

LOWER SLAUGHTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Lower Slaughter Parish Council Meeting
held in Lower Slaughter Village Hall at 6.45pm on Monday 18 September 2017

Present: Councillors J Fennell (Chair), K Chapman (RFO), P Sinclair, J Roche. Ward Cllr R Keeling.
Mrs K Randles (Minutes).

Members of the Public: 12.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr S Thomas, Mrs C Edwin.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Chairman for Item 10 (ii) Planning Application 17/03260/FUL.
3. **Chairman's Opening Remarks** – Welcomed everyone attending and introduced Richard Keeling, Cotswold District Ward Councillor for Bourton Vale.
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (17 July 2017)**
Having been circulated to members and displayed on the noticeboard, the Chairman signed the Minutes as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Cllr Roche; Seconded: Cllr Sinclair. All in favour, motion carried.
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
All items covered elsewhere on the agenda.
6. **Public Questions**
- 6.1 A number of residents voiced deep concerns about 17/03260/FUL – the retrospective planning application for UPVC cladding to front and rear dormers and UPVC cladding to single storey rear extension at Tarneki, Copse Hill Road. Feelings were that the design did not respect or enhance the existing house or harmonise with neighbouring properties and, if permitted, would set a precedent for the village. Cllr Keeling said that all decisions were made on a case-by-case basis and once objections were received the case officer would have to refer the application back to him. It could then be referred to the full Planning Committee at which objectors could have their say.
- 6.2 Mr Barnes reported that the defibrillator light was proving problematic and Community Heartbeat were sending a new unit. Once received, he asked the Parish Council to consider sending them a donation. Mr Barnes to kindly look into refresher training and associated costs, and also draw up a list of villagers who could hold the access code and be called in an emergency for publication in the LSVN.
- 6.3 Mr Barnes said some of the allotments were now in a poor condition and suggested that the Parish Council may need to consider getting the grass cut by a contractor if the number of vacant plots continued to increase. The Chairman advised that this would be discussed under a later agenda item.
- 6.4 Residents asked about a variety of traffic and highways issues, namely
 - (a) progress on repainting yellow lines and replacement of bollards opposite Wayside Barn,
 - (b) progress on parking and coach problems in the village,
 - (c) danger at the Pike Lane/A429 junction with increased traffic volume and recent accidents.
- 6.5 Ms Dix asked if there could be any improvement to the very muddy weir to first gate section of the footpath to BOTW as children walking to school were finding it difficult to keep footwear clean. Parish Council to write to Cllr Nigel Moore at GCC about this. Ms Dix to also contact him and approach the School to advise them of and ask for their help with the problem.
- 6.6 Mr Ayers asked if hedges on the left of Scare Lane could be cut (at the appropriate time) and said that on recent inspection pilings and boards had been put in place to protect the footpath where the tree stump was in the river. Parish Council to investigate and action accordingly.

- 6.7 Mr Ayers reported recent cases of visitors flying drones in the village and asked what could be done about this. Cllr Keeling said Upper Slaughter were already looking into this and he would encourage them to share information.

7. **Correspondence**

- 7.1 Correspondence received from Mr and Mrs Edwin and Mr Barnes would be dealt with under Item 11.

8. **Village Grass Cutting and Maintenance**

- 8.1 Cllr Chapman advised that this continued as before. He was duly thanked for ensuring grass was cut in readiness for the Fete.

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:
Admin Costs July/August (K Randles) £69.10
Proposed: Chairman; Seconded: Cllr Sinclair. All in favour and motion carried.
- 9.3 Cllr Chapman confirmed that all Audit work was now satisfactorily completed.

10. **Planning Applications**

- 10.1 CDC decisions since the last meeting:
- 17/01084/FUL: Replacement building, Ladybird Cottage, Wyck Road, Lower Slaughter.**
CDC refused, amended design submitted.
- 17/01085/FUL: Replacement building, Greenfingers, Wyck Road, Lower Slaughter.**
CDC refused, amended design submitted.
- 17/02395/FUL: Installation of 2 roof lights, Church Farm Barn, Copse Hill Road, Lower Slaughter.**
CDC approved.
- 17/02396/LBC: Conversion of loft space, install staircase and 2 roof lights, Church Farm Barn, Copse Hill Road, Lower Slaughter.** CDC approved.
- 17/02313/FUL: Two storey rear extension and rooflight, 17 Mill Lane, Lower Slaughter.** CDC approved.
- 17/02612/FUL: RETROSPECTIVE application for construction of 80m radius horse gallop at Dikler Farm, Fosseway.** CDC approved.
- 17/03012/TCONR: Work to holly and 2 trees in churchyard.** CDC approved.
- 17/03497/TCONR: Reduction of top height to Irish Yews and Holly in churchyard.** CDC approved.
- 10.2 New applications for consideration:
- 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 20 September 2017).** The Chairman took no part in the discussion by other Councillors who resolved 3 to 0 to object to this application.
- 17/03551/FUL – Conversion of garage and new dormer window on side at Fairfield, Copse Hill Road (Deadline 20 September 2017).** After consideration, Councillors had no objection to this provided work was done sympathetically.
- 17/03354/FUL – Erection of new wall and replacement gate (part retrospective) at The Gravel Pits, Fosseway (Deadline 21 September 2017).** The Ward Cllr reassured those present that CDC were alert to and monitored applicants where there was a known history of submitting retrospective planning applications and after consideration Councillors decided not to object to this application.
- 10.3 Other planning issues: **Item 6.1 – Development of Gravel Pit site.** Cllr Sinclair had consulted the Environment Agency, Highways, GCC, CDC Planning Dept, and advised that all relevant agencies were involved and aware of ongoing works at the site. There was a need for residents to be able to report any issues or concerns so a contacts list would be communicated via the LSVN. He confirmed that Lower

Slaughter and Wyck Parish Councils were now in close contact to ensure all information was shared. The Chairman thanked everyone involved for their help with this, particularly Cllrs Sinclair and Keeling.

