



Slinfold Parish Council

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Minutes of the Slinfold Parish Council meeting held on 29th February 2024

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

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

Apologies: Councillors Pyle and Nigel Smith which Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept.

Also in attendance: Mike Simpson (Clerk) and District Councillor Kasia Greenwood.

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest, Notification of Changes to Members' Interests and consider any requests for a dispensation

Councillor Paula Smith declared an interest in the Cobblers.

3. Public Session (Members of the Public may speak for up to five minutes at the discretion of the Chair)

There were no members of the public present.

4. Minutes from the previous meeting on 25th January 2024

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes from the meeting on 25th January 2024 as a true and accurate record.

5. Chairman's Report

There was no report.

6. Councillor Reports

To receive reports from the District and County Councillors.

County Councillor Christian Mitchell circulated a written report before the meeting (see appendices).

District Councillor Tricia Youtan provided a written report stating the appeal for application DC/22/2107, removal of existing agricultural building, change of use to residential and erection of 2no dwellings Holmbush Manor Farm, had been dismissed. The bush and tree planting would be taking place at The Acres as per the planning condition and remedial work at Spring Lane wild area would be completed. She reminded the Council that any response to HDC's Regulation 19 on the draft Local Plan had to be submitted by 1st March 2024.

District Councillor Kasia Greenwood provided a written update (see appendices).

7. Planning Applications

(a) To consider any planning applications

DISC/24/0016: The Cobblers Hayes Lane Slinfold West Sussex RH13 0SA: Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 5 to approved application DC/22/2197

Councillors **AGREED** that all traffic should be routed via Lyons Road and that weekday working hours should be restricted to 08:00 - 18:00 and Saturdays 09:00 - 13:00. Peak hours should be clearly stated.

DC/24/0246 Holmans Farm Haven Road Five Oaks West Sussex: Prior Notification for the erection of an agricultural barn for storage of machinery

Councillors **AGREED** they had no objection.

DISC/24/0019 Cobblers Court Hayes Lane Slinfold West Sussex: Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 4 (Outline to approved application DC/22/2197)

There were no documents available on the portal for this application so a decision could not be made.

(b) To comment on any planning appeals

There were none.

(c) To consider any planning applications received since the publication of the agenda

There were none.

(d) To receive an update on The Cobblers

A letter had been sent to residents by the new developer, Sunninghill, explaining that work would commence from 4th March 2024.

(e) To receive an update on any planning enforcement cases

Elivia Homes and Antler Homes had confirmed they would complete the outstanding landscaping at Springwood and Crosby Farm. Councillors also discussed the state of the hedge on the south side of the cricket pitch which had gaps and was surrounded by barbed wire. The Clerk said he would write to advise HDC enforcement that the hedge also needed addressing as part of the outstanding landscaping.

(f) To consider a response to the Horsham District Council's proposed Local Plan 2023-2040

Councillors considered a draft response and **RESOLVED** to approve it (see appendices).

8. Finance & Administration

(a) To review the schedule of payments and bank reconciliation since the 25th January 2024

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments and bank reconciliation from January 2024.

(b) To review the latest variance report

Councillors reviewed the latest report and **RESOLVED** to approve it.

(c) To receive an update on the Council's bank accounts

The Clerk advised that the Council could not apply for an Ecology Building Society account whereupon it was **AGREED** to open a Unity Trust 90-day saving account instead with Councillors Pegg, Roberts and Slipper as signatories.

(d) To review the Council's Financial Regulations

Councillors **RESOLVED** to make the following changes to its Financial Regulations:

4.1 the Clerk for any items between £500 and £1,000 with consent from the Chairman • the Clerk for any items up to £500.

The Clerk/RFO has authority to spend up to £500 on any item, service or contract relating to solely Council business without the express authorisation of the Chairman, and up to £1,000 on any item, service or contract relating to solely Council business only with the express authorisation of the Chairman which should be given by signing the invoice. All such expenditure shall be presented to the Council for approval at the next appropriate council meeting.

5.5(c): Fund transfers within the Council's banking arrangements up to the sum of £30,000, provided that a list of such payments shall be submitted at the next appropriate meeting of the Council.

