

Minutes of a General Meeting
Held in the Village Hall on Monday 16th January 2023, 18:00.

Councillors present: Cllrs Chapman (Chair), Classen and Papadakis.
In attendance: 3 attendees including Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington (GCC).

- 230116/1** **Chairman's Opening Remarks:** Cllr Chapman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He advised Council that this would be his last meeting as Chairman of LSPC due to an imminent relocation to Staffordshire at the end of the month. Cllr Chapman took the opportunity to thank all the villagers who have provided support and encouragement for his efforts as Councillor, RFO and Chairman over the last 8 years. Further thanks were given to fellow Councillors and the Clerk. Councillor vacancies (two) will be filled by co-option and residents are encouraged to contact the Parish Clerk if they wish to be considered.
- 230116/2** **Declarations of Interest:** NONE
- 230116/3** **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr David Thornton and PROW Warden Steve Randles.
- 230116/4** **To receive an update and report from County Councillor, Mark MacKenzie-Charrington.** Cllr Mackenzie-Charrington delivered his report. Please contact the Parish Clerk for a copy. Cllr Chapman thanked Cllr Mackenzie-Charrington and GCC for supporting Lower Slaughter Parish Council in their efforts to re-surface Scare Lane. It was noted that the PC wished to settle finances for this initiative in this years FY. NB: Clerk to discuss 6 monthly maintenance clean with GCC for this PROW.
- 230116/5** **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.
5.1 A resident enquired about the management of the sluice gate at the Mill if there was a delay with the new owners moving in. Councillors and residents were informed that at the previous meeting, Cllr Thornton agreed to discuss sluice gate management with Laura Harrison. LS Parish Clerk to follow this up.
- 230116/6** **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 21st November 2023:** Councillor Chapman asked for an amendment. At the last meeting, LSPC agreed to include a provisional sum of £500.00 in the budget for 2023/2 to mitigate the risk of having to pay a contribution towards election costs in line with recent government changes in funding rules. Council agreed this alteration and resolved to accept the minutes with that change. The minutes were signed electronically by Chair, Cllr Chapman.
- 230116/7** **Planning Applications: No new applications to report at the time of the meeting.**
Awaiting decisions on:
7.1 22/04004/FUL | Change of use of existing dwelling and erection of extensions to create 40-bedroom hotel and associated works | Grafters Fosseyway Lower Slaughter Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2EY.
7.2 22/03397/FUL | Variation of Condition 1 pursuant to permission 21/03830/FUL for the operation of the temporary utilities compound until 21 December 2023 | Land Parcel at The Gravel Pits Fosseyway Lower Slaughter Gloucestershire.
7.3 22/03418/FUL | Erection of service station side extension and erection of fencing to create a relocated bin storage area | Fosseyway Service Station Fosseyway Lower Slaughter Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2EY
7.4 22/03753/FUL | Erection of a single storey rear extension, proposed pavilion and carport and other associated works | Mill Meadow House Mill Lane Lower Slaughter Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2HX.

230116/8 Finance review as of 16th January 2023. Please see attached appendix which had been circulated to Council for review prior to the meeting.
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 approve the precept requirements for 2023-24. Cllr Chapman circulated the budget planning document in advance. A modest increase has been applied to the precept which is now £7,150. Council approved this after a further explanation by Cllr Chapman.
8.5 To remove Cllr Thomas as a bank signatory and replace with Cllrs Papadakis, Classen and the Parish Clerk. Proposed by Cllr Chapman and agreed by all.

230116/9 Reports from the Wardens:
9.1 Neighbourhood Watch Two items of theft were mentioned. Firstly about catalytic converters and then theft from garden sheds. Villagers were reminded to be vigilant. Online fraud was also covered by our NHW Warden in addition to the protocol for reporting Traffic Restriction Orders (TRO's). Please contact the Clerk for further information.
9.2 River The maintenance work carried by the PC earlier in the year has ensured that the River Eye is running well in the Village. The recent high water levels were caused by drains and surface water, not the river and only the hotel was affected. Fortunately, the PC tested the Village pumps about 4 weeks ago, and these pumps were utilised by the hotel in their hour of need.
9.3 Rights of Way Cllr Chapman read the report supplied by PROW Warden, Steve Randles. Further thanks were noted with regards to the resurfacing of Scare Lane.
9.4 Trees Nothing new to report.
9.4 Highways Nothing to report other than the installation of new signage outside The Whitmores.
9.5 Flood and Snow Thanks were given to residents spreading grit during the cold / icy spell. A short debate took place about the condition of grit bins in LS and the use of locks with keys. It was agreed to replace the locks with combination locks and also replace the bin by Kingswell Lane. Parish Clerk to action.

230116/10 Correspondence reviewed: NONE received.

230116/11 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 20th March 2023 at 6pm in the Village Hall. Meeting ended: 19:20

Cllr Papadakis, thanked the outgoing Chairman, Kevin Chapman for his contributions to village life during the 8 years he has been involved with Lower Slaughter Parish Council.

Signed : *George Papadakis*

Date: 23.3.23

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Finance Report for Meeting of 16 January 2023

Current Financial Position (7.1) (at 30 December 2022)

Reserves Account	£	49,408.16	
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	£	3,950.57	£ 3,950.57
Treasurer's Account			£ 2,310.73
	Total	£	6,261.30

Receipts since last meeting on

Nov-22

Allotment Income	£	251.80
VAT Refund	£	1,311.41
Bank Interest (Nov & Dec)	£	16.58
	£	1,579.79

Payments made since last meeting on

Nov-22

Clerk Wages and Expenses (Oct)	£	255.64	LGA 1972 s111
Cllr Chapman - Set of Drain Rods	£	28.99	LGA 1972 s111
C Dix - Plantation Maintenance	£	75.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9,10
	£	359.63	

Payments to be Noted/Approved by Council

Payments Sanctioned since last Meeting (Minute 7.2)

Clerk Wages and Expenses (Nov)	£	353.16	LGA 1972 s111
Bibury - Village Grass Maintenance (Nov)	£	446.39	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9,10
Castle Water - water rates (Nov & Dec)	£	17.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9,10

Payments to be Sanctioned (Minute 7.3)

Clerk Wages and Expenses (Dec)	£	169.29	LGA 1972 s111
Clerk McKinna - Trees for Allotment (CPRE)	£	463.90	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9,10
Cllr Ann Classen - steaks for Trees (estimated amount)	£	75.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9,10

Additional Signature for Approval of Payments:

Initials: Date: Signature: