



Slip End Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Slip End Parish Council held on Monday 6th November 2023 at the Village Hall, Slip End.

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

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

23/24/303 Apologies for Absence: Cllr. P. Shaw, Cllr. S. Durndell

0 Member of the public attended.

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

23/24/304 Declarations of Interest

None

23/24/305 Meeting open to public for Agenda Items Only

23/24/306 Minutes of recent meetings.

The minutes of the meeting held 2nd October 2023 were read.

The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr. Patterson and seconded by Cllr. Beeton to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 2nd October 2023 and to authorise the Chair to sign them. The resolution was passed unanimously.

23/24/307 Planning Matters

None

23/24/308 Report from Central Bedfordshire Councillor(s)

Cllr. V. Malone:

There is no further update on the field on Markyate Road. The owners had until end of October to put in a planning application.

Cllr. K. Collins:

Had no updates. The council asked Cllr Collins to speak to Central Bedfordshire Council to inform them that the flooding in Grove Road Slip End is still an issue. There has been no difference after work was carried out to combat this with flooding over the raised kerb into the ditch.

23/24/309 Flooding Working Committee Update

Cllr. Brennan reported that Front Street experienced problems with the drains overflowing during the recent flooding. Cllr. Brennan will report it on Fix My Street.

Cllr. Minnighan has been liaising with Central Beds Council regarding local flooding issues. The drains were looked at by the Aley Green village sign in Woodside and were found to be damaged. This is being addressed. A survey has been started of the drains from Woodside Farm down to the Aley Green junction. This has only been half completed and Cllr. Minnighan is liaising with CBC.

New Storage Container

The storage unit has now been ordered. It will be sited in the Village Hall car park.

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Prepared by: Tracey O'Neill – Parish Clerk

Signed:

Flood Kit

It has been reported that the Hydro sacks take a long time to inflate. We had two requests from residents for sandbags and hydro sacks and these were supplied. Prefilled Sandbags was explored, and they can be obtained at an approximate cost of £180 for 60 sacks should these be required. We will continue to supply empty sandbags and ask residents to fill them. Another notice will go in the Parish News and on the Parish Council website.

23/24/310 CASEBUG

No update

23/24/311 Crawley Playground and Youth Shelter

Cllr. Minnighan spoke to Kompan our playground supplier about the bolt that is broken on a piece of equipment in the playground. The quote was received for £42.85 as the whole bolt unit needs to be replaced and has been ordered. It is not dangerous and will not cause any damage.

23/24/312 Good Neighbour Scheme

26th November is the lights switch on outside the Village Hall with a Christmas Market. If the weather is bad, stall holders will have access to the Village Hall.

226 biscuits have been ordered with Christmas Cards for elderly residents in the parish.

20th December - Christmas Party at the Village Hall.

Soup and Sandwich– has had 120 people attend so far, and it has been successful with new residents each week.

GNS Policies to be reviewed and updated.

Disclosure and Barring renewals are in the process of being renewed.

23/24/313 Community Improvement Fund

Hanging Baskets have been collected.

Replacement Defibrillator at the Village Hall has been ordered at a cost of £1296.00. The code to the unit will be changed and updated on the East of England Ambulance List.

Swimming Pool at Slip End Village School – sent a request to the Parish Council for a contribution to their fundraising to refurbish the swimming pool for the school and for local community use. The council are looking at the request and will discuss this at the next meeting on the 4th December. Any contribution will be allocated in the new financial year in April 2024.

23/24/314 Fly Tipping

Nothing to report.

23/24/315 Highways and Footpaths

Church Road overgrown hedge and Tree – there has been no update at the time of the meeting.

Footpath 2 Trip Hazard - was reported and repaired within 24 hours of being reported.

23/24/316 Parish Trees and Gardening

St Andrews Church – Lansdowne our gardening contractor attended the church to start the next phase of cutting back the trees but found the ground was too wet to commence work. They will return when the ground has dried out.

Coronation Gardens –The planting area needs overhauling and replanted. Our Gardening Contractor is looking at plans for this.

Remembrance Bench – a new bench is being sourced to go in the gardens.

23/24/317 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. Brennan.

23/24/318 Policing

Nothing to update.

- 23/24/319 Residents Communications**
Airport Parks Lighting - Residents in Crawley complained about the lighting at Airport Parks streaming through their windows. Cllr. Minnighan contacted Airparks to discuss a solution to this. Airparks are doing a lighting survey, and we will be updated in due course.
- 23/24/320 Luton Airport Expansion**
 Cllr. Shaw reported to the council that the enquiry committee were not keeping to their timetable. They visited Slip End prior to the timetable.
- 23/24/321 Residents Permit Parking**
 A residents' survey has been compiled which will go on the Parish Council website and in the Parish news. There will be options to complete the survey online or write to the Clerk.
- 23/24/322 Remembrance Day Statues**
 Two remembrance statues have been put on the front wall of the Village Hall.
- 23/24/323 80th Anniversary DD Celebrations – June 2024**
 The Parish Council would like to observe the DD celebrations that will be going on around the country. The plan would be to hold an event on Saturday 8th June 2022, further details to follow.
- 23/24/324 Closing Comments**
 Cllr. S. Durndell, attended British Values week at Slip End Village School to do a talk in assembly about the role of a Councillor and was well received.
- 23/24/325 Date of next meeting** – Monday 4th December 2023 at 7 pm.

Signed.....
 Cllr Sarah Minnighan - CHAIR

Date.....

Appendix A

Slip End Parish Council BAC's Payment / Approval 6th November 2023

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tracey O'Neill (Includes Working from Home Allowance)	Salary October 23	£1364.42
Tracey O'Neill (Includes purchase of Remembrance Statues of £350.00) (Includes £100 donation to Royal British Legion) (Includes £30 donation to the Chiltern Society)	Expenses September 23	£668.55
Lansdowne Services	Gardening Contract	£ 946.96
Good Elf	Christmas Tree and Lights	£1620.00
S Jones Containers Ltd	Flooding Container	£3958.80
Kompan Let's Play	Renewal Part for Playground	£42.85
SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks)	Annual Membership	£279.00
Community Heartbeat Trust	Powerheart G5 Defibrillator	£1296.00
Simon Patterson (GNS)	Christmas Cards	£213.41
Total BACS Payments for November 2023		£10389.99 =====
Transfer of funds from Co-operative Bank to Unity Bank		£25000.00

All payments will be made by BACS from Unity Bank

Authorised:

Proposed: ___Cllr. C. Brennan_____

Seconded: ___Cllr. C. Beeton _____