5.5(d): The Clerk shall forward to the Councillors any invoice that is considered appropriate to pay before the next meeting. A minimum of 2 Councillors should give their authorisation by signing the invoice, for the full Council to agree and sign for at the next meeting.

10.3: All members and officers are responsible for obtaining value for money at all times. An officer issuing an official order shall ensure as far as reasonable and practicable that the best available terms are obtained in respect of each transaction, usually by obtaining 2 quotes for any expenditure between £500 and £4,000 and 3 quotes for any expenditure over £4000, subject to any de minimis provisions in Regulation 11.1.

As per clause 5.6, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the following contractual payments for the year: Salaries/PAYE/Home office, pension, streetlights, or any other utility bill, and bin collections.

(e) To consider any grant applications

The Council considered three grant applications: the first one was from St Catherine's Hospice for £400 which the Council **RESOLVED** to approve. The second was from Slinfold Cricket Club for £3,000 which the Council **RESOLVED** to approve from CIL reserves. Thirdly, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve a request from Slinfold Bell Ringers for £569.46. (See appendices).

(f) To review the Council's pension responsibilities

The Clerk advised he had redeclared compliance with the Pension's Regulator but the Council should confirm its choice of provider for automatic enrolment whereupon it was **AGREED** to use NEST.

9. Grounds and Buildings Maintenance

(a) To receive an update on works to Slinfold Football Club

Works had finished but it was **RESOLVED** to purchase some flowers for the bed by the barrier. Maintenance of the patio was also discussed, as the patio was already very muddy, but it was agreed to discuss this with the Football Club at the next Cherrytree meeting.

(b) To consider a request from the Community Shed to erect a fence

The Council decided to defer a decision on this until it had been discussed in more detail at the Cherrytree meeting in March.

(c) To receive an update on Slinfold Stores

The Council considered two quotes from Deans and MD Gee for a new awning and **RESOLVED** to approve the quote of £3,330 from MD Gee. Councillors also considered two quotes from Platinum Roofing and WS Property Maintenance for repair work to the roof and **RESOLVED** to approve the quote from Platinum Roofing for £1,800.

(d) To receive an update on a padel court at Slinfold Tennis Club

There was no update.

(e) To receive an update on grant applications submitted by the Council

The Council had received a grant from HDC's Lottery Fund of £1,000 for the Cosy Café. The application for £5,000 to HDC's Community Climate Fund had been submitted.

10. Events

To receive an update on Village Day 2024

The school had moved the day of its fair to 30th June so the Council could proceed with the 23rd June for Village Day and arrangements were already under way. Councillors **RESOLVED** to set a budget of £2,000.

11. Highways

(a) To receive an update on the 20mph scheme in the village

Councillor Pyle was in contact with WSCC about the lighting of the buildouts and had written to them with some recommendations which included installation of blue arrow flexi-bollards as well as painting the kerbs white.

(b) To discuss a TRO to reduce the speed on the A29

The Clerk had been discussing a potential Community Highways Scheme with WSCC as a TRO would only reduce the speed limit and not introduce traffic calming measures. Councillors **AGREED** the Highways and Byways Committee should discuss the CHS option in more detail.

(c) To receive an update on flooding

Regular clearing of the ditch at Cherrytree had been added to the maintenance schedule in Autumn to alleviate flooding. The ditch on Spring Lane had been added to WSCC clearance schedule. The trash screen on Brick Lane had been cleared by A2 Dominion. The Clerk was in contact with WSCC about maintenance of the ditches leading into the culvert on Hayes Lane. Councillors discussed quotes to survey and clear the pipe under Hayes Lane and **RESOLVED** to approve the quote from Proline for £4,050.

12. Recreation and Environment

(a) To consider taking on the freehold of some land at Slinfold Golf Course

Councillors decided to defer any decision on this so they could investigate further any liabilities.

(b) To receive an update on grounds maintenance

The brambles at KGV playground had been cut back and the Clerk had obtained quotes for summer playground inspections.

13. Parish Magazine

To discuss any contributions for the parish magazine

Village Day and any other items would be sent to the Deputy Clerk for inclusion.

