



Slip End Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Slip End Parish Council held on Monday 2nd October 2023 at the Village Hall, Slip End.

Present: Councillors: Mrs. S Minnighan (CHAIR); Mr. P Shaw; Mr. S. Patterson
Mrs. C. Beeton; Mr. S. Durdell, Mr. S Baird, Mrs. V. Malone, Mr. K. Collins.

Also Present: Mrs. T. O`Neill (Clerk)

Apologies for Absence: Cllr. C. Brennan

2 Member of the public attended.

This meeting was chaired by Cllr. S. Minnighan (CHAIR) who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

None

23/24/283 Minutes of recent meetings.

The minutes of the meeting held 4th September 2023 were read.

The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr. Shaw and seconded by Cllr. Beeton to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th September 2023 and to authorise the Chair to sign them. The resolution was passed unanimously.

23/24/284 Planning Matters

None

23/24/285 Visit from Mr Young, Head of Slip End Primary School

Mr Young gave an overview of his plans for the school. The interactive white board is being installed next week in the library area. When it is open Mr Young invited members of the council to the school for a tour.

23/24/286 Report from Central Bedfordshire Councillor(s)

Cllr. V. Malone: The bollard in Grove Road has been replaced. The Planning Inspector has been monitoring the activities in the field in Markyate Road. The owners intend, to apply for planning permission to retain the timber structures and begin a horticultural use on the site. They have been advised to apply or remove before the end of October.

Cllr. K. Collins: Harpers in Pepperstock is hoping to have found a buyer. Nothing confirmed as, yet but the building is to be used as is and there are no plans to build housing on the land.

23/24/287 Flooding Working Committee Update

Flood Kit - extra items have been purchased to add to the flood kit. The flood signs were used in Aley Green in September to block off the road after a heavy downpour and significant flooding.

New Storage Container - the council discussed quotes received and agreed to purchase a used container which will be painted, delivered and supplied with a lock. The cost for the container will be £3299.00. It will be positioned at the Village Hall car park with agreed keyholders.

Sand Bags – we are looking at the cost of adding prefilled sand bags to the flood kit.

23/24/288 CASEBUG

No update

23/24/289 Crawley Playground and Youth Shelter

A new bolt for a piece of equipment is to be ordered and replaced. It does not affect the equipment and is not a health and safety issue.

23/24/290 Good Neighbour Scheme

Events – the Soup and Sarnie events starts again on the 3rd October. A Tea Party on 25th October, and Christmas Tea Party on the 21st December both to be held in the Village Hall. GNS will have a stall on the 26th November for the lights switch on. A trip to Frost Garden Centre is planned, a date is to be confirmed.

Christmas Biscuits – the resident list was confirmed, and biscuits will be delivered to 219 residents in the parish. The biscuit company will deliver to a central address for easy collection and distribution.

23/24/291 Community Improvement Fund

Christmas Tree – the Good Elf company are again providing a 15 foot Christmas Tree outside the village hall for the same price as last year.

Hanging baskets and Troughs - are being removed on the 9th October.

23/24/292 Fly Tipping

There were nine separate fly tips on Woodside Road in one week, and one in Church Road outside of St Andrews Church. The fly tips were reported and have been removed.

23/24/293 Highways and Footpaths

An overgrown tree and hedge in Church Road, has been reported to Central Bedfordshire Council in for cutting back, the Clerk has a reference number and will continue to liaise with CBC. The junction of Woodside Road and Luton Road has a damaged, Woodside, street sign due to a car accident, the Clerk will report this.

23/24/294 Parish Trees and Gardening

St Andrews Church – a resident who attends their family graves has brought to the councils' attention that the weeds and ivy have got out of control. The Parish Council is responsible for maintenance and health and safety issues only, but the following action plan has been put in place. The gardening contractor will do a tidy up of the area with the church continuing to cut the grass twice a year. The paths have significant moss on them and as this could be a health and safety issue the gardening contractor will clear these. The church has plans to plant wild, flowers in certain areas and will maintain this. The next phase of cutting back the churchyard trees is due to start in November.

23/24/295 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. P. Shaw and seconded by Cllr. C. Beeton. The cheques were duly signed.

Transfer of Funds - a cheque has been raised to transfer funds from Barclays Bank to a new bank account with Unity Trust. Unity Trust will then operate transactions through online banking to remove the old cheque system.

