



Slinfold Parish Council

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Minutes of the Recreation, Youth, Environment, Highways and Byways Committee 19th February 2026

1. Chair

To elect a Chair for the Committee

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Slipper as Chair and Councillor Waples as Vice Chair.

2. Terms of Reference

To adopt a terms of reference

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the draft terms of reference (see Council's website).

3. Attendance and apologies for absence

In attendance: Councillors Roberts, Slipper (Chair), Nigel Smith, Walker and Waples.

Apologies: Councillor Sherwin-Smith which Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept.

Also in attendance: Mike Simpson (Clerk) and two members of the public.

4. Public Forum

To receive any comments from members of the public about an item on the agenda

There were no comments.

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

There were none.

6. Minutes

To review and approve:

(i) Minutes from the Recreation Youth and Environment meeting on 24th July 2025

(ii) Minutes from the Highways and Byways Meeting on 24th July 2025

The Clerk advised that the former Deputy Clerk had not produced any minutes even though he had requested them several times.

7. Grounds and buildings

(i) To discuss a request to use Cherrytree for Forest School activities

A request from Cannon's Wild Root Forest School to use the Cherrytree complex during the summer holidays for forest school activities was discussed. Although Councillors believed it was a good idea, they were concerned about the use of the woods beyond the football pitch, especially with making fires and building dens, as they only owned a small section of the area with the rest belonging to AJW. Therefore, Councillors **AGREED** that they could not permit the request at this time and suggested the school approached AJW.

(ii) To discuss maintenance of the school car park

The school had approached the Council again about the maintenance of the car park as the emergency lighting was not working. Last time the issue was raised, Councillors decided to wait until works had finished at the school as the car park would deteriorate further if large HGVs were using it which was still their position.

(iii) To discuss any other maintenance issues

There were still loose slabs by the steps near the handrail on The Street pavement as well as by the war memorial. Both issues had been raised a while ago, and more than once, with WSCC. A large hole under the pavement by the phone box on the Street had also appeared so the Clerk would contact Christian Mitchell to see if they could be expedited.

8. Youth Services

To discuss grant funding from the Alf Shrubbs Memorial Race

There was still around £250 left from the Alf Shrubbs grant to be used for the youth club. Councillor Slipper had spoken to them about what else they may like and the suggestion was for an Xbox as they had to keep borrowing Cowfold's. The Xbox was £299 so it would require additional funds of around £40. It was agreed to speak to the Alf Shrubbs Memorial Race to confirm they would be happy with this expenditure as the grant was initially given for the beanbags.

9. Highways and Byways

(i) To receive an update on cleaning the gullies on Hayes Lane and Lyons Road

As there had been so much rainfall in the past two months and little flooding it was agreed that there was no need to clear the gullies outside of WSCC's maintenance programme.

(ii) To receive an update on ditch maintenance in the parish

Councillors noted that the reduced amount of flooding on Hayes Lane and Cherrytree was helped by the Parish Council ditch maintenance programme as well as residents fulfilling their riparian ownership duties.

(iii) To receive an update on Community Speedwatch

The CSW had still not met but hopefully the inaugural meeting would be organised soon.

10. Recreation and Environment

To receive an update on the nature trail and decide on the information plaques

Councillors **RESOLVED** to spend £336 on information plaques which would be placed on the nature trail posts.