arrange.**
- e) Village Defibrillator – **Clerk to provide further information on contract details at next meeting.**
- f) South Hams Newspaper Environmental campaign – **Cllr J Hinder to progress.**
- g) Beach Car Park Fees – Planned overnight monitoring. – **Clerk to contact Cathy Aubertin to ascertain how the council will be informed of the spot check results.**
- h) Higher North Mill – **Clerk to update council on any response to road 'Boat' status adoption letter.**
- i) Post magazine feature on village interpretation boards by Fiona van Es. **Clerk to provide approval to the magazine to use the village artwork.**
- j) Keep Britain Tidy campaign – **Clerk to advise organiser that Slapton are involved in the annual beach clean.**

191-19 Chairman's report

- a. Portaloo's at the beach car park – Competitive quote for an Easter trial and ongoing annual holiday provision is £10K. **Chair to provide an update at the APM 27.3.19 and request a vote on the matter before further progressing with Natural England and the Whitley Trust.**
- b. Beach bus shelter – Still pending an update on the construction and handover from the SLP, FSC and Whitley Trust on agreement needed on legal status; license, gift or other. Chair to update next meeting. **Clerk to contact Stagecoach to arrange for a new bus stop sign to be erected.**
- c. Monument relocation – Engineers onsite meeting postpone until after Operation Tiger Event 23 April 2019.
- d. Annual Churchyard Grant – **Cllr C Staines to forward Grant request for £250.00 to the clerk.**

192-19 Councillors' reports

- a. Cllr S Sullock - Reported that the 1800's donated Church Magazines have now been deposited with the Cookworthy museum and receipt provided.
- b. Cllr Sullock provided amends to the village drain / buddle hole map. **Clerk to update the map / liaise with Brookings Hire to progress the drain maintenance contract.**
- c. Cllr V Mercer– Raised if the Woodland Trust are providing free trees. The Chair advised full details of community tree packs to support Greater Horseshoe bats can be found on the Woodland Trust website.
- d. Cllr J Hinder – Reported the family Hula-hoop event was well attended on Sunday 11th February. Coverage included in the Slapton Lines and article sent to the Gazette. **Cllr J Hinder to provide a proposal for a series of future events.**

193-19. Financial matters

- a. Approve the following payments:

68-19	£108.79	SLCC Book: 11 th Edition Local Council Administration (invoice 128035) <i>Paid 8/2/19 for noting.</i>
69-19	£118.33	Greenspace, Jan. Mowing (Invoice 1214)
S/O	£186.60	L. Soothill-Ward, Clerks salary – Feb '19 (<i>Paid 1.3.19 for noting.</i>)

70-19	£24.00	Village Hall hire: PC meeting 7/1/19 / Highways meeting 11/1/19 (Invoice C02427/19)
71-19	£37.50	Veaseys Printers – Village traffic survey questionnaire printing (no invoice ref no)
72-19	£275.00	Nick Walker Printers – Reprint of 2K village leaflets for 2019. (Invoice 83665, ref: SlaptPC,15/2/19). <i>Paid 18/2/19 for noting, Pre approved.</i>

- b. Cash at bank as of 24.2.2019 - £27,750.66.
- c. Quarterly bank reconciliation audit completed Feb 2019.
- d. Year-end VAT claim submission – progress in March.

194-19. Date of next meeting – Monday 1st April 2019 at 7.30pm.

SIGNED Chairman: