



Lower Slaughter Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 21 October 2026, 6.00pm, Village Hall,
Lower Slaughter

To:

Councillor George Papadakis

Councillor Florence Edgar

Councillor Julian Grimshaw

Dear Councillor

As a member of Lower Slaughter Parish Council, you are summoned to attend an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 21st October 2026 at the Village Hall in Lower Slaughter

Cllr Julie Hooson (Vice Chairperson)

16/10/2026



LOWER SLAUGHTER COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

21 October 2026

Public Participation – To receive questions from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order No 3. Each person is allowed to speak for 3 minutes. The maximum amount of time allowed for public participation is 15 minutes. The Chairperson of the meeting shall not allow any question that is in his / her opinion - - - defamatory, frivolous or offensive, or requires the disclosure of exempt or confidential information, or relates to complaints about individual members or officers. The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 permits the audio and visual recording and photography of the Council and Committee meetings by the general public and/or media. Persons wishing to take photographs or to record a meeting should, wherever possible, notify the Parish Clerk before the relevant meeting. For more information on permitted recordings please refer to the Council's policy.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To RECEIVE apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

To RECEIVE declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda.

3. Minutes

To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2026.

4. Gloucestershire Highways Update

To RECEIVE an update from Gloucestershire Highways on:

- a) Highway safety.
- b) Parking and traffic management.
- c) Enforcement responsibilities.
- d) Verge and highway damage.
- e) Potential mitigation measures.
- f) Current and planned highway projects.

5. Tourism, Parking and Highway Safety



To consider and AGREE actions regarding the impact of visitor traffic on the village, including:

- a) Parking congestion and illegal parking.
- b) Verge, highway and infrastructure damage.
- c) Pedestrian and road safety.
- d) Access for emergency and service vehicles.
- e) The wider impact of tourism on residents and the village environment.

6. Parking Enforcement

To consider enforcement options and engagement with relevant authorities, including:

- a) Enforcement of existing restrictions.
- b) Requests for increased enforcement activity.
- c) Additional signage or traffic measures.
- d) Potential future parking controls.

7. Coach Parking Proposal

To RECEIVE a report of initial plans for a proposed nearby coach parking facility and provide comments.

8. Resident Consultation

To AGREE methods of gathering residents' views and evidence, including surveys, public engagement events and working groups.

9. Mitigation and Future Management

To AGREE potential measures including:

- a) Signage improvements.
- b) Verge protection.
- c) Additional parking provision.
- d) Traffic management initiatives.
- e) Visitor awareness campaigns.
- f) Partnership working with neighbouring councils and agencies.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 18 November 2026 at 6.00pm in the Village Hall



Item 3

Lower Slaughter Parish Council Full Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 16 September 2026 Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Lower Slaughter Village Hall Attendance Parish Councillors

Present: Cllr George Papadakis, Cllr Julie Hooson and Cllr Florence Edgar Officers

Present: Alison Robinson, Parish Clerk

Also Present: Cllr Len Wilkins (District Councillor), Cllr Paul Hodgkinson (County Councillor) and 10 members of the public

Public Participation: The following matters were raised by members of the public:

- Squeaking water wheel at the Mill.
- Mess being left by horse boxes.
- Concerns regarding fishing activity around Maggie's.
- Reports of illegal mini-bus activity. Residents were encouraged to note registration numbers.
- Queries regarding responsibility for maintenance of the weir, particularly during periods of high water.
- Hedge cutting concerns raised by Becky Hill.
- Request to cut back vegetation along Copshill Road to improve parking availability.
- Report of a woman sleeping in a car with her dog.
- Concerns regarding teenagers riding mini-motos.
- Concerns about vehicles driving through the ford.
- Concerns that the mill pond is not being adequately maintained and that the owners should be contacted.



1. Election of Chairperson - The election of Chairperson was deferred until the next meeting. The Vice Chair presided over the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence - Apologies were received from Cllr Julian Grimshaw

3. Declarations of Interest - No declarations of interest were recorded.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting - The minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2026 were approved as a correct record.

