

**Minutes of the Meeting of Slip End Parish Council held on Monday 7th January 2019
at the Village Hall, Slip End at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillors: Mrs. S Minnighan; Mrs C Brennon; Mr. S Patterson; Mr. S Baird; Mr. P Shaw.
P Segal (Clerk)

Ward Councillors: Cllr R Stay (part meeting)

Apologies: Cllr K Collins; Mr P Cooper; Mrs C Beeton

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

This meeting was chaired by Cllr. Minnighan

18/19/122 Declarations of Interest

None

18/19/123 Meeting Open to the Public

No comments were made.

18/19/124 Minutes of recent meetings.

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2018 were read and approved.

The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr. Baird and seconded by Cllr. Shaw.

**To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd December 2018
and to authorise the Chair to sign them.**

The resolution was passed unanimously.

18/19/125 Planning Matters

Black Shu Developments had asked if they could present their revised plans for a Retirement Village in Markyate Road to Members at the meeting. The Chairman advised that the council wouldn't be able to comment on the application until they receive it via the Clerk.

Kevin McBride and Scott Moore said that they had submitted revised plans to CBC Planning and that the new plans address all the issues which led to the plans being rejected previously.

Requirements by Planning have in many areas been exceeded.

Changes made include;

- Reducing the height of buildings
- Scrapping the Care Home at the centre of the site
- Making a higher proportion of the apartments affordable
- Moving the nearest building further away from residents

Cllr Stay said that there had been a number of improvements to the previous plan and the greater number of affordable units is a plus.

Members said they look forward to seeing the plans once they are available.

18/19/126 Community Improvement Fund

The Chair said she has appointments to see four playground equipment suppliers later this month with a view to drawing up plans to refurbish the Crawley Playground this year.

18/19/127 Report by Central Beds Councillor

Cllr Stay said that the plans for a Harpers production facility at Pepperstock will be discussed shortly by CBC Planning Committee, and is recommended for refusal.

He felt however that following a site meeting by stake holders some compromises and restrictions may be imposed to allow for the application to be granted.

Flooding in Grove Road is being addressed.

Drains are filling with run off mud and constantly blocking.

Overgrown vegetation here will also be addressed.

There is concern about the Newlands Road Retail Park as retail sites are struggling.

The Rugby Club are moving to Sundon Park and the site is earmarked for several hundred new flats, adding to the strain on local roads unless action is taken.

A local resident brought up his annoyance over regular noise from motor bike riding on a farmer's land in Woodside on Sundays.

The Chair said that we could not enforce any restrictions as it was on private land but that we would keep an eye on any disruption caused.

18/19/128 Local Plan Update

Cllr Stay said that it is expected that the plan will go for inspection in April.

18/19/129 Highways and Footpaths

The overgrown vegetation at Half Moon Lane has still not been cut back.

The overgrown path to Luton Hoo has been reported.

18/19/130 New Website Domain

The Chair said she will be having a meeting on the 17th January with the web site builder to progress getting the new website up and running as soon as possible.

She asked if any Councillor would like to manage the old site but nobody was prepared to do this.

She said she would inform Peter King and the meeting acknowledged all the hard work he has put in over the years, and gave him a vote of thanks.

18/19/131 Community Projects Group

Cllr Patterson said that 218 tins of biscuits were distributed over the Christmas period.

The CPG Accounts will be available shortly.

The GNS Christmas party went well, as did the Christmas Day lunch at the Village Hall.

18/19/132 Youth Shelter and Playground

No Issues

18/19/133 Parish Trees

Sam Jempson will be meeting with Cllr. Cooper again to discuss the trees at the Playground.

The tree work at the St. Andrews churchyard has now been approved by the Diocese.

18/19/134 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. Brennan and seconded by Cllr. Baird. The cheques were signed by Cllr. Baird and Cllr. Patterson

The meeting was then closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed.....
Chair

Date.....

The meeting was then opened up to the public.

One resident complained about an old BT box that is now rusty and with no door in Woodside.

The Clerk was asked to report it and request its removal. **(P.S)**

The resident said that the free bus service offered by CASE that runs three times in the morning and three times in the afternoon, is poorly used and he felt that it should be better advertised.

An advert with the timetable should be placed in the Parish News.

The Chair said she would see if this could be done. **(S.M)**

The resident asked about the progress of plans for a speed table in Woodside Road, and would residents get a chance to comment?
 The Chair said that we will be applying for Match Funding before the deadline at the end of January. If we decide to proceed with the project, then Traffic Orders need to be raised and as part of the process, local residents will be consulted.
 He asked if speeds were monitored after the previous speed tables were installed?
 The Chair said speeds were recorded before and after the work was done and results would be forwarded to him if he wished. **(S.M)**
 He asked why the Parish Councils Precepts have increased markedly over the last few years.
 The Chair said that this was due to the need to raise funds to pay for the Traffic Calming work in the Parish.
 The Clerk said that next years Parish Council Precept will be kept the same as this years, effectively being 7% lower in real terms when inflation and increased tax base are taken into account.

Appendix A

Cheques for Payment January 2019

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheq Num.</u>
A Prothero	Gardening Dec 2018	£520-63	100589
P Segal	Clerks Salary Dec 2018	£806-08	100590
P Segal	Clerks Expenses Dec 18	£169-81	100591
S Minnighan	Meeting Expenses	£90-40	100592