



SLAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting of the Parish Council
Monday 1st June 2026
In Slapton Village Hall at 7.00pm

Those in attendance: Cllr J. Abbey, Cllr I. Mitchelmore, Cllr T. Fletcher, Cllr J. Harris, Cllr S. Lange, Cllr P. Osborne, Cllr G. Sutton and Cllr J Hallett

MINUTES JUNE26:

- 1) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** The council accepted apologies from Cllr Lange. Cllr Brazil, Cllr Lawford and Cllr Luscombe were also absent.
- 2) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Councillors were invited to declare any disclosable interest they may have in any items to be considered. None were stated.
- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENT**
None
- 4) **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**
 - a. Cllr J. Brazil – no report received
 - b. Cllr L. Lawford – no report received
- 5) **MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th May 2026** were signed by the chair as a true and accurate record.
- 6) **PLANNING**
 - a. **Applications (for resolution):**
No comment to make
 - b. **Decisions (for information):** None
 - c. **Withdrawn:** None
- 7) **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**
 - a. **A379 Slapton Line**
It was noted that there was a turnout and good press coverage of the Slapton Line Walk. Cllr Abbey attended the Slapton Line Alliance meeting with other local councils and noted that the alliance had reached back out to Stokenham PC but they do not wish to join. Members of the alliance met with Cllr Brazil and attempted to ascertain who makes decisions within the SLP. Lou Hoskin is the main spokesperson but has no decision-making authority. The SLP makes recommendations but has no power and no funding capacity. A representative of the business group at Stokenham will be invited to the next alliance meeting. The PC noted the general frustration caused by the lack of pragmatism from the district and county councils. The proposal to central government for funding was analysed and councillors were concerned that around 1/3rd of the amount required is allocated to the construction of the road. The PC would like more clarity on the figures. The 2023 survey (Hardiston Report) conflicted local knowledge regarding public transport use, hugely downplaying the reliance of locals and visitors on the bus service. Local businesses have provided hard figures on the impact on their bookings. A copy

of the Impact Assessment for the suspension of all bus services to Slapton was requested six weeks ago but has not been received. Councillors are awaiting a response from DCC.

Councillors discussed the structures fund that county can apply for, two of the criteria have been met. Cllr JB confirmed that a pre-application is being prepared, and a full application will be submitted before the end of September, Slapton PC note that the closing date for the application is the end of August and await a response from Cllr Brazil regarding the anomaly. Councillors discussed whether the SSSI designation could be revoked. The PC has requested a meeting with the Wild Planet Trust to ascertain their position, and they have confirmed representatives will attend the next SLP meeting. The PC noted their concerns over the lack of transparency from DCC.

Five Mile Lane was closed today with no notice. Councillors are concerned over the driving through the village and down Deer Bridge.

- b. Complaints and queries – councillors were provided with updates on complaints and queries received.
- c. Data protection training and audits – councillors will review in the Autumn

8) PROPOSALS RESOLUTION

- a. Asset Register (See separate document 8a) amendment to totals. Cllr Osborne proposed and Cllr Mitchelmore seconded and the councillors unanimously agreed to accept the revised Asset Register
 - b. Revised AGAR section 2 (document 8b) Cllr Abbey proposed and Cllr Sutton seconded and the councillors unanimously agreed to accept the revised AGAR section 2 to reflect the revised Asset Register
 - c. Adoption of publication scheme – on recommendation of the internal auditor the PC unanimously agreed to adopt the ICO model publication scheme and publish it on the PC website. The clerk will prepare and present the review of the compliance with the publication scheme at a future meeting.
 - d. Meeting dates: Does the PC wish to hold the meetings of the PC on the first Monday of each month (except August) unless a bank holiday, when they will be held on the next Monday. Cllr Osborne proposed and Cllr Fletcher seconded and the councillors unanimously agreed to hold the meetings on these dates.
 - e. Internal audit: Does the PC have any comment before the internal audit finalised. Cllr Osborne proposed and Cllr MFletcher seconded and the councillors unanimously agreed to accept the Internal Audit, no comments to be made
 - f. Insurance: Cllr Abbey proposed and Cllr Osborne seconded and the councillors unanimously agreed to accept the insurance renewal from Zurich for three years.
- 9) **CLERK'S REPORT:** The clerk noted that they will be working on the grass cutting and road warden contracts in line with the financial regulations and will begin the process of submitting the VAT reclaim.
- 10) **CHAIR'S REPORT:** The chair provided a full report of the updates regarding the Slapton Line earlier in the meeting. The chair noted that they will be attending the South Hams Society AGM.
- 11) **COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**
Councillors shared that the freestanding bin at the Memorial Park has been replaced with a fixed bin. The bins had been completely overflowing at both the Memorial and Tank car parks and they were not emptied until the Friday or Saturday. Overnight parking at the car parks has been raised to LH to discuss at the amenities meeting. The three car parks are insufficient, and vans are obstructing the throughways. Bins were emptied two days late after a one-day bank holiday. Councillors shared that there had been complaints over photographs being taken of children playing in the playpark.
- 12) **REVIEW OF ACTION LOG:** Work has started on laying the scalplings. Tim Morris kindly lent his wacker plate free of charge. Councillors to liaise with Cllr Harris on continuing laying more

scalpings following the heavy rainfall as it was too dry to identify where the puddles form. Some gravel will potentially be mixed in.

13) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a. **Payments to approve:** Cllr Abbey proposed and Cllr Sutton seconded and all councillors unanimously agreed to approve the payments below, which had been examined, verified and certified by the Clerk and RFO.

PAYMENT NO	DETAILS OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT
27	Nicholas Rowell Haulage: Scalpings. Invoice 37145, dated 6th May 2026 PAID	222.40
28	Slapton Village Shop: APM refreshments	87.59
29	VC Warehouse: May phone. Invoice no 1017283, dated 1st June 2026 DD	11.94
30	Hall Hire: Parish Council Meetings. Invoice no C061187/26, dated 1st June 2026	47.00
31	Woolston Accounts: May Payroll	20.00
32	H Iles: Clerk's salary June 2026, plus £26.00 WFH allowance	551.56
33	Tomlinson Solutions: setting up new email address. Invoice 13070, dated 29th May 2026	45.00
34	DALC: AI webinar. Invoice no 7688, dated 29th May 2026	42.00
35	Mathias Property Solutions: Road Warden for May 2026. Invoice no 2312, dated 28th May 2026	363.86
36	Mathias Property Solutions: Grass cutting for May 2026. Invoice no 2311, dated 28th May 2026	373.59
37	Lloyds: Service Charge. Ref: 484818492 AUTOMATIC PAYMENT	4.25

- b. **Balance at bank:** Cllr Abbey proposed and Cllr Fletcher seconded and all councillors unanimously agreed to approve the balance at bank

Balance as per bank statements on 24.05.26	Amount GBP
Community Account	15,294.17
Commercial Instant Access Account	14,465.31
Total	29,759.48

- c. **Receipts summary** Cllr Osborne proposed and Cllr Harris seconded and all councillors unanimously agreed to approve the receipts summary

Receipts as per bank statements on 24.05.26	Amount GBP
Community Account	132.00
Commercial Instant Access Account	6.34
Total	138.34

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on
Monday 6th July at 7.00 pm at Slapton Village Hall (main hall).**

The meeting closed at 20.45

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