



Slip End Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Slip End Parish Council held on Monday 4th December 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, Mr. P. Shaw, Mr. S. Durndell, Mr. K. Collins.

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

23/24/325 **Apologies for Absence:** Mrs. V. Malone

0 Member of the public attended.

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

23/24/326 **Declarations of Interest**

None

23/24/327 **Meeting open to public for Agenda Items Only**

23/24/328 **Minutes of recent meetings.**

The minutes of the meeting held 6th November 2023 were read.

The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr. Brennan and seconded by Cllr. Patterson to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held 6th November 2023 and to authorise the Chair to sign them. The resolution was passed unanimously.

23/24/329 **Planning Matters**

CB/23/03460 – 47 Woodside Rd, LU1 4DJ – Loft Conversion – **Been granted by CBC**

CB/23/03523 – Land to south of Ashridge, Pepsal End Road, Pepperstock, LU1 4LJ – erection of 2 detached 4 bed infill dwellings. The council agreed that the application was detrimental to the green belt as there is already approved planning on the land for six cottages. The application is also for four bed, large properties which is not going to be affordable housing for the local community. The council decided to send a response of object detailing the above reasons.

CB/23/03622 – Prebendal Farm, Grove Rd, Luton – Telecommunications Determination Masts, replacement of base station. The council agreed on no comment.

CB/23/03605 – 20 Markyate Rd, LU1 4BX – demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey extension. The council agreed on no comment.

CB/23/03788 – 98b and 98c Markyate Rd, Slip End, LU14BX – variation of planning for 2 detached dwellings. Contact planning officer – the council agreed the planning application was unclear and further clarification was needed. The Clerk has contacted the planning officer for further clarification.

23/24/330 **Report from Central Bedfordshire Councillor(s)**

Cllr. V. Malone

was unable to attend the meeting and had no further update.

Cllr. K. Collins:

Cllr. Collins gave an update on the Luton Expansion. The inspectors of the expansion committee have taken the recommendations from local councils, with regard to parking issues with increased

visitors to the airport. Parking in Slip End Parish needs to be addressed. A residents' parking scheme is in progress and will end 31st December, and the results will go to the examining body to see what options are available and if Luton Airport will pay for it.

The baseline data for noise was from 2019 and the applicant has been told to produce a new baseline. There is a discussion on possible noise insulation being installed in park homes and Woodside and Pepperstock, were discussed.

The second set of hearings finished on the 1st December. The common ground plan needs more work and further detail. It needs to span a number, of years and be able to react to ongoing problems. It will be signed off by all parties at the end of the exam period on the 10th February. It will then go to the Secretary of State in May 2024.

23/24/331 Flooding Working Committee Update

New Storage Container - is being delivered on the 19th December. The council agreed that a shelving unit was needed to house the hydro sacks to ensure they do not get wet.

Grove Road - continues to have significant flooding. Rick Thompson from Central Bedfordshire Council is aware and working on a plan. Survey work has been carried out on the flooding in Woodside Road and a problem has been encountered which CBC are looking into.

23/24/332 CASEBUG

CASEBUG continue to monitor the 230 service and attended the CASE AGM and made some suggestions to improve the service. No further update on the 232 service. If the proposal goes, ahead it will become the 231 service and run into Dunstable with only three return journeys, two in morning and one in the afternoon.

Tenders have been received from bus companies. Central Bedfordshire funding is ring fenced for infrastructure but not bus services. CASEBUG proposed a combined service with the four local parishes contributing to funding an all, day service. They would also like to produce a comprehensive timetable and will apply for a grant in the next grant applications in April 2024.

23/24/333 Crawley Playground and Youth Shelter

The new bolt has arrived and will be replaced.

23/24/334 Good Neighbour Scheme

Minibus outing to Frost Garden Centre - 8th December.

GNS Christmas party - 20th Dec

Soup and Sandwich – Christmas singalong this week with a Christmas extravaganza the following week with a quiz and Christmas food.

£40.55 profit for the Christmas fair stall.

Christmas Biscuits – will be circulated to local qualifying residents. The council discussed getting sponsorship from local companies for next year's biscuits.

23/24/335 Community Improvement Fund

Swimming Pool Update from Amelia England – the committee want to repair the pool and make it amazing for the school and the community. There has been a lot of fund' raising which so far has raised just under £100,000. There are six swim schools who wish to use the pool. Rachel Hopkins MP is very supportive and is going to meet with the school to discuss the project plans. We have some good supporters who are working with us. Bushmead have a board of trustees to run their swimming pool and the committee will look at their model. At present only Y6 students are being taken for outside swimming classes for six weeks and parents are having to pay £50 for this. The funders all have faith in the project, CBC Community Asset fund, Angus Brewer Community Crowd fund, and the Airport fund.

The Council are in support of the project and would like to contribute to the project and will look at a contribution in the new financial year.

- 23/24/336 Fly Tipping**
A few fly tips have been removed.
- 23/24/337 Highways and Footpaths**
Church Road overgrown Hedge and Tree – we have received communication from CBC that no further action will be taken on this request.
- 23/24/338 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.
- 23/24/339 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.
- Half Year Accounts** – The Clerk gave an overview of the accounts so far.
Approval of the Budget 24/25 – The Clerk outlined the budget approved by the Finance Committee. The Council unanimously approved the budget.
- 23/24/340 Policing**
The crime stats for Slip End are excellent.
- 23/24/341 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.
- 23/24/342 Luton Airport Expansion**
Covered in Cllr K Collins update.
- 23/24/343 Residents Permit Parking**
Covered in Cllr K Collins update. Another poster will go onto the Slip Enders facebook site and the Parish Council website. The survey will finish on the 31st December 23.
- 23/24/344 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.
- 23/24/345 Closing Comments**
Christmas Church Service - Cllr Durndell will do the reading at St Andrews Church for the Christmas Service.
The Plough PH – is being refurbished by the brewery and will reopen under new management.
- 23/24/346 Date of next meeting** – Monday 8th January 2023 at 7 pm.

Signed.....
Cllr Sarah Minnighan - CHAIR

Date.....

**Slip End Parish Council
BAC's Payment / Approval
4th December 2023**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tracey O'Neill	Salary November 23	£1175.42
Tracey O'Neill	Expenses November 23	£29.50
Lansdowne Services	Gardening Contract	£ 946.96
Lansdowne Services	Winter planting & Moss Removal - Church	£101.70
Slip End Village Day Association	Christmas Biscuits	£1576.20
Richard Gurney & Son	Outside Grass Cutting	£1248.00
A L Prothero	Fittings and Fit Remembrance statues	£25.00
Total BACS Payments for November 2023		£5102.78
Transfer of funds from Barclays to Unity Bank		===== £30373.08

All payments will be made by BACS from Unity Bank

Authorised:

Proposed: ___Cllr. ___Durdell_____

Seconded: ___Cllr. ___Shaw_____