



Slinfold Parish Council

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Minutes of the Slinfold Parish Council Meeting held on 26th January 2023

1. Public Forum

No members of the public wished to speak.

2. Councillor Co-option

To consider any applications to fill the existing vacancies on the Council

Councillors **RESOLVED** to co-opt Janet Walker and Vince Pyle as Slinfold Parish Councillors who then signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

3. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies: There were none.

In attendance: Councillors Casdagli, Leyland, Pyle, Roberts (Chair), Slipper, Sherwin-Smith Paula Smith, Nigel Smith and Walker.

Also in attendance: One member of public, District Councillor Stuart Ritchie and the Clerk, Mike Simpson.

4. Declaration of Interests and notification of changes to members' interests

- ❖ *To receive any disclosure of interests on matters relating to the agenda, the nature of the interest and whether the Member regards the interest to be pecuniary, prejudicial or personal under the terms of the Code of Conduct*

The Chair declared a personal interest on item 9(iv) relating to Welwyn balancing pond.

5. To approve the minutes from the meeting held on December 22nd 2022

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes from the meeting held on December 22nd as a true and accurate record.

6. Reports from the District Councillor(s) and County Councillor

(i) Receive reports

District Councillor Stuart Ritchie informed the Council that HDC had increased its precept by 2.9% which was mainly due to the rising cost of fuelling dust carts. He advised that the District Council had an Extraordinary Meeting next Thursday to elect a new Council leader and it had decided to not bring forward the Local Plan. He believed this was the right thing to do as some of the planning applications being brought forward probably required strategic sites, which were unavailable, and the Government was also in the process of revising housing numbers through which Local Planning Authorities would have more power to set targets instead of central government. He added that the pause in the plan would enable the Council to set lower numbers and tackle the issue of water neutrality. Councillors noted the written report from Councillor Youtan which was circulated before the meeting.

(ii) Questions to Councillors

Councillor Paula Smith asked for more information on water neutrality and its effect on planning applications. Councillor Ritchie responded stating that

applications had to demonstrate that a site was water neutral either through an onsite or offsite system and that the large strategic sites in Horsham were not viable for this reason.

7. Lyons Road Care Home

To receive a report from Fluid Ideas on the development of a care home on Lyons Road

The Chair advised Councillors that this item related to the proposed retirement village at Wellcross Farm, which was in Itchingfield parish, and not a care home on Lyons Road. A representative from Fluid Ideas then explained that he was working for Inspired Villages to create a name for the new retirement village and wished to include the Parish Council in the process. He had shortlisted some names to which Councillors responded suggesting they thought a neutral word like Arun would be a good idea as, although the village was in Itchingfield, Slinfold and Broadbridge Heath were very close. The Chair suggested writing to Inspired Villages with the idea to which Councillors agreed and thanked Fluid Ideas for including the Parish Council.

8. Chair's announcements

The Chair advised he had met with his predecessor to discuss ongoing work and that he would be working closely with the Vice Chair. He said it was important that the Council did not miss anything, so he had created an action plan and suggested using it at each meeting to check the status of Council projects. A Chair email address had been created and a Council profile page for Facebook was being made. Copies of minutes and agendas would not be provided going forward as it was a waste of paper so advised Councillors to come prepared. He said that the hoardings outside Cobblers had been vandalised by graffiti and asked the Clerk to write to Westbridge Construction to remove them.

9. Local Plans – agree and approve matters relating to the following:

i) Consider and approve/ratify the recommendations made by the Planning Committee on the following applications (see appendices).

After consideration, Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the report.

Councillor Leyland advised that the site east of Crosby Farm had gone to appeal and that there was no longer an enforcement case on Bridge House as permission had now been granted to allow a silver roof instead of green. Although, the relevant planting at the site had not been completed and had been raised by HDC.

ii) Consider any other applications received since the publication of the agenda There were none.

iii) Review and approve the Planning Report Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the report.

iv) To receive any update on the Welwyn balancing pond Councillor Nigel Smith advised he had contacted the Council's surveyor about the survey to the balancing pond and was waiting to hear back.

10. Finance and Establishment

i) To approve the schedule of payments for January 2023 Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the payment schedule for January (see appendices).

ii) To discuss a budget for the Cosy Café Councillor Slipper advised that posters and leaflets for the Cosy Cafe had been advertised around the village for the last three weeks and around 50 people attended the most recent session. They were planning on running the Cafe in January and February and if they still had enough volunteers to continue through March then they would.

Councillors discussed the budget for the café and **RESOLVED** to approve the £500 budget in line with the match funding from HDC and would review the progress at the next meeting in February.

- iii) **To discuss a donation to the Community First Responders**
It was decided to defer this item until the next meeting.

