

# LOWER SLAUGHTER PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of Lower Slaughter Parish Council Meeting  
held in Lower Slaughter Village Hall at 6.45pm on Monday 20 November 2017

**Present:** Councillors J Fennell (Chair), K Chapman (RFO), P Sinclair, S Thomas. Mrs K Randles (Minutes).

**Members of the Public:** 8.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr J Roche.

2. **Declarations of Interest** – None.

3. **Chairman's Opening Remarks** – Welcome to all attending.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (18 September 2017)**

Having been circulated to members and displayed on the noticeboard, the Chairman signed the Minutes as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Cllr Sinclair; Seconded: Cllr Chapman. All in favour, motion carried.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

5.1 **Item 6.2 Defibrillator.**

(a) **Light** - now repaired with a new light and fitting.

(b) **Training** - Community Heartbeat run "Awareness Sessions" for approximately 50 people at a cost of £175.00 + VAT. Villager interest in this to be gauged via the LSVN. After discussion, it was decided to seek advice from Community Heartbeat about possible villager assistance in emergencies.

5.2 **Item 6.7 Drones.** Comprehensive advice from Gloucestershire Constabulary will be provided to residents via the December LSVN and a suitable notice to be prepared and displayed on the board. Briefly, new laws passed in July 2017 state that

- Drones cannot be flown out of line of sight and no more than 500ft horizontally and 400ft vertically.
  - Drones must not be flown within 50m of people, buildings, vessels or airports, with or without a camera.
  - Drone operators must inform all people around them before any filming commences.
  - Drones must not be flown within 150m of a congested area, eg concerts or sporting events etc.
- If any of the above are broken, the operator may be prosecuted.

6. **Public Questions**

6.1 Ms Elizabeth Bennett had drafted a suggested letter to the Heythrop Hunt following the events of last season. Cllrs to consider and discuss at the next meeting.

6.2 Mr Colin Edwin reported the precarious nature of one of the large trees overhanging Pike Lane. Having already contacted Highways Dept about this, the Chairman confirmed that these trees belonged to the landowners on either side of Pike Lane who were responsible for their safety.

6.3 Mr Edwin voiced his disappointment at the non-inclusion of planning issues in the last LSVN article. Cllr Sinclair advised that he was working on a new website which he hoped would be up and running by Christmas. As this would be populated by Parish Council agendas, minutes, public documents and links, it should ensure full disclosure going forward.

6.4 In response to Ms Bennett's criticism of the brevity of the Parish Council minutes, the Chairman advised that this was the preferred style of the Council.

7. **Correspondence**

7.1 Correspondence received from Ms Elizabeth Bennett regarding the Heythrop Hunt (discussed under point 6.1 above).



8. **Village Grass Cutting and Maintenance**

- 8.1 Cllr Chapman advised that the last cut of the year had been done in accordance with Parish Council wishes. This item to be discussed further at the next meeting.
- 8.2 It was noted that the grass to the RHS of the Church precinct entrance was being driven over and becoming muddy. Parish Council to consider at the next meeting, but in the meantime, Revd Katrina to be approached to request care from attendees at Church services.

9. **Finance**

- 9.1 Cllr Chapman provided a full finance report (see Appendix 1).
- 9.2 The following payments were considered and authorised by Councillors:
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| Admin Costs September/October (K Randles)                 | £151.01   |
| Treetech  | £1,419.00 |
| Bibury Garden Services (Allotment southern boundary work) | £1,141.20 |
- Proposed: Cllr Sinclair; Seconded: Chairman. All in favour and motion carried.
- 9.3 There were no other financial matters to discuss.

10. **Planning Applications**

- 10.1 CDC decisions since the last meeting:
- 17/03260/FUL - UPVC cladding to front and rear dormers and UPVC cladding to single storey rear extension (retrospective) at Tarneki, Copse Hill Road.** Deadline for comment passed, no decision published.
- 17/03551/FUL – Conversion of garage and new dormer window on side at Fairfield, Copse Hill Road** Deadline for comment passed, no decision published.
- 17/03354/FUL – Erection of new wall and replacement gate (part retrospective) at The Gravel Pits, Fosseway.** Deadline for comment passed, no decision published.
- NB.** All Lower Slaughter planning applications above were being dealt with by the same Case Officer.
- 10.2 New applications for consideration:
- 17/04339/FUL - Extension to existing brewery at The Cotswold Brewing Co, College Farm, Stow Road, Bourton-on-the-Water (deadline for comment 1 December 2017).** Councillors felt this was a valuable commercial addition and had no problem with this application.
- 17/04350/FUL – Amendments to stable building approved under 17/01339/FUL at Land off Wyck Road, Lower Slaughter (deadline for comment 1 December 2017).** Cllr Sinclair to contact Wyck Parish Council and Ward Cllr Richard Keeling about this and make appropriate representation to CDC.
- 10.3 Other planning issues: None.