23/24/296 Policing

DPCC Ian Dalgerno of Bedfordshire Police Visit - DPCC Dalgerno introduced himself and outlined his role and updated the council on plans for his team.

- The team are focusing on rural policing of villages and farms. There has, been some targeted farm thefts. There has been a staff uplift on the rural crime team.
- Liaising with the emergency services to identify where facilities can be placed in the rural areas to ensure a swifter response to emergencies.
- There has been a big recruitment drive on new Police Officers, PCSOs and Community Police Officers. There are plans to recruit more Special Constables to police their own community areas.
- Plans are in place to combat antisocial behaviour particularly the use of motorbikes which is becoming an issue within local villages.

Any anti-social issues we experience in the village which we have reported and not received a satisfactory response from local authorities or the police, DPCC Dalgerno has urged us to contact him and his team.

The council discussed issues relating to the Peter Edwards Hall with drug use in the wooded area. He was also informed of the recent issues residents had experienced in Woodside from The Plough public house. The council supported the residents and contacted the right authorities and given additional contacts should this occur again. DPCC Dalgerno noted our concerns and will feed back to his team. The council will support the team by displaying communications from Bedfordshire Police in our notice boards and on the Parish website and social media.

23/24/297 Luton Airport Expansion

Cllr. Shaw and Cllr. Beeton attended three of the technical consultation sessions. Planning inspectors are doing a good job liaising with the Airport Expansion committee raising residents, concerns. The official enquiry ends on the 19th November. On the 17th November, inspectors will be visiting Slip End at Harpers and Front Street. The council have sent a letter to the planning inspectorate stating they wish to accompany the inspectors on this visit.

23/24/298 Residents Permit Parking

Two residents have sent suggestions and their views on Resident Permit Parking in the parish. The council have put together a draft consultation which will be finalised and agreed and then sent to local, residents.

23/24/299 Remembrance Day Statues

The parish council discussed and agreed to purchase some memorial statues and a bench to commemorate Remembrance Day. The Clerk will order these in time for this year's remembrance and they will be placed by the Village Hall and the coronation garden.

23/24/300 Residents Communications

Electric Charging Points - a resident asked about electric charging points in the village. After a presentation from the provider and after a great deal of discussion, the Village Hall Management committee decided they did not want them situated in the village hall car park.

Airport Parks Lighting – residents in Claydown Way have concerns about lighting at the airport parks site. The lights are extremely bright and are lighting up residents' gardens and windows at night. The original planning application stated planning permission is needed for further lights but nothing about existing lights. Residents have contacted airparks and not received a satisfactory response and have asked the council to support them. A resident also reported flooding in their garden from the sites tarmac. The council will write to airparks.

Defibrillator Village Hall – the defibrillator went missing from the Village Hall unit and was decommissioned from the emergency system. With great efforts to locate it with the East of England Ambulance Service and Heartbeat it remains missing. As this is vital to the community the council

have ordered a replacement. There are other units at the Peter Edwards Hall and Brickhill Park Homes in Pepperstock.

23/24/301 Closing Comments

Peter Edwards Hall - has now carried out emergency repairs and replaced its sewage pump system.

The Plough PH – the council has written to the licensing committee to request a review of the current licence to reduce licensing hours when the pub re-opens.

23/24/302 Date of next meeting – Monday 6th November 2023 at 7 pm.

Signed.....
Cllr Sarah Minnighan - CHAIR

Date.....

Appendix A

Slip End Parish Council Cheques for Payment / Approval 2nd October 2023

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheq Num.</u>
Tracey O'Neill	Salary October 23	£1175.42	100824
Tracey O'Neill	Expenses September 23	£39.56	100825
Lansdowne Services	Gardening Contract August 23	£ 946.96	100826
HM Revenue & Customs	Qtr 2 - Tax & NI	£511.89	100827
Mazars LLP	Audit Fees	£378.00	100828
Starboard Systems Ltd	Scribe Accounts Set Up & Annual Fee	£788.40	100829
BAPTC	Two Online Courses VAT & Budgeting	£60.00	100830
Sarah Minnighan	Flood Equipment	£140.81	100831
Total Cheque Payments for September 2023		£ 4041.04 =====	
Transfer of funds from Barclays Bank to Unity Bank		30373.08	100320

Authorised:

Proposed: _____

Seconded: _____