11. Highways, Traffic and Parking Report

- 11.1 To date, there has been no response from Bob Skillern to the Chairman's last email regarding outstanding works including better-defined yellow lines, replacement bollards, etc.
- 11.2 The letters received from Mr and Mrs Edwin and Mr Barnes were duly noted. The Chairman had written to the Chief Constable and to Mr Nigel Moore at GCC about traffic, parking and coach issues in the village and asking for strengthening of the Traffic Restriction Order. To date, Mr Moore had acknowledged its receipt and, as there had been no reply from the Chief Constable, the Chairman would write to him again. Whilst new initiatives now being taken by villagers to alleviate parking problems were having good effect, it was noted that with tourism to the area being encouraged problems would only escalate; Cllr Keeling to therefore speak to CDC Tourism Department accordingly.
- 11.3 Following some recent local difficulties, it was considered prudent to revise and reissue the advisory letter about parking to residents and owners of properties in and around The Square. Cllr Roche to redraft the letter, giving clear advice regarding trademen's vehicles and illegal obstruction of the Highway and send to Councillors and Mr and Mrs Randles for consideration and approval.

12. Flood Alleviation Report – Nothing new to report.

13. Village Maintenance Report

- 13.1 The new tree replacing the weeping ash would be planted at the appropriate time.

14. Local Businesses, Church, Fete and Village Hall Report

- 14.1 **Local Businesses:** Nothing to report.
- 14.2 **Church and Village Hall:** Reported a recent very successful weekend with a joint "Wedding Memories" display in Church and a Village History display in the Village Hall.
- 14.3 **Fete:** Mr Randles confirmed this year's Fete had secured a profit of £10,440 with a further £300 awaited. Monies have been distributed around the village organisations as per their original bids, with that given to the LSVN upped slightly. He thanked everyone involved for making it such a success and Cllr Keeling congratulated the village for its excellent fundraising achievement.

15. Allotments and Orchard Report

- 15.1 **Orchard.** Nothing to report apart from a very disappointing crop of fruit this year.
- 15.2 **Allotments.**
- (i) Cllr Chapman confirmed that southern boundary clearance work was due to start on 25 September.
 - (ii) With the declining use of allotment plots, maintenance of the area was now becoming an issue. Cllr Chapman therefore suggested forming a Working Party, which he would be happy to chair, to consider long-term strategies. He would draft a suitable LSVN article inviting interested people to join.
 - (iii) New allotment tenancies would shortly be issued for the coming year. However, certain people who have had tenancies this past year and have left their plots untouched would not be invited to renew. Also, with the development of the Working Party and possible new strategies, tenants should not assume they will routinely be offered the same plot(s) year after year.

16. Parish Website

- 16.1 The Parish Council has received a £1,900 grant to develop a website to conform to latest transparency guidelines. Work has already commenced on this and when operational the website will have all necessary and relevant documents published on it.

17. **Reports from Wardens**

- 17.1 ***River:*** Apart from the tree stump mentioned earlier, Mr Ayers reported more detritus further downstream. Also, a vehicle has clipped the road bridge seemingly causing no damage other than some repainting when the weather permitted, the stone step by the bridge now had a stone fallen out behind, and the spillway from the smallholding was now undercutting the road.
- 17.2 ***Snow:*** Nothing to report.
- 17.3 ***Rights of Way:*** A broken stile on HSL 14 which the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens were kindly going to repair.
- 17.4 ***Trees:*** Proposals for the remaining work had now been received and would be actioned in the New Year.
18. **Any Other Business** – None.
19. **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 20 November 2017, 6.45pm in Lower Slaughter Village Hall.

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

SIGNED: _____

DATED: _____

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Lower Slaughter Parish Council

Finance Report for Meeting of 18th September, 2017

Receipts since last meeting

Jul-17

July Interest on Accounts	£	1.01
August Interest on Accounts	£	0.98
Total	£	1.99

Payments made since last meeting

Jul-17

Bibury Standing Order 3 of 7 payments	£	269.28
[590] K E Randles - Admin (2017-18/LSPC/2)	£	124.70
[592] Tools Warehouse (Specialist River Fork)	£	65.50
[591] Hugh Jones Dairies Ltd (Wood Bark for Orchard)	£	44.00
Bibury Standing Order 4 of 7 payments	£	269.28
Total	£	772.76

Payments to be Approved by Council

Sep-17

9 ii K E Randles - Admin (2017-18/LSPC/3)	£	69.10
Total	£	69.10

Current Financial Position

(at 31 August 2017)

Reserves Account	31 August 2017	£	23,895.26
Treasurer's Account	31 August 2017	£	5,392.45
Total		£	29,287.71