14. Committees and those on Outside Bodies

The Gatwick Airport FASIS was now at the next stage and it had been suggested that Warnham, Slinfold and Rusper work together going forward.

15. Items for the next agenda

Scout hut.

16. Next meeting date

28th March 2024

List of Payments made between 20/01/2024 and 29/02/2024

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
22/01/2024	Jane Slipper	OLT	739.25		Xmas party and bark
22/01/2024	SSE	OLT	832.37		Streetlights
22/01/2024	Jane Slipper	OLT	-739.25		Xmas party and bark
22/01/2024	SSE	OLT	-832.37		Streetlights
25/01/2024	SLC	OLT	14,760.00		Football Club works
25/01/2024	SLC	OLT	14,670.00		FC Works (1018)
31/01/2024	Mike Simpson	OLT	15.00		Home Office
31/01/2024	Tim Harrison	OLT	62.50		Salary January
31/01/2024	John Pilkington	OLT	279.20		Salary January
31/01/2024	Tony Burroughs	OLT	349.00		Salary January
31/01/2024	Samantha Bell	OLT	360.67		Salary January
31/01/2024	LGPS	OLT	674.05		January
31/01/2024	Mike Simpson	OLT	1,861.51		Salary January
31/01/2024	Adrian Roberts	OLT	400.00		Chair's Allowance
31/01/2024	SLC	OLT	-14,760.00		Football Club Works
02/02/2024	NEST	DD	33.81		SBell Pension January
07/02/2024	SLC	OLT	10,000.00		FC Works (1019)
21/02/2024	SLC	OLT	13,219.64		FC Works SLC1022
29/02/2024	Slinfold Football Club	OLT	600.00		Office hire 2 years
29/02/2024	4 The Youth	OLT	2,093.03		Youth services 1655
29/02/2024	Slinfold Village Hall	OLT	28.00		1879
29/02/2024	Slinfold Village Hall	OLT	160.00		Cosy Cafe 1872
29/02/2024	Slinfold Village Hall	OLT	49.69		Xmas lunch 1857
29/02/2024	Samantha Bell	OLT	360.67		Salary February
29/02/2024	Tony Burroughs	OLT	299.00		Salary February
29/02/2024	Tim Harrison	OLT	37.50		Salary February
29/02/2024	John Pilkington	OLT	239.20		Salary February
29/02/2024	Mike Simpson	OLT	1,861.51		Salary February
29/02/2024	Mike Simpson	OLT	15.00		Home office
29/02/2024	LGPS	OLT	674.05		February contribution
29/02/2024	NEST	DD	33.81		S Bell February
29/02/2024	Mike Simpson	OLT	13.00		Land Registry Fees
29/02/2024	Grasstex	OLT	264.00		1929
29/02/2024	Adrian Roberts	OLT	62.14		Six Acres trees
Total Payments			48,715.98		

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Balances</u>
CO-OP	31/01/2024		21,165.22
			<u>21,165.22</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			21,165.22
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			21,165.22
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	21,165.22
		Difference is :-	0.00

Signatory 1:

Name Signed Date

Signatory 2:

Name Signed Date

Detailed Receipts & Payments by Budget Heading 29/02/2024

Cost Centre Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>100 Income</u>							
1076 Precept	66,220	66,220	0			100.0%	
1080 Bank Interest	2,810	0	(2,810)			0.0%	
1090 CIL Income	34,664	0	(34,664)			0.0%	34,664
1100 Grants Received	950	0	(950)			0.0%	
1120 Environment Cleansing	3,495	0	(3,495)			0.0%	
1999 Miscellaneous Income	175	0	(175)			0.0%	
	<u>108,314</u>	<u>66,220</u>	<u>(42,094)</u>			<u>163.6%</u>	<u>34,664</u>
Income :- Receipts							
	<u>108,314</u>	<u>66,220</u>	<u>(42,094)</u>				
Net Receipts							
6001 less Transfer to EMR	34,664						
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>73,650</u>						
<u>200 Administration</u>							
4000 Clerk & Environment Officers	43,768	40,140	(3,628)		(3,628)	109.0%	
4060 Audit	585	650	65		65	90.0%	
4065 Miscellaneous Expenditure	175	0	(175)		(175)	0.0%	
4070 Legal & Consultancy	13	140	127		127	9.3%	
4080 Subscriptions	535	100	(435)		(435)	535.3%	
4090 Cllr Expenses	0	150	150		150	0.0%	
4091 Chair's Allowance	400	0	(400)		(400)	0.0%	
4100 Insurance	2,331	2,800	470		470	83.2%	
4110 Recruitment & Training	0	350	350		350	0.0%	
4120 Home Office	150	0	(150)		(150)	0.0%	
4130 Hall Hire	386	860	474		474	44.9%	
4135 FC Office Hire	600	0	(600)		(600)	0.0%	
4140 Website and email	1,298	430	(868)		(868)	301.9%	
4145 Printer hire	107	0	(107)		(107)	0.0%	
4150 Software	809	430	(379)		(379)	188.2%	
4160 Stationery/printing	334	430	96		96	77.8%	
	<u>51,492</u>	<u>46,480</u>	<u>(5,012)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(5,012)</u>	<u>110.8%</u>	<u>0</u>
Administration :- Indirect Payments							
	<u>(51,492)</u>	<u>(46,480)</u>	<u>5,012</u>				
Net Payments							
<u>250 Football Club</u>							
1200 Rental Income	150	525	375			28.6%	
1205 Insurance Reclaimed	901	0	(901)			0.0%	
	<u>1,051</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>(526)</u>			<u>200.1%</u>	<u>0</u>
Football Club :- Receipts							
4200 Repairs & Improvements	41,991	0	(41,991)		(41,991)	0.0%	41,991
	<u>41,991</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(41,991)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(41,991)</u>		<u>41,991</u>
Football Club :- Indirect Payments							
	<u>(40,940)</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>41,465</u>				
Net Receipts over Payments							
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	41,991						
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>1,051</u>						

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Cost Centre Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>255 Tennis Club</u>							
1200 Rental Income	0	525	525			0.0%	
1205 Insurance Reclaimed	482	0	(482)			0.0%	
Tennis Club :- Receipts	<u>482</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>43</u>			91.8%	<u>0</u>
Net Receipts	<u>482</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>43</u>				
<u>260 Community Shed</u>							
1200 Rental Income	0	525	525			0.0%	
Community Shed :- Receipts	<u>0</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>525</u>			0.0%	<u>0</u>
Net Receipts	<u>0</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>525</u>				
<u>270 Slinfold Stores</u>							
1200 Rental Income	750	525	(225)			142.9%	
1205 Insurance Reclaimed	327	0	(327)			0.0%	
Slinfold Stores :- Receipts	<u>1,077</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>(552)</u>			205.1%	<u>0</u>
4200 Repairs & Improvements	3,537	0	(3,537)		(3,537)	0.0%	2,482
Slinfold Stores :- Indirect Payments	<u>3,537</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(3,537)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(3,537)</u>		<u>2,482</u>
Net Receipts over Payments	<u>(2,460)</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>2,985</u>				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	2,482						
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>22</u>						
<u>300 Community Services</u>							
4310 Community Events	2,911	1,900	(1,011)		(1,011)	153.2%	
4320 Youth Services	3,119	6,480	3,361		3,361	48.1%	
4370 Newsletters/Promotions	3,745	2,600	(1,145)		(1,145)	144.0%	
4380 Community Improvement Projects	13,918	1,620	(12,298)		(12,298)	859.1%	13,918
4390 Grants Made	1,697	1,500	(197)		(197)	113.1%	
4395 Cosy Café	2,454	0	(2,454)		(2,454)	0.0%	
4515 CAGNE Grant Gatwick	2,000	0	(2,000)		(2,000)	0.0%	
Community Services :- Indirect Payments	<u>29,843</u>	<u>14,100</u>	<u>(15,743)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(15,743)</u>	211.7%	<u>13,918</u>
Net Payments	<u>(29,843)</u>	<u>(14,100)</u>	<u>15,743</u>				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	13,918						
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(15,925)</u>						

