



Slinfold Parish Council

Cherrytree Farm, Hayes Lane, RH13 0SQ

Telephone 07894 858048 email: clerk@slinfold-pc.gov.uk

DRAFT Minutes of the Slinfold Parish Council meeting held on 23rd February 2023 at 7.30pm

1. **Public Forum**

A member of the cricket club spoke in support of the club's application for ball stopping nets which were to protect people and cars from cricket balls. He said they had tried to be sympathetic in the design and the aluminium poles would be painted green to reduce impact on the surrounding area. He added that the poles and net on the west boundary would be taken down at the end of the season but not poles on the north side due to their size. Councillor Leyland commented that the nets looked huge but was advised that they had to be 8 metres high following safety assessments.

2. **To receive apologies for absence**

In attendance: Councillors Casdagli, Pyle, Leyland, Slipper, N Smith, Walker

Apologies: Councillors Roberts, P Smith, H-Sherwin Smith which Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept

Also in attendance: Mike Simpson (Clerk) and District Councillor Youtan

3. **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*

There were none.

4. **To approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 26th 2023**

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes from the meeting on 26th January as a true and accurate record.

5. **Reports from the District Councillor(s) and County Councillor**

(i) **Receive reports**

Councillor Youtan advised that a date for the Lyons Farm appeal had still not been confirmed and that a full statement for the application for 45 houses must be made by 6th March. She expected the appeal to be in June or July which she believed HDC would strongly oppose. She believed that the scouts were happy with the proposed access for the hut and that Saxon Weald had agreed to two parking spaces but there may be better locations for the hut such as the patch of land managed by residents on Spring Lane. The caravan park could also be a possibility. She added that recent crime levels in Horsham had been high but there was collaboration from the police, MP and Crime Commissioner to tackle it and an initiative to help young people stay away from crime had been created.

(ii) **Questions to Councillors**

Councillor Slipper asked about whether there was any more information about access to the Cobblers during building works. Councillor Smith responded saying it should be Lyons Road onto Hayes Lane as outlined in the planning application. Councillor Youtan added that it was going to be called Cobblers Court.

6. **Chair's announcements**

There were no announcements.

7. **Update on the Council's action plan**

There was no update.

8. 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:

After consideration the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the following report:

DC/22/2319	Eclipse Lyons Road Slinfold West Sussex RH13 0QS	Erection of a single storey extension and a new detached garage block with electrical charging points and covered bin and cycle store. Erection of a detached single storey garden room/home office.	No objection
DC/22/2384	Taylor's The Street Slinfold West Sussex RH13 0RR	Erection of a replacement detached garage building (Householder Application).	No objection
DC/22/2385	Taylor's The Street Slinfold West Sussex RH13 0RR	Erection of a replacement detached garage building (Listed Building Consent).	No objection
DC/22/2388	Slinfold Cricket Club Lyons Road Slinfold Horsham West Sussex RH13 0RX	Installation of posts and cricket netting on the west boundary wall.	No objection
DC/23/0034	Oakleigh, Huckle Cottage Five Oaks Road Slinfold West Sussex RH13 0RL	Demolition of existing ancillary annexe known as 'Huckle Cottage' and the erection of a replacement detached ancillary annexe including the provision of a hobbies room within the roof space and a Solar PV array to the South West elevation.	No objection with a condition it remains ancillary to remain dwelling

- ii) **Consider any other applications received since the publication of the agenda**
Councillor Leyland advised that an appeal for application DC/21/2649 had been submitted to which the Council initially objected and did not believe there were any reasons to change its position.

- iii) **To discuss the houses being built at the Cobblers**
Concerns had been raised that units designated to be social housing at the Cobblers would be on the open market but Councillors stated that it was part of the planning application to provide social housing in that location. Councillor Youtan said she would check.

Grounds and building maintenance

- (i) **To receive any update on the Welwyn balancing pond**
Councillor Nigel Smith was still in communication with the Council's engineer, who was reviewing the proposal from Elivia Homes to upgrade the pond to an adoptable standard, but had not heard anything back.

- (ii) **To discuss overhanging trees on the Six Acres footpath**
The Clerk advised that the Council's tree wardens had looked at blackthorn trees on the Six Acres

footpath which had fallen into a neighbouring property's fence and recommended cutting them back. Councillor Smith suggested confirming they were the right trees as he believed the trees which were in the photo sent by the resident were fir.

(iii) **To discuss a request from the football club to install a gate in the fence by the car park**
Items 9 iii, iv and v were discussed together, and it was **AGREED** to form a Working Group to look at them in more detail and report back at the next Council meeting.

(iv) **To discuss the leaking roof at the football club**

(v) **To discuss disabled access to the football pavilion and any other refurbishment**

(vi) **To discuss any refurbishments to the village shop**

Councillor Casdagli had spoken to the shop manager and advised there were three main issues. He believed the shop electrics were dangerous and needed rewiring, a new extractor was required to remove the heat emitted by the fridges and freezers and a new disabled ramp for access as the current one was difficult to use. Councillors **AGREED** to get quotes to carry out the works as well as purchase a new case for the defibrillator.

9. Finance and Establishment

i) **To approve the schedule of payments for February 2023**

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments for February.

ii) **To discuss a donation to the Community First Responders**

Councillor Leyland had not heard anything back so it was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

iii) **To discuss the development of a new scout hut**

Councillor Smith advised that the new hut could cost up to £500,000 and had asked the Scouts previously to consider drawing up proper architect plans for which the Council said it would pay. Once there were proper plans the Council could consider a potential contribution. However, this had not happened so he said he would contact the Scouts to see if they had made any progress.

10. Gigabit Broadband Scheme

There was no update.

11. The King's Coronation

To discuss a party for the Coronation

Councillor Slipper advised that arrangements were in place for the village fete/coronation party, including a dog show, tug of war, community bus and market stalls and requested a budget of £3,000 which the Council **RESOLVED** to approve.

12. Clerk memorial

To discuss a memorial for the former Clerk

Councillors **AGREED** to place a bench and plaque outside the football club with a tree overhanging it in honour of the late clerk Mary Burroughs. There would also be a dog seesaw at the Six Acres playground.

13. Receive updates from Committees and those on Outside Bodies

There were none.

14. Items for the next agenda

Scout update

15. Date of next meeting

30th March 2023

Meeting ended at 8.50pm