11. **Gigabit Broadband Scheme**

To receive an update

F&W Networks attended the meeting to discuss the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme and advised that, since the September meeting, they had doubled the amount of interest to 121 and with another 50 they could authorise building the infrastructure. They requested the Council's help in advertising the scheme to get the remaining interest. Councillors suggested that residents may be hesitant to change provider as they were already happy with their internet or concerned what would happen to service whilst the new network was being built. There are also some residents in remote parts of the parish who may not think they will be included. After discussion, it was **AGREED** that the Council would help F&W Networks produce a leaflet answering concerns as well as organise a public Q&A event.

12. **Community Shed**

To discuss Community Shed access to the football pavilion toilet

Councillors considered a grant request from the Community Shed to create a disabled access to the toilet at the football club pavilion. A discussion ensued and Councillors **AGREED** that the Council should research undertaking the works as a wider upgrade to the pavilion subject to speaking to the football club about the changes as well checking any lease constraints.

13. **Receive updates from Committees and those on Outside Bodies**

Councillor Slipper reported that she had attended Community Shed and Village Hall Committee meetings and both organisations were doing well. Councillor Sherwin-Smith said that Parish Cottages were still in discussion about a house with disabled access which HDC suggested they would not approve due to the density of the disabled cottage and that it was overlooking Cobblers.

14. **Items for the next agenda**

Coronation Party/Village Fete and a TRO to close the road. Memorial for the former Clerk.

15. **Date of next meeting**

23rd February 2023.

Meeting ended 9.30pm

Planning report: 26th January 2023

Planning Reference	Location	Description	Feedback
DC/22/2337	Gaskyns Lyons Road Slinfold West Sussex RH13 0QT	Removal of existing extension and erection of a single storey rear extension with minor internal alterations (Householder Application).	No objection
DC/22/2338	Gaskyns Lyons Road Slinfold West Sussex RH13 0QT	Removal of existing extension and erection of a single storey rear extension with minor internal alterations (Listed Building Consent).	No objection
S106/22/0015	Crosby Farm Lyons Road Slinfold West Sussex	Discharge of Schedule 5 of signed S106 obligation pursuant to planning approval DC/21/0498 - Travel Plan	The Parish Council would like to understand what the cost of the monitoring is per household before making a decision on this application. We would also like to see the monitoring reports when produced.
DC/22/2012	Nowhurst Farmhouse Nowhurst Lane Broadbridge Heath Horsham West Sussex RH12 3PJ	Installation of a ground mounted solar panel array (Householder Application).	No objection

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DISC/23/0009	Waterlands Barn Waterlands Lane Rowhook Horsham West Sussex RH12 3PX	Approval of details reserved by condition 10 to approved application DC/20/0624	No objection
DISC/23/0005	Crosby Farm Lyons Road Slinfold West Sussex RH13 0RX	Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 28 (Biodiversity lighting design scheme) to approve DC/21/0498 (24 dwellings, erection of replacement cricket pavilion with associated storage and car park, accessed from Lyons Road, including all associated works.)	No objection on the condition that a restriction is added preventing residents from adding additional external lighting.
DISC/23/0004	Waterlands Barn Waterlands Lane Rowhook Horsham West Sussex RH12 3PX	Approval of details reserved by condition 4 to approved application DC/20/0624	No objection

DC/23/0004	Wyldwood Five Oaks Road Slinfold West Sussex RH13 0RL	Erection of a single storey front and side extension.	No objection
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Schedule of payments January 2023

Description	Type	Ref No	Payee	Particulars	£gross	VAT
School film	BACS	1657&1658	Slinfold Village Hall	School film December 13th&14th&18th	£120.11	
Youth club	BACS	1631&1652	Slinfold Village Hall	Hall hire November and December	£225.00	
Hall hire	BACS	1649&1628	Slinfold Village Hall	Hall hire SPC meeting November & December	£42.00	
Senior lunch	BACS	1656	Slinfold Village Hall	Senior Film and Lunch- December	£150.99	
Printer lease	BACS	60792	SOS systems	Printer lease	£11.46	£1.91
Bin collection	DD	20810954	HDC	Refuse collection football club	£16.60	
Café leaflets	BACS	105459	The Printed Word	Cosy café leaflets	£30.00	
Locum clerk	BACS	20152	Mulberry & Co	Locum clerk services October	£1,353.72	
Bin liners	BACS	117695	Trevor Iles Horsham	Litter bin liners	£159.97	£26.66
KGV gate	BACS	36609	Fencing	New gate at KGV	£1,410.00	£235.00
Frame and compass	BACS		Nic Lewis	Frame and Compass for N Beer	£38.25	
Salary	BACS		Samantha Bell	January salary	£776.88	
Salary	BACS		Mike Simpson	January salary	£1,134.58	
Pension	DD		NEST	January contribution Samantha Bell	£72.83	
Pension	BACS		LGPS	January contribution Mike Simpson	£413.92	
Salary	BACS		J Pilkington	January salary	£260.30	
Salary	BACS		T Slaney	January salary	£264.74	
Xmas lunch	BACS		J Slipper	Xmas lunch/prizes	£268.99	
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