Detailed Receipts & Payments by Budget Heading 29/02/2024

Cost Centre Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>350 Recreation</u>							
4200 Repairs & Improvements	110	0	(110)		(110)	0.0%	
4400 Bin collection	297	1,640	1,343		1,343	18.1%	
4405 Dog bins	1,131	0	(1,131)		(1,131)	0.0%	
4410 Grounds Maintenance	5,649	2,890	(2,759)		(2,759)	195.5%	127
4420 King George V	0	830	830		830	0.0%	
4425 Six Acres	38,821	0	(38,821)		(38,821)	0.0%	38,821
4430 Playground Inspections	803	0	(803)		(803)	0.0%	
Recreation :- Indirect Payments	<u>46,811</u>	<u>5,360</u>	<u>(41,451)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(41,451)</u>	<u>873.3%</u>	<u>38,947</u>
Net Payments	<u>(46,811)</u>	<u>(5,360)</u>	<u>41,451</u>				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	38,947						
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(7,863)</u>						
<u>400 Highways & Byways</u>							
4200 Repairs & Improvements	615	0	(615)		(615)	0.0%	
4500 Hayes Lane Drainage	800	900	100		100	88.9%	
4510 Streetlights & Maintenance	5,268	4,970	(298)		(298)	106.0%	
Highways & Byways :- Indirect Payments	<u>6,683</u>	<u>5,870</u>	<u>(813)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(813)</u>	<u>113.8%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Payments	<u>(6,683)</u>	<u>(5,870)</u>	<u>813</u>				
<u>999 VAT Data</u>							
115 VAT on Receipts	10,751	0	(10,751)			0.0%	
VAT Data :- Receipts	<u>10,751</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(10,751)</u>				<u>0</u>
515 VAT on Payments	18,122	0	(18,122)		(18,122)	0.0%	
VAT Data :- Indirect Payments	<u>18,122</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(18,122)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(18,122)</u>		<u>0</u>
Net Receipts over Payments	<u>(7,371)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,371</u>				
Grand Totals:- Receipts	121,675	68,320	(53,355)			178.1%	
Payments	198,478	71,810	(126,668)	0	(126,668)	276.4%	
Net Receipts over Payments	<u>(76,803)</u>	<u>(3,490)</u>	<u>73,313</u>				
plus Transfer from EMR	97,338						
less Transfer to EMR	34,664						
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(14,130)</u>						

Report to Slinfold Parish Council

County Cllr Christian Mitchell

Thursday, 29 February 2024, 7:30pm

Village traffic calming scheme (Ref 3804667)

I raised with WSCC Highways on 9 February 2024 the damage to the sign on Lyons road and the timeframe of any review of the scheme. The matter has been sent to the Highways Manager and the officer below him and when I have a substantive reply I will update the Parish Council.

Spring Lane, Tannery Close and Hayes Lane - drainage

On 9 February 2024 Mr James Strachan updated me that this matter had been passed to a senior steward to investigate after a few points were raised for a highway steward inspection. Once I have an I will update the Parish Council. It is hoped that the Clerk would be on site with the WSCC officer.

Budget setting 2024/25

The council's budget for 2024/25 was agreed at a meeting of Full Council on Friday 16 February, where councillors also approved *Our Council Plan*, which sets out our priorities.

Following a public consultation, the Cabinet has confirmed its commitment to four key priority areas, underpinned by a cross cutting theme of 'protecting the environment'. The priorities are:

- Keeping people safe in vulnerable situations
- A sustainable and prosperous economy
- Helping people and communities fulfil their potential
- Making best use of resources

The extra funding includes:

- £31.2m more for vulnerable children and young people
- £18.3m more for adults' social care
- £4m extra to maintain the county's 4,000km of roads
- £27.8m to manage increased costs, as inflation levels remain high

During 2024/25 the council also plans to spend £131.6m of its £695m five-year Capital Programme. The main areas of investment being highways, schools and the environment.

At the meeting, members across all political parties debated measures that were then agreed to balance the budget for the year ahead. These include efficiency savings of £15.7m, an increase in core council tax of 2.99%, and an additional adult social care precept of 2%.

