

Minutes of the Meeting of Slip End Parish Council held on Monday 5th September 2022 at the Village Hall, Slip End.

Present: Councillors: Mrs. S Minnighan; Mrs C Beeton; Mr. P Shaw; Mr. T Hooker; Mrs C Brennan. P Segal (Clerk)

Ward Councillors: Cllr K Collins (part meeting)

Apologies: Cllr E Perry; Mr. Paul Cooper; Mr. S Patterson.

Members of the public: Five members of the public attended.

This meeting was chaired by Cllr. Minnighan.

22/23/69

Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Hooker said he will be sound recording the meeting.

22/23/70

Meeting Open to the Public.

None

22/23/71

Minutes of recent meetings.

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2022 were read.

The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr. Shaw and Cllr. Beeton;

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th July 2022 and to authorise the Chair to sign them.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

22/23/72

Highways and Footpaths

Summer Street Speed Survey

The Chair reviewed the results of the recent speed survey carried out in Summer Street.

The highest speed was from one car travelling between 45 to 50 mph.

Over 99% of vehicles travelled below the speed limit.

Based on these results, further action is not justified.

Residents from Summer Street attended the meeting and felt that the figures were skewed by the fact that local residents knew of the survey being carried out and were under the impression that number plates were being recorded.

Consequently, their speed was reduced during the survey period.

A few cars regularly speed down Summer Street, including a black Audi driven by a suspected drug dealer visiting the area.

Resident were asked to get his registration number if possible, so this can be passed on to the Police.

The Parish Council agreed with their conclusions, and requested the Clerk arrange a new survey to be carried out. It was advised that the new survey avoid school half term dates. **(P.S)**

The date of the new survey, if agreed by CBC will be confidential so not to skew the results again.

The Clerk was requested to circulate the results of the last survey to residents present. **(P.S)**

Residents also requested that we contact Caddington Speed watch to see if they would be prepared to carry out checks in Markyate Road.

This will be looked into.

22/23/73

Fly Tipping

Residents present asked about the regular incidents of Fly Tipping in the Parish.

The Chair said that we have a grab lorry that visits the usual sites on a weekly basis and clears rubbish.

We have requested that covert cameras be sited at fly tipping hot spots but have been told that these sites are not suitable. We will continue to push for cameras at these sites.

22/23/74

Planning Matters

1. CB/22/03299/FULL – 17 Markyate Road, Slip End – Erection of a two-storey side and single storey front extension and dropped kerb.

Cllr. Shaw said that he had concerns about parking, as this property has three cars.

After a short discussion, it was agreed not to comment on the application.

2. CB/22/03389/FULL – 2 Whyleys Cottages, Woodside Road – Single Storey rear extension

After a short discussion, it was agreed not to comment on the application.

22/23/75 Crawley Playground and Youth Shelter

The Chair said she had contacted Kompan regarding maintenance issues raised in the recent ROSPA report and was waiting for their reply.

We will need the zip wire re-tightened and we will ask their advice regarding the non - slip treads on the ramp.

22/23/76 Good Neighbour Scheme

Cllr. Beeton said there had been 26 clients attend the recent tea party in the Village Hall.

The Tombola raised £400 at Village Day.

She is discussing the idea if providing needy residents with a hot meal at the Rising Sun through the winter months.

Details are still being discussed and funding could come from the GNS and Parish Council.

There will be another tea party on 5th October at the Village Hall.

A trip has been organised to visit the Leighton Buzzard train.

This will be for twelve clients plus volunteers.

22/23/77 External Audit Result

The Clerk said that the external Audit has come back with no issues.

There was a note advising that we need to hold less Reserves, unless we have specified projects to use the money for.

22/23/78 Community Improvement Fund

Cllr. Beeton asked if we can have Christmas lights as well as the tree.

The Chair said that the tree will be lit and this will be sufficient.

She also asked if the Christmas biscuits box could be improved, as last year, there were fewer biscuits per box than previous years.

It was agreed that this should be looked into and we will try and source a better box at a reasonable cost.

It will be difficult to get the number of boxes delivered and stored that we require from an alternative supplier.

22/23/79 Report from Ward Councillor

Cllr. Collins said that representatives of Wrenbridge Land, the developers of the Newlands Park site wish to meet with him to discuss the development, and a date will be arranged.

He said he has had communications with agencies dealing with the Mancroft Road flooding issues.

Alternative projects are being discussed that will help alleviate the problem in the future.

He said that Harpers will be put up for sale shortly.

Peter Harper wishes to retire and the business is struggling with the cost of power increasing, so unfortunately they have little choice but to close.

This may enable the Half Moon Lane junction to be re-aligned quicker and the legal issues are sorted out.

Cllr Hooker asked about the agreed Planning Consent for workers cottages near the site.

Cllr. Collins said that they have a number of conditions attached, which may well not be able to be fulfilled, and so their construction will probably not take place.

Cllr. Collins agreed that the request for a new Speed Survey in Summer Street is valid, given the circumstances of the previous survey.

22/23/80 Parish Trees and Gardening

We have had a resident comment how good the Coronation Gardens hedge looks.

The members agreed, and congratulated Mr. Thrift on doing a great job.

The Clerk was asked to contact Luton Hoo Estates to request that the Front Street hedge be trimmed.

(P.S)

22/23/81 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.

- 22/23/82 Policing**
It was agreed that the Crime Stats still showed a low level of crime reported in the Parish.
- 22/23/83 Residents Communications**
Cllr Hooker said that the bus sign outside the old Harrow site is hanging off and he is trying to get CBC to repair it.
- 22/23/84 Closing Comments**
None

Date of next meeting – 3rd October 2022.

Signed.....
Chair

Date.....

Appendix A

**Cheques for Payment
September 2022**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheq Num.</u>
Landsdowne Servs	Gardening July 22	£737-50	100255
Playsafety Ltd.	ROSPA Inspection	£142-80	100257
P Segal	Clerks Salary July 22	£963-15	100258
P Segal	Clerks Expenses July	£72-50	100259
Lansdowne Servs	Gardening Aug 22	£737-50	100261
Lansdowne Servs	Bus stop seat repair	£29-45	100262
Mazars LLP	External Audit Fee	£360-00	100263

Plantscape Ltd	Hanging Baskets and Watering 2022	£3268-80	100264
P Segal	Clerks Salary Aug 22	£963-15	100265
P Segal	Clerks Expenses Aug 22	£97-79	100266