



# Slip End Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Slip End Parish Council held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 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. K.Collins

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

23/24/392

**Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr. V. Malone (attending another meeting)

Member of the public attended.

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

23/24/393

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

23/24/394

**Meeting open to public for Agenda Items Only**

23/24/395

**Minutes of recent meetings.**

The minutes of the meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were read. The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr. P. Shaw and seconded by Cllr. S. Patterson to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and to authorise the Chair to sign them. The resolution was passed unanimously.

23/24/396

**Review and comment on Planning Matters**

None

23/24/397

**Report from Central Bedfordshire Councillor(s)**

**Flood Issues** - Cllr. Collins requested an update on flooding issues in the parish from Central Beds Council, who are making good process with plans for works to improve the key flood areas at Grove Road and Lower Woodside.

**Woodside Bend, Woodside Road** – only one reflective marker left on the bend, the other reflective markers have worn away. Cllr. Collins has requested new reflective markers to be installed.

**Radio 1's Big Weekend Event Stockwood Park – 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May 24** – Cllr Collins attended a planning meeting held by the organisers of the event. They acknowledged that Ward Councillors for Slip End and Caddington should be consulted regarding the weekend planning. Cllr Collins raised the issue of increased traffic in Slip End and stated it was a serious risk to residents due to its proximity to Stockwood Park.

**Residents Permit Parking Survey** – the survey is currently with Central Bedfordshire Council and is being assessed.

23/24/398

**Flooding Working Committee Update**

**Resident in Woodside Road** – Discussions with the residents of Lower Woodside whose property could be severely affected by the recent flooding have been ongoing. The Chair of the Parish council liaised with the CBC to raise concerns of the lack of progress to resolve this. Councillor. K. Collins has become involved and is also liaising with the council.

**Flooding equipment** – The Chair circulated costs for items to replenish the flood kit as flooding issues continue to be a problem in the parish. Additional road signs and traffic cones are needed and can be used for other events. The flood container needs a shelving unit to house the flood kit and keep the equipment dry. Filled sand bags are required, the council is still in receipt of unfilled sand bags. The Council approved the purchase of flood items.

- 23/24/399      **CASEBUG Update**  
Sent to the council prior to the meeting from the CASEBUG committee. After discussions with CBC Transport Officers the good news is that the Transport Budgets have been retained, following the period of consultation. We are awaiting official confirmation of this as detailed budgets have not concluded and whether requests for enhanced services on the 232 and 230 routes have been accepted. CASEBUG remain optimistic. We seek to apply for grants from local councils to produce new timetables but are currently in discussions with CBC to see if they will pay the full cost or part fund.
- 23/24/400      **Crawley Playground and Youth Shelter Update**  
Nothing to report.
- 23/24/401      **Good Neighbour Scheme Update**  
Annual General Meeting - 13<sup>th</sup> March.  
Easter Tea Party – 22<sup>nd</sup> March.  
GNS have been asked to have a stall at Village, day to provide teas and coffees.  
Soup and Sandwich has an average of 29 people attending each week.  
A Grant application has been sent to the parish council.
- 23/24/402      **Community Improvement Fund**  
**Trough Planting** - The council will measure for new troughs and then we will obtain quotes.  
**Swim Slip End Pool Update** - received a report from the committee and the Chair will send a response from Council members.
- 23/24/403      **Fly Tipping**  
Central Bedfordshire Council still, continue to clear fly tipping in the parish on a weekly basis.
- 23/24/404      **Highways and Footpaths**  
**Radio 1's Big Weekend at Stockwood Park – 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 24** – the Chair will prepare an article for the District Parish news magazine in April.  
The Peter Edwards Hall were approached by Harpenden parking to use the field for parking for the event for the full weekend. The Board of Trustees are in discussions, about income over the risk to significant damage to the field in the event of rain and the effect to parish residents, the Church and the Nursing Home. The Board of Trustees; will decide at their meeting in March and this will be communicated at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 23/24/405      **Gardening in the Parish**  
Nothing to report.
- 23/24/406      **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. Baird.

- 23/24/407      **Policing**  
Crime statistics – Slip End Parish reported three reports in February.
- 23/24/408      **Residents Communications**  
**Airport Parks Lighting** – no further update, the Chair will contact them again next month.
- 23/24/409      **Luton Airport Expansion Update**  
The official consultation closed at the end of February. The committee will report to the Secretary of State in May but none of it will be made public until this person decides it is appropriate to do so, at the earliest the end of summer.
- 23/24/410      **Residents Permit Parking Consultation**  
As per the update from Cllr. Collins the survey is currently with Central Bedfordshire Council and is being assessed.
- 23/24/411      **80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary DD Celebrations – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
We have received no response so far from advertising for volunteers, but the small committee continue with arrangements for the event. If anyone wishes to help with the event, then they contact the Clerk.
- 23/24/412      **Councillors Evening – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
The Parish council organised a local councillors evening at the village hall and invited local Councillors and Clerks from neighbouring parishes to meet and discuss events and good practice. The evening was a great success with several councillors / Clerks attending. Attendees thought it was a great idea and decided to take it in turns to host similar evenings every six months.
- 23/24/413      **Closing Comments**  
**Planning Workshop** – Training has been arranged for Councillors to attend an online training event on 28<sup>th</sup> March 24.  
**Internal Auditor** – Our internal auditor Mr Foster is retiring and will therefore be unavailable to complete the councils internal audit this year. The Clerk will send a letter of thanks from the council for his service over many years. The Clerk will source a new internal auditor.
- 23/24/414      Date of next meeting: **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.00pm.**

Signed.....  
Cllr Sarah Minnighan - CHAIR

Date.....

## Appendix A

### Slip End Parish Council BAC's Payment / Approval 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Clerks Salary	Salary February 24	£1222.73
Clerks Expenses	Expenses February 24	£ 89.49
Lansdowne Services	Gardening Contract - February 24	£ 946.96
BATPC	Planning Training 28/3/24	£ 210.00
Village Hall	Councillors Evening	£ 60.00
Cllr S Minnighan	Expenses February 24	£ 41.96
Aley Green Cemetery	VAT reclaim 1 <sup>st</sup> January - 31 <sup>st</sup> December 23	£ 102.30
Village Garden Services	Gritting – January 24	£ 688.80
<b>Total BACS Payments for March 24</b>		<b>£ 3362.24</b> =====

All payments will be made by BACS from Unity Bank

Authorised:

**Proposed:** Cllr. S. Durndell

**Seconded:** Cllr. S. Baird