Business of the County Council

Full Council last met on Friday, 16 February 2024 to set the budget:

<https://westsussex.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=3524&Ver=4>

The Annual Meeting of full Council is Friday, 22 March 2024 at 10:30am:

<https://westsussex.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=3645&Ver=4>

Report from Kasia Greenwood

Parish Council Report – February

Local Plan

As you are aware, the consultation period for the Local Plan, otherwise known as **Regulation 19**, is now open and will run until **Friday 1 March**.

I've been informed that we have been experiencing some IT problems at HDC, which has meant that members of the public have been unable to access our online planning portal. The IT department has worked very hard to rectify the problem and we have been advised that this did not affect access to the Local Plan.

However, if you do encounter difficulties please report them, ideally with a screenshot, so that we can fix the site as quickly as possible and ensure that the consultation period has not been compromised.

Please follow the link below for information about Regulation 19 and the Local Plan:

[Local Plan Regulation 19 | Horsham District Council](#)

Crackdown on Littering

Horsham District Council is working in collaboration with Sussex Police, the Environment Agency and West Sussex County Council carry out a major crackdown on highways littering in the Horsham District. The appearance of litter on roadsides is a blight on our environment and its clearance currently costs local taxpayers thousands of pounds a year.

The Council and its partners have hosted **enforcement days** on local roads where they had previously witnessed litter and fly-tipping as a severe problem. The targeted unannounced operation days were designed to address drivers who transport controlled waste. In total over 60 vehicles were stopped one operation day, resulting in a number of fixed penalty notice fines. Further unannounced enforcement days are being planned throughout 2024 across different locations. In the past 12 months the Council has issued some 70 litter-related fines.

The Council also asks that if road users or members of the public spot offenders **littering or fly-tipping** they should report incidents to them by going to the Council's website or alternatively supply the Council with Dash Cam footage where possible.

Please go to: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/bins/reportit/fly-tipping-and-fly-posting> or by call [01403 733144](tel:01403733144) to report offenders.

Food Waste Collection

Following the announcement by the Government that mandatory domestic food waste collections are to be introduced nationwide by the end of March 2026, HDC are currently in the process of assessing the costs and options available on how to implement the service.

Health and Wellbeing

February is **Heart Month**, and Heart UK are encouraging everyone to take action during this month to know and understand their cholesterol levels. You can get your cholesterol tested during an **NHS Health Check**, which also looks at your overall health to assess your risk of developing heart-related health conditions. A link to Horsham District Wellbeing is provided below to check if you are eligible for an NHS Health Check:

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Our **Wellbeing Walks Programme** includes over 20 walks starting at different locations across the District. They vary in their length, duration and difficulty giving you plenty to choose from. There is no need to book, just turn up.

[Download the February Programme](#)

Did you know we offer evening **Wellbeing Appointments** at Horsham Wellbeing Hub? The Wellbeing team offer [1-2-1 appointments](#) on selected evenings each month.

Contact the Wellbeing Hub on 01403 215111 or use the link below to find out more:

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Slinfold Parish Council – HDC Draft Local Plan Regulation 19 Feedback

1. Strategic Policy HA7: Broadbridge Heath Housing Allocations

It should be made clear that this allocation is within the Parish of Slinfold. The numbers stated must be allocated to Slinfold and included in any revision of the Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan (SNP) and numbers allocated to Slinfold's housing targets.

2. Settlement Coalescence

The protection of the separate identity of Slinfold remains a key objective. From the initial consultation, a gap to prevent coalescence between Slinfold Village and Broadbridge Heath (BBH) was a key requirement of residents to be addressed in the Slinfold Parish Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish has seen significant urban extension in its neighbour parish of BBH. The Broadbridge Heath Parish Plan (BHPP) 2004 highlights how the Parish retains local gaps between itself and Slinfold and that residents “strongly want to retain this”.

The Examiner, in his Slinfold NP assessment dated 29 January 2018 supported this aim of maintaining the gap and referred back to HDPF Policy 2.

