

Minutes of the Meeting of Lower Slaughter Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall on Monday March 17th, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Councillors present: Cllrs Ann Classen, Julian Grimshaw, George Papadakis (Chair of meeting), Cornelius O'Boyle

In attendance: Clerk Jane Carter, 6 members of the public, Cllr Mark Mackenzie-Charrington

250317/1 Election of Chair: Cllr Papadakis was proposed and unanimously elected as Chair for the meeting.

250317/2 Declarations of Interest: None

250317/3 Apologies for absence: District Cllr Len Wilkins (CDC). It was noted Andrea Jordison had resigned from the council and the vacancy had been advertised.

250317/4 Public Session: Residents expressed concern that refuse lorries were no longer collecting from outside properties following the Thames Water works and damage to the riverbank. The clerk would contact Ubico to ask what was intended once work was completed. A resident said that the Thames Water tanker had left large oil marks which would need professionally clearing. The toilet was also being used by tourists. The public bins on the green needed clearing

250317/5 To approve the minutes of the meeting held February 7th, 2025 : Council approved the minutes, and these were signed by the acting Chair. It was noted that the footpath reference was not Scare Lane but HSL10 and that Traffic enforcement officers would monitor the parking in the village, not the police.

250317/6 To receive an update and report from County Councillor, Mark Mackenzie-Charrington. The report had been circulated. Cllr Mackenzie-Charrington updated the meeting on the move to unitary authorities and the work of the Rural Estates Committee. It was his last meeting as County Councillor as he was stepping down ahead of the elections on May 1st. He was thanked for his work on behalf of the village over the last four years.

To receive update and report from Cotswold District Councillor Len Wilkins: A report had been circulated and was noted. There were no questions

250317/7 Matters arising:

- I. Highways: The clerk reported that she was unable to get answers from Gloucestershire Highways on the repairs agreed at a walk around last year. She was pushing for the Mill Lane signs to be installed and the riverbank which were now a priority ahead of the spring/summer season. Residents were reminded that all highways' issues could be reported on the Fix My Street app <https://fixmystreet.gloucestershire.gov.uk/>
- II. Speed restrictions A429 Slaughter Pike. A resident had written to the council expressing concerns at the number of accidents at the Slaughter Pike turning and asking if a 20mph speed limit could be imposed. County Council Mackenzie-Charrington said a 20mph speed limit would not be supported by Highways. It was agreed that the clerk contact Road Safety engineers at GCC to understand what steps were being taken to improve the junction and whether they were aware of the recent accidents. Also to check if the speed camera on that stretch was working.

- III. Thames Water Update: the clerk continued to speak to Thames Water. The recent pipe repair had failed and there was further excavation required. This would be quite significant and required water levels and lows to drop. The parish council would be kept informed once a date was known and villagers would receive direct communication from Thames Water.
- IV. Gigaclear installation of fibre broadband: this was now planned for Q2. A meeting for residents would be held in the village hall. All residents would receive direct communication from Gigaclear about the timings for the build and switch on.
- V. Allotment maintenance: Maintenance work had begun. Some of the larger plots were still to be sub divided. The advert had been confirmed in the Bourton Browser April-June at a cost of £77.
- VI. Swale reprofiling: No update

250317/ 8 Planning Applications:

25/00453/FUL |Erection of annexe outbuilding and pool house, reworking of terrace, erection of garden orangery, external and associated works (as an alternative to the consented 22/00573/FUL)|Copse Hill House Copse Hill Lower Slaughter Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2HZ- **NO COMMENT**

25/00407/FUL|Erection of first floor rear extension|Garronfield Wyck Road Lower Slaughter Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2EX- **NO COMMENT**

24/01512/FUL|Alterations including: reinstating residential use across the ground floor, re-configuration and refurbishment of the ground, first and second floor, demolition of two lean-to extensions and erection of a single storey rear extension associated works.

Councillors had reviewed the revised plans. There were **NO COMMENTS**

To Note:

Appeal APP/F1610/W/25/3360893

Removal of condition 24 (use of parking spaces) of permission 18/01681/FUL - Redevelopment of existing scrap yard and haulage depot to create Electric Car Charging Service Station and Associated Works Application Reference: 23/02305/FUL, Joe Gilder Metal Recycling Fosseyway Lower Slaughter Glos GL54 2EY- **NOTED**

250317/9 Finance:

- I. To approve current statement of accounts and bank reconciliation (as circulated): APPROVED
- II. To approve payments and note receipts (as circulated) APPROVED
- III. To note and approve annual insurance renewal: this would be circulated and approved by delegated powers

250317/10 Reports from the Wardens:

- I. **Neighbourhood Watch**:- Fly tipping at Kingswell had been reported
- II. **River**:- nothing to report
- III. **Rights of Way Report** : Cutting back of the pathways HSL1 and HSL2 had carried out. Cotswolds warden had cleared trees form HSL10 and HSL4. The footpaths officer had inspected HSL4 and suggested that stoning would be the best option to improve the muddy areas. A quote was being obtained. The clerk was chasing CDC to get footpaths added to the sweeping schedule.

- IV. **Trees** Cllr O'Boyle thanked the six volunteers who had given up a day to remove the growth at the bottom of the lime trees maintained by the council. Brownsword had agreed to take away the debris and were thanked for their support. The clerk asked for volunteers for the position of tree warden
- V. **Flood and Snow:** Nothing to report

24118/11 **Matters to be raised by councillors:** Nothing was raised

250317/12 **Date of Annual Meeting: Monday May 19th 6 p.m. Village Hall.**
This will be the village parish meeting immediately followed by the annual meeting of LSPC

Meeting ended: 7.10 p.m.

Signed _____

Date _____