



# Slip End Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Slip End Parish Council held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at the Village Hall, Slip End.

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs. S Minnighan (CHAIR); Mr. S. Patterson  
Mrs. C. Beeton; Mrs. C. Brennan; Mr. S Baird, Mr. P. Shaw, Mr. S. Durndell, Mr. K. Collins

**Also Present:** Mrs. T. O'Neill (Clerk)

### 23/24/347 Apologies for Absence:

Mrs. V. Malone

1 Member of the public attended.

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

### 23/24/348 Declarations of Interest

**Good Neighbourhood Scheme** - Cllr. Patterson and Cllr. Beeton

### 23/24/349 Meeting open to public for Agenda Items Only

### 23/24/350 Minutes of recent meetings.

The minutes of the meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were read.

The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr. Durndell and seconded by Cllr. Patterson to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

and to authorise the Chair to sign them. The resolution was passed unanimously.

### 23/24/351 Planning Matters

**CB/23/03894/FULL Documents - Harpers Food, Half Moon Lane, Pepperstock, Luton, LU1 4LL - change of use from a retail/restaurant (Class E) to education use (Class F1 (a) including provision of multi-use games area, new fencing and landscaping.**

The parish council voted to support the application and agreed that it would be a good addition to the community.

### 23/24/352 Report from Central Bedfordshire Councillor(s)

**Cllr. V. Malone** - sent an update on the field in Markyate Road. At present there is no further update, the planning inspectorate continues to monitor the situation.

**Cllr. K. Collins** - Cllr. Minnighan raised the issues reported by several local residents on the road surface on Markyate Road which has been reported on FixMyStreet. It is a split road on the boundary between Central Bedfordshire and Dacorum Borough Council. Central Beds Council have confirmed that works will begin in March.

Cllr. Minnighan raised the issue of the damaged Traffic light on the crossroads by the shop. Central Bedfordshire Council say Luton Borough Council have responsibility for the

traffic lights. The Clerk will email Cllr. Collins the update, once received he will look into this.

### **23/24/353 Flooding Working Committee Update**

**Woodside** - We experienced significant flooding in the parish on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Mr. K. Stephens a resident in Woodside Road will send Cllr. Minnighan and relevant Central Beds employees photographs of the flooded field behind his property. Cllr. Minnighan will forward these to Cllr. Collins to pass to council. Mancroft Road in Aley Green flooded again which caused sewage to overflow into the road. Mr. Stephens very kindly placed our flood signs at this location.

The council agreed to purchase additional flood signs and shelving for the flood container. We also need to purchase some filled sand bags and other items. Cllr. Minnighan had circulated the options and costs to the council prior to the meeting, and will circulate a full list of requirements and costs. Mr. Stephens reported that the pump supplied with the original flood kit was not effective in significant flooding and we need to look at other options.

The council will approach residents at Mancroft Road in Aley Green and ask if we can store some flood signs on their property and see if they would be willing to put the signs up during a flood. This will help as attempting to get to the area to put signs out can be challenging.

**Grove Road** - the council agreed to ask Central Beds Council for road signs for both ends of Grove Road, stating that the road is liable to flood.

**Flood Container** - is now in place in the Village Hall car park.

Cllr. Vicky Malone is doing an amazing job of working with the council and residents on the flooding issues.

### **23/24/354 CASEBUG Update**

Mike Russell from CASEBUG attended the meeting. The new bus timetable is on hold due to the changes in the schedule. CASEBUG members are attending the bus forum meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> January, Mike Russell will update the Clerk on any developments. Users have reported that the Christmas service on the 232 was very good as there were two return services. CASEBUG will suggest running the holiday service timetable permanently. The council supported this.

### **23/24/355 Crawley Playground and Youth Shelter**

**Replacement Bolt for Playground** - Komplan sent the new bolt, and it was the wrong one. Komplan will replace it and refund the wrong part.

### **23/24/356 Good Neighbour Scheme**

The Christmas party was a huge success and £300 was raised in the raffle. Residents Biscuits were well received.

#### **Presentation of Accounts**

The Clerk will assist GNS in setting out their accounts in spreadsheet format to assist the treasurer and to produce to funders.

### **23/24/357 Community Improvement Fund**

Plantscape sent their costing for this year's neighbourhood planting. They are in their final year of their three year contract. The council will discuss the sort of planting required at the meeting in February.

### **23/24/358 Fly Tipping**

We have fly tipping again in Woodside road, the Clerk will report this.

### **23/24/359 Highways and Footpaths**

The hole in the ground in the pavement in Markyate Road has been reported to Central Bedfordshire Council, who have stated it is being investigated. The Clerk will monitor this.

**23/24/360 Parish Trees and Gardening**

Because of significant rain, the parish trees are unable to be started until the land dries out.

**23/24/361 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. Baird.

**23/24/362 Policing**

Bedfordshire Police sent a survey for residents. This has been put on the website.

**23/24/363 Residents Communications**

**Airport Parks Lighting** - Cllr Minnighan received an email from Airparks stating they are having a lighting survey soon and will let us know the outcome.

**23/24/364 Luton Airport Expansion**

The consultation is coming to an end, and we are now awaiting results.

**23/24/365 Residents Permit Parking**

The survey has now ended. We did not receive a huge response (5.4% of residents) even though the survey was posted on the website and local social media groups. As anticipated the roads we thought would have issues did and the responses were from those residents. The outcome was that a high majority of residents would like to see a scheme in place but not all wish to pay for it. Cllr. Minnighan will compile the data and send to Cllr. Collins to send on to Central Beds Council.

**23/24/366 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary DD Celebrations - June 2024**

The Clerk is setting up a meeting and will post something on social media to ask for volunteers to attend and take part in organising the afternoon tea event.

**23/24/367 Closing Comments**

The Plough Public House in Woodside is being refurbished. An advert is live on the Stonegate website for new management.

**23/24/368 Date of next meeting** - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7 pm.

Signed.....  
Cllr Sarah Minnighan - CHAIR

Date.....

**Appendix A**

**Slip End Parish Council  
BAC's Payment / Approval  
8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

<b><u>Payee</u></b>	<b><u>Reason</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Tracey O'Neill	Salary December 23	£1175.42
Tracey O'Neill	Expenses December 23	£127.84
Lansdowne Services	Gardening Contract - December 23	£ 946.96
HMRC	Qtr 3 TAX & NI	£649.29
Village Garden Services	Slip End Gritting Nov/Dec	£492.00
Community Heartbeat	Defib Battery/Rescue Kit	£386.94
Information Commissioners Office	Data Protection Fee	£40.00
<b>Total BACS Payments for November 2023</b>		<b>£3818.45</b>
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Transfer of funds from Barclays to Unity Bank		<b>£3818.45</b>

All payments will be made by BACS from Unity Bank

Authorised:

**Proposed:**

**Seconded:**