We would like to see a strengthening of the wording and protection of ‘gaps’ along the lines of ‘Development will only be permitted / supported in the countryside provided that it does not individually or cumulatively result in coalescence and loss of separate identity of neighbouring settlements or perception thereof; and provided that it does not conflict with other Countryside policies in this Plan’.

3. Allocated Housing Numbers

We note that housing numbers have been specifically stated in the plan. This is contrary to the SNP where numbers were explicitly removed. We would expect any revision of the SNP to include housing numbers should this be appropriate.

4. Infrastructure

The existing infrastructure must be able to cope and be effective. If infrastructure can't cope with existing demand then it should be upgraded as part of any new development. The pumping station at Newbridge being an example. We would like to see greater emphasis in the capacity and effectiveness of infrastructure.

5. Renewable Energies

We would like to see PV installations on ALL new development, not just Strategic Sites.

6. Flood Risk

Strategic Policy 10: Flooding (i) should be amended as follows ‘Make appropriate provision for surface water drainage to ground, water courses, *providing this does not adversely impact downstream assets by increasing the flood risk*, or surface water sewer. Development will not be allowed to drain to the foul sewer;

7. Broadband

There needs to be a specific policy covering gigabit capable broadband. There should be a stated aim seeking to make this available in rural areas where businesses and residents are struggling with connectivity issues.

SLINFOLD PARISH COUNCIL

Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations

Please note that this application will not be considered unless it is accompanied by a copy of the latest set of annual accounts showing the organisations income, expenditure and level of balances. If the organisation does not prepare annual accounts, copies of the bank statements covering the previous six months must be enclosed.

1.	Name of Organisation	St Catherine's Hospice
2.	Name, Address and Status of Contact	<p>████████████████████</p> <p>Partnerships Assistant St Catherine's Hospice Grace Holland Avenue Pease Pottage West Sussex RH11 9SF</p>
3.	Telephone Number of Contact	██████████
4.	Is the Organisation a Registered Charity?	Yes
5.	Amount of grant requested	£400
5.	For what purpose or project is the grant requested?	<p>We are seeking your support towards a specialist Oaska Evario bed for patients facing the end-of-life at our new hospice, to help ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients who are too ill or frail to get out of bed will be able to adjust their position in just three buttons using the LCD handset, allowing them to move in an upright position making eating, reading and interacting with visitors a more independent and dignified experience • Friends and family who come to visit will feel reassured by seeing their loved one being cared for and made comfortable in a high quality, modern patient bed helping to reduce anxiety • Where the bed is on wheels, patients can be easily moved into their secluded garden space from their new patient suite to enjoy the benefits of being outside and surrounded by nature. • The quality of care provided is enhanced due the safety features that are incorporated with the bed supporting infection control, with smooth surfaces that do not allow dirt to settle unnoticed and side wings that move down in a quietly cushioned, power assisted motion. • Our IPU team are better supported with equipment that is easy to operate so they have more time to focus on patient care.

		These new beds will enable patients to spend their final days as pain free, dignified and as comfortable as possible with their loved ones by their side.
6.	What will be the total cost of the above project?	Each Oska Evario patient bed, including mattress and pump costs £7,539 and we need three new beds for our Meadow Ward.
7.	If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?	We will continue to apply to Trusts, Foundations, local Town and Parish Councils until we have raised the money to fund all three beds.
8.	Have you applied for grant for the same project to another organisation? If so, which organisation and how much?	We are fortunate to have secured £3,150 from one Trust and we have applied to three other Trusts and Foundations for grant support totalling £11,439 to date, which is still pending.
9.	Who will benefit from the project?	<p>St Catherine's is your local hospice, providing expert palliative and end of life care for adults with a terminal illness and supporting their loved ones in the diverse communities we serve in West Sussex and East Surrey, including the Slinfold Parish Council area. Last financial year, 48% of our patients were aged 75 or over and 19% were aged under 55.</p> <p>Whilst 62% of our patients have cancer as their primary diagnosis, we care for people affected by life limiting conditions including motor neurone disease, heart disease, chronic pulmonary conditions and dementia.</p> <p>Our specialist services are free at the point of access for those in the community we serve.</p> <p><i>"People always imagine that no one can take care of you like your family. But honestly, I think St Catherine's can, and they did. They did everything possible, and I couldn't have asked for anyone better to take care of my gran." Aneesha</i></p>
10.	Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners?	<p>The number of residents in the Slinfold Parish Council postcode area we care for varies each year depending on local need and referrals. Over the last 3 years we have cared for an average of 8 residents each year, plus their family members and carers. With your support we can continue to be there to support and care for local residents.</p> <p>On behalf of all of us at St Catherine's, thank you for considering our request.</p>

