



Slinfold Parish Council

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Minutes of the Recreation, Youth, Environment, Highways and Byways Committee **Meeting 10th September 2026**

1. Chair

To elect a Chair for 2026-27

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Slipper as Chair.

2. Attendance and apologies for absence

In attendance: Councillors Casdagli, Sherwin-Smith, Slipper, Snow and Walker.

Apologies: Councillors Roberts and Waples which it was **RESOLVED** to accept.

Also in attendance: Mike Simpson (Clerk) and one member of the public.

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

There were none.

4. Minutes

To review and approve the minutes from the meeting on 19th February 2026

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.

5. Public Forum

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

There were none.

6. Grounds and buildings

(i) To discuss the ROSPA playground inspection reports

The Six Acres playground inspection resulted in no repairs necessary. King George V had several recommendations but all of them were low risk. A new closer would be purchased for the gate and the protruding bolts would be covered with plastic caps. The gaps underneath the swing pod would be glued back together. A quote to repair the MUGA surface and footpath had already been authorised, but the company never completed the works. Therefore, the Clerk was in the process of obtaining further quotes.

The gap between the junior swing and bay seat was discussed as it was recommended that some form of barrier was put in between the two to avoid any clashes. Councillors were unsure how this would help as they worked in parallel with each other and were deemed safe when the equipment was installed. There were also concerns that the barrier would increase the risk of an injury, so it was agreed to leave it for now.

(ii) To discuss the defibrillator at Slinfold Stores

The Clerk advised he was arranging for the defibrillator to be serviced but could not find the key. Installation of the existing case had been arranged by the former Deputy Clerk and he was unsure what she had done with it as it was not in the shop. He was also trying to find out the code to open it.

(iii) To discuss the Cherrytree barrier

Oakland Security had inspected the barrier and advised that a new one was required and had quoted £4,576 to replace it. It was agreed to advise the clubs of the cost and discuss it further at the next Council meeting.

(iv) To receive an update on the oak tree at KGV and authorise expenditure

The oak tree identified in the survey as 714 had been crown reduced by 30%. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the expenditure of £1,416 to George Potbury.

(v) To discuss any other works to trees in the parish

The clerk advised that similar work carried out on 714 was required to oak tree 720 and he was obtaining quotes.

(vi) To discuss the resurfacing of the MUGA at KGV

This had already been discussed under 6(i)

(vii) To discuss any other issues

Brambles at Six Acres required cutting back and the barrier near the pond was broken. Carl Osborne would provide quotes for these works. The football club had asked for the brambles behind the goal at Cherrytree to be cut back. As this area was their responsibility it was recommended that Carl contact them directly to arrange a quote.

7. Youth services

(i) To receive an update

It had been a quiet summer due to Friday night cricket but the club was now open to Year 5 children.

8. Highways and Byways

(i) To receive an update on parking in laybys

Vans from the Cobblers had stopped parking in the layby since they were issued permits from Saxon Weald, but another van was now using it. Therefore, the Clerk would write to them explaining the danger and request they do not continue to use it.

(ii) To discuss reporting maintenance issues of footpaths

The clerk would report the overgrown hedge on the junction of Hayes Lane and Westway to WSCC.

(iii) To receive an update from Community Speedwatch

More volunteers were needed for the village. The police had joined the group on a couple of occasions and allocated more sites. A body camera had been requested by Councillor Waples so it was agreed to add this to the Council meeting agenda on 24th September.

(iv) To discuss any other issues

There were none.

9. Next meeting Date

12th November 2026