



Slip End Parish Council

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

Present: Councillors: Mrs. S Minnighan (CHAIR); Mr. S. Patterson
Mrs. C. Beeton; Mr. S Baird; Mr. P. Shaw; Mr. S. Durndell; Cllr. V. Malone

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

23/24/369

Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. C. Brennan; Cllr. K. Collins (who was unable to attend to the meeting due to another meeting)
4 Member of the public attended.

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

23/24/370

Declarations of Interest - Good Neighbourhood Scheme – Cllr. Patterson and Cllr. Beeton

23/24/371

Meeting open to public for Agenda Items Only

23/24/372

Minutes of recent meetings.

The minutes of the meeting held 8th January 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 8th January 2023 and to authorise the Chair to sign them. The resolution was passed unanimously.

23/24/373

Review and comment on Planning Matters:

CB/23/03897/FULL- land on the south west side of chapel field, Mancroft Road, Aley Green

Change of use to accommodation for rescued animals. Erection of a residential cabin and ICU areas. Creation of new access, parking, 2 storage buildings, bird enclosure and fox dens with enclosure.

Two residents of Aley Green attended the meeting to put forward their concerns and after a discussion, the Council members agreed to object to the planning application for the following reasons:

- The field always floods, and the water remains on the field. If structures were built on the field this may cause the water to run off the field and flood the street and cemetery entrance.
- Highways issues, such as traffic generation and access to the site causing subsequent flooding issues in an area that has known flood problems.
- Noise disturbance of animals and operating hours.
- There are already foxes, resident.
- There is already a rescue centre in Caddington which rescues foxes and birds.
- Potential loss/effect of trees.
- Will the enclosure be suitable for the green belt.
- Residential Cabin concerns over drainage on the land. Also concerns, that this could become a permanent fixture that eventually leads to site being further developed.

- 23/24/374 **Report from Central Bedfordshire Councillor(s)**
Update from Cllr. V. Malone
Grove Road - Central Beds Council have already completed work on the soak away and footpaths which has not resolved the flooding issues and additional work is to commence in March 24.
Markyate Road Field – pre application planning for the field is still in consultation. The description for development of the site is, to provide a productive agricultural and horticultural facility with ancillary visitor and tourist attraction facilities.
Markyate Road and Woodside Road – resurfacing work is to be carried out on Markyate Road and the junction of Woodside Road in March. Cllr. Malone asked the highways team to expedite the repair of the worst potholes, prior to March as the road is dangerous.
- 23/24/375 **Flooding Working Committee Update**
Central Beds Council are in discussions with a Woodside Road resident and a landowner regarding potential flooding from surrounding fields and are looking at options to assist with the drainage in Lower Woodside.
- 23/24/376 **CASEBUG Update**
There has been a pause to discussions with Central Bedfordshire Council whilst they are drawing up plans to close the budget deficit. CASEBUG continue to lobby to retain the transport budget and our understanding is that the transport budget, previously under threat has now been largely retained but the figures have not been issued.
We are commencing discussions with the Transport Officers on the proposed improvements to the 232 (231) and 230 services. We will be meeting with Adrian Hardy this month to discuss possible enhancements to the 230 service and Dave Streeton for the 232 service.
- 23/24/377 **Crawley Playground and Youth Shelter Update**
Our Contractor reported that the playground needs a deep clean prior to Spring. The Council agreed for them to go ahead.
- 23/24/378 **Good Neighbour Scheme Update**
AGM is being held on Friday 22nd March at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.
Easter Tea Party – Wednesday 27th March at 3.30 – 5.30 pm
Soup and Sandwich is continuing with approximately 26 clients a week.
- 23/24/379 **Community Improvement Fund**
Summer Planting
We will be going into our last year for our current contract with Plantscape. There are concerns that as the lamp posts are replaced with hinge posts that the planters will not be able to be fixed to them. We need to consider summer planting in troughs. The council agreed to ask Plantscape for a requote for trough planting. When we come to the renewal of contract, we will get quotes from local companies as well as Plantscape.
Slip End Pool Project – the committee recently had a meeting with Rachel Hopkins MP and remain in discussions with the school governors as to a final agreement on use of the pool outside school hours.
- 23/24/380 **Fly Tipping**
There has been considerable fly tipping in Woodside Road. Cllr Minnighan will email our Environmental contact at the council to discuss and arrange removal.
- 23/24/381 **Highways and Footpaths**

The hole in the path in Markyate Road near the shop has now been fixed with a new bollard and an additional bollard to prevent cars crossing residents' driveways. The damaged bollard outside the Slip End Stores has also been replaced.

The tarmac on Pepsal End Lane is damaged and has been reported for repair.

23/24/382 **Parish Trees and Gardening**

The Gardening contractor has completed tree work in St Andrews Church.

23/24/383 **Accounts for Payment and Approval**

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. Durndell and seconded by Cllr. Beeton.

23/24/384 **Policing**

The Crime Statistics for January show 4 reported crimes in Slip End Parish.

23/24/385 **Residents Communications**

Airport Parks Lighting – Cllr. Minnighan contacted Airparks who have reported that they are still waiting for their lighting survey to be carried out.

23/24/386 **Luton Airport Expansion Update**

Today is final day of round nine of consultation documentation. We are approaching the end of consultations and await the outcome. Cllr. Shaw is following progress and will update the council.

23/24/387 **Residents Permit Parking Consultation**

Cllr. Collins is sending the outcome of the consultation to the council.

23/24/388 **80th Anniversary DD Celebrations – Saturday 8th June 2024**

A poster has gone out on notice boards, the Parish website and social media, announcing the date and asking for volunteers and anecdotes from local families that had relatives in the area during the second world war. A meeting of the committee will be set up by the Clerk at the end of the month. The Clerk showed the council quotes for purchasing a Remembrance Bench. The council agreed to go ahead and approved the order of the bench.

23/24/389 **Councillors Evening – Monday 26th February 2024**

The Chairman has organised a Councillors evening where they will meet with local councillors and Clerks, to build up relationships and work together.

23/24/390 **Closing Comments**

Online Planning Training – there is an online training workshop for Councillors and Clerks to attend in March to update the council on the latest planning legislation. The Clerk took names of those wishing to attend and will book.

Cllrs. Minnighan, Shaw, Beeton, Stuart and Ward Councillor K Collins, attended a meeting on the 18th January with Andy Moore and another party from Legal and General to discuss options for the land Legal and General own in Front Street Slip End.

23/24/391 **Date of next meeting - Monday 4th March 2024 at 7.00pm.**

Signed.....

Cllr Sarah Minnighan - CHAIR

Date.....

Slip End Parish Council Meeting – 12th February 2024

Prepared by: Tracey O'Neill – Parish Clerk

Signed:

Appendix A

**Slip End Parish Council
BAC's Payment / Approval
5th February 2024**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tracey O'Neill	Salary January 23	£1181.13
Tracey O'Neill	Expenses January 23	£ 36.19
Lansdowne Services	Gardening Contract - January 23	£ 946.96
Lansdowne Services	St Andrews Church Trees	£2232.00
Total BACS Payments for January 2023		£4396.28 =====

All payments will be made by BACS from Unity Bank

Authorised:

Proposed:

Seconded: