

Minutes of the Meeting of Slip End Parish Council held on Monday 9th April 2018 at the Village Hall, Slip End at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Mr P Cooper (Chair); Mrs. S Minnighan; Mr. S Patterson; Mr.S Baird; Mrs C Beeton; P Segal (Clerk)

Ward Councillor: Cllr K Collins (part meeting)

Apologies; Cllr C Brennon; Cllr. P Shaw; Cllr. R Stay

Members of the public: Nine members of the public were present.

This meeting was chaired by Cllr. Cooper

18/19/01 Declarations of Interest

None

18/19/02 Meeting Open to the Public

There were no questions.

18/19/03 Minutes of recent meetings.

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2018 were read and approved.

The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr. Beeton and seconded by Cllr. Patterson

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th March 2018 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

18/19/04 Planning Matters

CB/18/00875/FULL – 102 Markyate Road, Slip End – Proposed Retirement Village.

Residents present wanted to express their concerns regarding the proposed development.

Main issues raised were that the buildings would be too close to their houses, their view would be severely affected and that pathways would be moved nearer their homes, adding to the security risks.

Cllr. Collins said that as the development is large in scale, it may well be elevated to the full CBC Planning Committee for a decision.

Cllr Minnighan said that she is in favour of a Retirement Village on the site, but not on this scale.

Cllr. Baird pointed out that this sort of development was identified in the last Parish Plan as local residents might like to downsize their own accommodation but still wish to stay in the Village.

There were concerns that visitors approaching the Village from the Markyate area, would initially see a large built up complex and this would give the wrong impression of the Village.

The Chair said he felt that the height of the buildings should be below the tree line.

One resident also questioned the developers offer to pay fully for the refurbishment of the Village Hall playground.

It was pointed out by Cllr Collins that developers are bound by law to contribute to local projects when applying for Planning Permission for large developments like this and the money should ideally be spent locally, otherwise it will go to neighbouring parishes instead.

The Developers will be holding a public exhibition of the plans in the next few weeks, and a decision from the Parish Council as to its recommendations, will be postponed until after the exhibition.

The Clerk was asked to contact the case officer to inform her of the decision **(P.S)**

18/19/05 Report by central Beds Councillor

Cllr. Collins said that the Neighbourhood Plan is moving forward. The Examiner has asked some relevant questions and there has now been a list of proposed amendments drawn up.

The date for the Public Referendum will soon be announced.

The Local Plan is also moving ahead, and the 31st March deadline has now been extended.

The waste bin collection consultation still has some time left before it closes.

Case Community Trust have concerns about affordable housing in the area, and also if people know who qualifies and how to apply.

Tony Keaveney has been asked to present to Caddington Parish Council at a future meeting.

- 18/19/06 Community Improvement Fund**
Cllr Minnighan said Mr Prothero would be speaking to Village Garden Services regarding the cost of putting up hanging baskets in the Parish and the cost of maintaining them.
- 18/19/07 Highways and Footpaths**
We have had the results of the speed survey for the area near to the Harrow site.
It is possible that a speed table here could serve a dual purpose if a zebra crossing were to be installed on it.
The Chair will contact Steve Lakin to discuss options **(P.C)**
Grove Road flooded again and there has been a smell of gas there.
The Clerk was asked again to report the flooding **(P.S)**
The new replacement for Michelle Flynn is now in place.
- 18/19/08 Gritter Replacement**
The gritter was purchase five years ago and will need replacing before next winter.
It was agreed that we need to continue to grit the side roads ourselves, and the question is do we want to purchase a new gritter or let the contractor purchase one and we pay per visit?
The Clerk was asked to contact the Clerk at Caddington PC to ask what they think best to do. **(P.S)**
- 18/19/09 CaSe Community Trust Representative**
The Chair said we have been approached by the CaSe Community Trust, to nominate a Councillor to sit on their board as a Trustee.
After a short discussion, Cllr Baird was nominated and this was agreed unanimously.
- 18/19/10 Community Projects Group**
Cllr. Patterson said that the CPG Accounts had been circulated and they have £14,753 in the Bank.
Grant applications have been sent out for this year.
- 18/19/11 Youth Shelter and Crawley Playground**
No Issues
- 18/19/12 Parish Trees**
Cllr Minnighan said that Cllr. Stay is dealing with the issue of the sapling in Crawley Close.
- 18/19/13 Accounts for payment**
Prior to the meeting The Clerk had circulated the schedule below **(Appendix A)** to members for approval. The payments were unanimously approved; having been proposed by Cllr. Beeton and seconded by Cllr. Minnighan. The cheques were signed by Cllr. Baird and Cllr Patterson.

The meeting was then closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed.....
Chair

Date.....

The meeting was then opened up to the public.
No issues

Appendix A

Cheques for Payment April 2018

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheq Num.</u>
Iris Software	Payroll Licence 18/19	£264-00	100552
Village Garden Services	Gritting - Feb	£258-58	100553
BATPC	Membership 2018/19	£401-00	100053
Village Garden Services	Gritting- March	£193-93	100054
Aley Green Cemetery	Precept 2018/19	£1214-00	100055
A Prothero	Gardening March 18	£495-80	100056
P Segal	Clerks Salary March 18	£782-71	100057
P Segal	Clerks Expenses March	£88-48	100058
HMRC	PAYE and N.I Q4	£749-06	100059