5. Chairperson's Announcements - There were no announcements.

6. Co-option - No applications had been received. The vacancy will be re-advertised.

7. Principal Authority Updates

7.1 County Council Update Cllr Hodgkinson reported:

- Local Government Reorganisation has been paused due to legal challenges. District council elections may now proceed.
- The A417 Missing Link scheme is nearing completion, with partial opening scheduled for Friday.
- Parking - A Gloucestershire County Council parking officer had been expected to attend the meeting but was unable to do so. Discussion included:
 - The Bourton-on-the-Water resident parking zone consultation.
 - Concerns that parking restrictions in Bourton-on-the-Water could displace tourist parking into Lower Slaughter.
 - The possibility of the Parish Council funding parking enforcement.
 - The need to establish enforcement costs for budget planning (The Clerk was asked to contact the Clerk of Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council to find out about enforcement options for parish councils)
 - Investigate verge planting to discourage parking on grass verges.
 - Consider proposals for local coach parking facilities. Action: Arrange an Extraordinary Meeting to discuss parking and transport matters.



7.2 District Council Update Cllr Wilkins reported:

- The Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation remains ongoing.
- Cotswold District Council faces government requirements to deliver approximately 18,000 homes across the district and is identifying strategic development sites.
- Parking issues within Bourton-on-the-Water were discussed, including the allocation of approximately £20,000 towards parking management.
- Waste Collection Update - Residents were advised of the introduction of new blue recycling bags for cardboard and paper.
- 8. Highways and Village Maintenance

8.1 Parking Enforcement Deferred to the Extraordinary Meeting.

8.2 River Clean

- Approval by the parish council for a four-yard skip for the river clean.
- Dredging of the river was discussed; it was confirmed that this is prohibited by the Environment Agency.
- The church agreed that its bins could be used, provided one remains available for church use.

8.3 Mill Lane Road Markings Yellow lines are obscured by mud from a neighbouring field and require cleaning.

8.4 Road Sign Repair The Clerk confirmed that Gloucestershire County Council has been contacted several times, but repairs remain outstanding.

8.5 Wooden Bridge Handrail - The Clerk confirmed that Gloucestershire County Council has been contacted several times, but repairs remain outstanding.

8.6 Collapsed Riverbanks The required works have now been completed.

8.7 Road Bridge Concerns The Clerk confirmed that Gloucestershire County Council has been contacted several times but no action has yet been taken. Action: Clerk to contact Gloucestershire County Council again and emphasise safety concerns.



8.8 Becky Hill Lay-by It was agreed that residents and councillors should continue reporting issues through the Park4Night platform.

9. Cotswold District Council Matters

9.1 Local Plan Cllr Edgar attended a consultation event and provided an update.

9.2 Waste Bins Action: Clerk to follow up with Cllr Andrea Pellegram.

9.3 Grass Seed Several locations were identified for reseeding. Action: Cllr Hooson to purchase grass seed and arrange planting by the Handy per son while conditions remain suitable.

9.4 Fishing Sign An additional "No Fishing" sign is required. Action: Clerk to order replacement signage.

9.5 Street Trading Licence The renewal of a street trading licence was discussed. Concerns included:

- Site management.
- Accumulation of litter.
- Increased rat activity. It was noted that formal objections can be submitted.

10. Gigaclear Update - The update was noted.

11. Planning Applications - The planning applications report was noted.

12. Finance Report

12.1 Payments - The Council ratified the listed payments.

12.2 Receipts - The Council ratified the listed receipts.

12.3 Statement of Accounts - The Council noted and approved the detailed statement of accounts for the period April to August 2026.

12.4 Bank Reconciliation The Council noted and approved the bank reconciliation as at 31 August 2026.

13. Data Protection and Information Management Policy The policy was approved.



14. Path Resurfacing Project (Near Cricket Club) The Council is investigating improvements using graded gravel to create a raised footpath. Potential funding may be available through the Cotswold Landscape Fund, which offers grants of up to £5,000. This project will be considered further once current project works have concluded and final invoices have been settled.

15. Weir Update An update on the weir project was provided. The contractor had acknowledged a construction issue and returned to site to rectify the problem. It was agreed that an independent assessment of the completed work should be undertaken. Action: Clerk to prepare a brief and approach MK Supply regarding an independent assessment.

16. Warden Reports 16.1 Neighbourhood Watch Reports included:

- Groups of young people gathering in the village.
- Coffee cups being placed in dog waste bins.
- Rats and other vermin within the village.

16.2 Rights of Way - A reminder was given to contact Maria at Purdix regarding inclusion of overgrown bushes on routes HS1, HS2 and HS3 within maintenance schedules.

16.3 River Matters Previously covered.

16.4 Tree Matters Trees have generally performed well, and the newly planted cherry tree has survived.

17. Date of Next Meeting 18 November 2026 Agenda items to include:

- Budget setting
- Co-option
- Elections 2027
- Policy review

An Extraordinary Meeting relating to parking issues will be arranged before then, subject to hall availability.

Meeting Closed The meeting closed at 7.39 pm.