11. **Highways, Traffic and Parking Report**

- 11.1 The Chairman confirmed receipt of a letter from the Chief Constable and also contact from PC Jason Page who suggested a meeting to discuss coach and traffic issues.
- 11.2 Mr Stuart Hodges advised that genuine coach bookings had a contract with the hotels and did not stop in the village. He was allowing one of the minibus tour companies to park at The Manor provided there was not an exclusive-use booking.
- 11.3 Mr Randles had printed the last version of the advisory letter about parking to residents and owners of properties in and around The Square, but said this required amendment.

12. **Flood Alleviation Report**

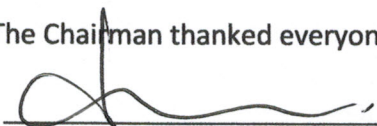
- 12.1 Whilst the tree stump in the river had been heavily trimmed, there were concerns that this would grow back and cause problems in the event of prolonged or heavy rainfall. The boarding on the opposite side remained in-situ.



- 12.2 Mr Ayers said that the tree debris by the gate in Scare Lane had been removed from the river and was in transit for appropriate disposal.
- 12.3 Mr Hodges from The Slaughters Country Inn reported that some dead trees would be removed from the riverbank which runs parallel to Scare Lane and some thinning out may be considered to the defensive planting, subject to Health & Safety considerations.
13. **Village Maintenance Report**
- 13.1 Cllr Thomas had received a quote of £231.00 from Nicholsons to supply an English-grown Liquid Amber tree to replace the weeping ash outside the Church precinct. Whilst this looked reasonable, planting would not take place until January. Cllr Thomas to discuss this with Cllr Roche and obtain 3 quotes.
14. **Local Businesses, Church, Fete and Village Hall Report**
- 14.1 **Local Businesses:** Mr Hodges advised that the large bush next to the Weeping Willow tree at The Inn would be removed. He also invited all residents of the village to Christmas Drinks at The Inn at 6.00pm on 20 December (details in December LSVN).
- 14.2 **Church and Village Hall:** Nothing to report.
- 14.3 **Fete:** Mr Randles to put a note in the LSVN early in the New Year regarding the 2018 fete.
15. **Allotments and Orchard Report**
- 15.1 **Orchard.** Nothing to report.
- 15.2 **Allotments.**
- (i) Cllr Chapman confirmed that southern boundary clearance work had been done, apart from the removal of one small tree/large bush. This area would now be much easier to maintain in good order.
- (ii) Eight residents had expressed an interest in joining the Working Party which would be formed in the New Year to look at the long-term strategy for maintaining the allotment area as plot uptake declined.
16. **Parish Website**
- 16.1 Further to Item 6.3 above, Cllr Sinclair said that although further documents were required for inclusion, a draft proposal had been circulated to Councillors for consideration prior to publication.
17. **Reports from Wardens**
- 17.1 **River:** Nothing further to report.
- 17.2 **Snow:** Nothing to report.
- 17.3 **Rights of Way:** Most very recently walked. Stiles and signage good, apart from one sign along the Fosse which the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens would replace. Cotswold Voluntary Wardens to also kindly trim hedge along Scare Lane and see if a better surface existed below the mud between the weir and gate. The Chairman has thanked Harry Roberts for the recent good work in clearing the footpath along the Fosse.
- 17.4 **Trees:** It was proposed that Cllr Thomas should proceed with outstanding tree work up to a figure of £600.00 + VAT. Proposed: Cllr Sinclair; Seconded: Chairman. All in favour and motion carried.
18. **Any Other Business** – None.
19. **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 15 January 2018, 6.45pm in Lower Slaughter Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

SIGNED:



DATED:

15/1/18.

# Lower Slaughter Parish Council

## Finance Report for Meeting of 20th November, 2017

### Receipts since last meeting

Sep-17

September Interest on Accounts	£	1.08
GTPCA - Transparency Fund Grant	£	1,973.00
Income from sales of Village History Booklet	£	193.00
CDC Precept part 2 of 2	£	1,375.00
October Interest on Accounts	£	0.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>3,543.00</b>

### Payments made since last meeting

Sep-17

Bibury Standing Order 5 of 7 payments	£	269.28
Castle Water - Allotment Water charges	£	30.30
KE Randles - Admin Expenses (2017/18/LSPC/3)	£	69.10
Bibury Standing Order 6 of 7 payments	£	269.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>637.96</b>

### Payments to be Approved by Council

Nov-17

9 ii K E Randles - Admin (2017-18/LSPC/4)	£	151.01
9 ii Treetech Arboricultural Services	£	1,419.00
9 ii Bibury - Allotment Southern Boundary	£	1,141.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2,711.21</b>

### Current Financial Position

(at 31 October 2017)

Reserves Account	31 October 2017	£	23,899.25
Treasurer's Account	31 October 2017	£	8,295.49
<b>Total</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>32,194.74</b>