Please use a separate sheet of paper to submit any other information which you feel will support this application and return to the Clerk at clerk@slinfold-pc.gov.uk

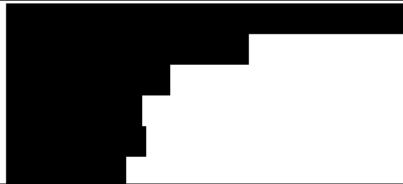

Signed *Shannon Macey-Wilton*

Date 9 February 2024

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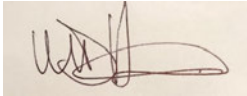
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1.	Name of Organisation	SLINFOLD CRICKET CLUB
2.	Name, Address and Status of Contact	
3.	Telephone Number of Contact	
4.	Is the Organisation a Registered Charity?	NO – BUT REGISTERED WITH CASK (COMMUNITY AMATEUR SPORTS CLUB) THE GROUND IS NEVERTHELESS HELD IN TRUST AND IS REGISTERED WITH THE CHARITIES COMMISSION
5.	Amount of grant requested	£3000
6.	For what purpose or project is the grant requested?	REPLACEMENT OF FIXED TWO LANE PRACTICE PLAYING SURFACE, FRAME, AND NETS. THE EXISTING SURFACE, FRAME AND NETTING HAS BECOME DANGEROUS FOR USE. THESE NETS SERVE AS A KEY PRACTICE AREA OF THE CLUB AND ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR CLUB VISION STATEMENT OF 'EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPING YOUNG PLAYERS INTO ADULT CRICKETERS TO ESTABLISH A SELF SUSTAINING PLAYING MEMBERSHIP, WHILST MAINTAINING OUR FOCUS ON PLAYING MEMBERSHIP INCLUSION AND EQUALITY'
7.	What will be the total cost of the above project?	£48,000 (INCLUDING VAT)
8.	If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?	THE CLUB HAVE RECEIVED A £15,000 GRANT FROM THE JOHN LAING CHARITY, AND WILL BE APPLYING TO THE ECB (ENGLAND & WALES CRICKET BOARD) FOR GRANT SUPPORT OF UP TO £7000. THE REMAINDER WILL NEED TO BE FINANCED FROM LIMITED CLUB FUNDS. SEE FUTHER NOTES ON APPENDIX 1 TO THIS APPLICATION
9.	Have you applied for grant for the same project to another organisation? If so, which organisation and how much?	YES AS ABOVE. SEE FUTHER NOTES ON APPENDIX 1 TO THIS APPLICATION

10.	Who will benefit from the project?	ALL SLINFOLD RESIDENTS INTERESTED IN PLAYING CRICKET, IN PARTICULAR THE YOUTH PLAYERS. FURTHERMORE, THE SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR CLUB OFFERS MUCH FURTHER BENEFITS WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WHOLE VILLAGE TO USE OUR FACILITIES, INCLUDING SLINFOLD SCHOOL
11.	Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners?	SLINFOLD CC RUN 4 WEEKEND ADULTS TEAMS, 1 WOMENS TEAM, 2 MIDWEEK ADULT TEAMS, AND 5 YOUTH TEAMS AT AGES BETWEEN 9 AND 16. WEEKLY SUMMER PRACTICE SESSIONS ALSO INCLUDE CHILDREN FROM 6 YEARS OLD. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THIS WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT OVER 100 PARISHIONERS AT ANY TIME. FURTHERMORE, THE SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR CLUB OFFERS INDIRECT OPPORTUNITIES TO OTHER FACILITIES FOR THE WHOLE VILLAGE

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Signed..... Date...01-02-24.....