

Minutes of General Meeting

Held in the Village Hall on Monday 18th July 2022, 18:00.

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

In attendance: 7 attendees (one attendee arrived at 18.30).

220718/1 **Chairman's Opening Remarks:** Cllr Chapman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

220718/2 **Declarations of Interest:** NONE

220718/3 **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr Thornton.

220718/4 **Public Session:** Cllr Chapman advised that the Public Session had now been re-instated at PC meetings. Cllr Chapman reiterated that any responses given by councillors during this session would be a personal opinion and may not necessarily represent the view of the Council.

4.1 Failure by CDC to collect green waste from the Square. A resident reported that CDC had failed to collect green waste from the Square on six occasions since March. It was requested that the Parish Clerk contact CDC to report the issue. *Post Meeting Note: The Parish Clerk has tried to report this issue via CDC's website. The portal only allows residents to report a failure against a specific address and this must be done within three days of the anticipated collection date.*

4.2 Considerate behaviour in the Village. A resident voiced concern regarding Airbnb visitors parking discourteously near the riverside properties they are visiting, especially the potential impact on access for emergency services. The Parish Clerk will highlight this issue as a news item on LSPC website.

4.3 Wooden footbridge. LSPC were advised that, in addition to the rotten post, a number of planks on the footbridge were now becoming loose. As this may lead to health and safety issues, the Parish Clerk will contact GCC to report this.

4.4 Thames Water manhole covers. It was noted that a number of these had not been correctly sealed and it was agreed that the PC would report the issue to Thames Water.

No other items were raised.

220718/5 **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 21st March 2022:** Approved by all and signed by Chair, Cllr Chapman.

220718/6 **Matters Arising from the previous meeting held on 21st March 2022.**

6.1 Gravel Pits infilling and Gilders Scrapyard update reference applications 20/0068/CWMAJW and 22/1199/FUL respectively.

Cllr Chapman indicated that there was nothing new to report in respect of these applications, although CDC have submitted their observations in respect of certain ecological issues.

6.2 Flood Mitigation review.

LSPC have held an informal meeting with Brownsword Hotels to discuss the potential impact of flood mitigation measure on land within Slaughters Inn boundary. Further discussions and understanding are required in conjunction to a joint meeting with Lawrence King at CDC. A resident raised concern about the need to remove silt from the watercourse, and the PC agreed to raise this with L. King.

6.3 Footpaths.

Cllr Chapman reported that GCC had agreed to co-fund the improvements along Scare Lane. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact GCC to confirm GCC have scheduled these works.

6.4 Allotments.

Cllr Classen reported on the recent vandalism at the allotments when locally-grown produce had been stolen. Police attended the site and recommended that the large gate always remains closed.

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Discussion and review of traffic management protocol in Lower Slaughter. Cllr Chapman voiced his concerns about the continuing traffic management challenges in LS. Three items were discussed:

7.1 20 is Plenty signage This was a temporary initiative to moderate behaviour. A motion was agreed to replace these with speed activity signage, which LSPC hoped to borrow from Shipton Parish Council.

7.2 Use of double yellow lines on the bend by the Church and by the allotments. Cllr Thomas advised that despite chasing GCC, there was nothing to report. Residents were reminded to phone 101 to report illegal parking.

7.3 Traffic Warden patrols. It was confirmed that TW have been seen in the Village but not during peak periods for tourists. Parish Clerk to invite the LS's Neighbourhood Watch Warden to a future meeting.

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Planning Applications:

8.1 20/0068/CWMAJW Land Parcel at The Gravel Pits, Fosseway, Lower Slaughter GL54 2EY

Infilling of mineral voids and relation of metals recycling facility and new access. *Awaiting decision by GCC.*

8.2 22/01199/FUL Gilder 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. *Awaiting decision by CDC.*

8.3 22/000811/FUL Charles Well, Kingswell Lane, Lower Slaughter GL54 2HS.

Construction of one oak framed single garage and one oak single garage with stable attached. *Permitted by CDC.*

8.4 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. *Awaiting decision by CDC. Please note post meeting, this application was withdrawn.*

8.5 22/01107/LBC Lavandula, Becky Hill Lower Slaughter GL54 2HS

Erection of single storey extension with associated works. *Permitted by CDC.*

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Finance

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.

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Reports from Wardens:

10.1 River. There is no river warden in the Village, but there are two flood wardens which the PC felt was adequate. Cllr Chapman reported that Council had received a complaint about wildlife being adversely affected by the current river maintenance programme. Council to review again at the end of September. A further discussion took place about the sewerage system in the Village and the ongoing re-lining project by Thames Water. Cllr Papadakis confirmed that Council was still waiting to hear if these works were finished. It was agreed that Council would further discuss the need to non-return valves and the associated risks.

10.2 Rights of Way. Report received by S. Randles. Thanks, given to Francis Witt for providing signage and a new gate at the end of Green Lane. SR to speak to Cotswold Wardens about the fallen branches along Scare Lane. NB: Parish Clerk to send PROW map to Cllr Thomas.

10.3 Trees. No major issues reported.

10.4 Highways. Nothing to report.

10.5 Flood and Snow. Meetings have been held with personnel from Brownsword Hotels and GRCC's Flood Warden Scheme.

220718/11 Correspondence: To review relevant correspondence received since last meeting; consider actions/responses.

11.1 Several residents have sent emails voicing concern about the frequency of grass cutting along the riverbank and the general maintenance of these banks and associated vegetation.

Cllr Chapman reminded Council that the current vegetation management strategy was based on a survey conducted a few years ago when it was agreed to maintain a natural look along the riverbank. These means no cutting takes place throughout July and August. Council still maintains this to be the correct approach, but residents' comments of concern are noted. LSPC to ensure Bilbury clear the debris and that it isn't disposed of in the river.

11.2 Request from a resident wanting a large rubbish bin by the Weir similar in size to the ones in BOTW. Discussed. CDC have no spare resources to empty larger bins in Lower Slaughter.

11.3 An allotment holder has requested that people using cars please close the gate after they have worked on their plot and leave for the day. This request is endorsed by LSPC, and Council will provide signage.

220718/12 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 22nd September 2022 at 6pm in the Village Hall (changed from Monday 26th September 2022).

Signed : *Kevin Chapman*

Date: 22/9/22

