

**Minutes of the Meeting of Slip End Parish Council held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at the Village Hall, Slip End.**

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

Ward Councillors: None

Apologies: Cllr E Perry; Cllr K Collins

Members of the public: No members of the public attended.

This meeting was chaired by Cllr. Cooper

**22/23/102 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Hooker expressed an interest in item 5 on the agenda and made the following statement; "My declaration on my official Election Nomination said "say no to more housing development." I am generally opposed to more, new house building, but I have come to this meeting with an open mind." He also said he will be sound recording the meeting.

**22/23/103 Meeting Open to the Public.**

None

**22/23/104 Minutes of recent meetings.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 were read.

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

**To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 and to authorise the Chair to sign them.**

**The resolution was passed unanimously.**

**22/23/105 Planning Matters**

- 1) **CB/22/04133/FULL – Hillview, Luton Road, Markyate – Extension to existing building to create an aftersales reception.**

The Chair said that this was an additional planning application to create a reception area at the site.

After a short discussion, it was agreed not to comment on this Planning Application.

Cllr Hooker said that the previous application was voted on by E-mail as the consultation dates fell between meetings, and he was not aware of the final vote.

The Clerk agreed that final voting results should be circulated in future, when an E-mail vote has taken place.

**22/23/106 Crawley Playground and Youth Shelter**

Cllr. Minnighan said that Kompan has quoted for repairing a section of path that has shrunk, and is now a trip hazard. The cost will be £1200.

**22/23/107 Good Neighbour Scheme**

Cllr. Patterson said that the GNS Christmas party will be on 30<sup>th</sup> November at the Village Hall.

The Soup and a Sandwich project for residents is going ahead at the Rising Sun.

The number of biscuit tins required for Christmas, is now standing at 226.

There has been a First Aid course and a Manual Handling course held for selected volunteers.

The GNS have requested a £500 grant to help pay for the £2 cost of the Soup and a Sandwich project.

Residents will pay £3 and GNS have requested the top up £2 from the Parish Council.

They have projected that the costs could be £900, and the request for £500 is an interim payment.

The Chair questioned the costings of £5 per head just for soup and a sandwich.

As he runs a pub, he felt that this cost was excessive.

He said that the Rising Sun will be making a profit on these costings, and was not community spirited. After discussion, it was agreed to pay this initial contribution and review numbers attending at the next meeting.

The Clerk requested that the Rising Sun Invoice us for this amount.

GNS have also requested £74.50 for disposables, and this was agreed.

**22/23/108 Approval of the 2022/23 Half Year Accounts and Budget overspends**

The Clerk had previously circulated the Half Year Accounts to Members.

The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr. Brennan and Cllr. Beeton

**To approve the 2022/23 Half Year Accounts.**

**The resolution was passed unanimously.**

The Clerk said that all budget areas were in line with expectations, except Room Hire, as the Village Hall had raised their fees, and we have hired the Hall for an extra meeting.

He warned that the ongoing repairs to the Playground will put us over Budget for this item at full year end.

**22/23/109 2023/24 Budget**

The Chair said the Finance Committee will meet on the 28<sup>th</sup> November to finalise proposals to put forward to the Parish Council in December.

We will need to reduce our cash holding, and would do this via a reduction of the Precept compared to an inflationary uplift.

The Clerk said that inflation is now over 10% and so our costs are expected to rise in line.

He said that Edwin will speak to the Parish Council early next year to request an uplift on his contracted quote for 2023/24.

Cllr Hooker felt that agreeing to a full inflationary uplift was not desirable and contractors should absorb some of the costs themselves.

**22/23/110 Community Improvement Fund**

Cllr. Minnighan said Mr. Prothero has re-attached the Parish signs to the plastic gates, and an Invoice has been submitted.

**22/23/111 Fly Tipping**

Cllr. Minnighan said that recently Fly tipped material has been cleared.

**22/23/112 Highways and Footpaths**

No Issues

**22/23/113 Parish Trees and Gardening**

The Chair said he needs to photograph the overgrown shrubs and trees in Old School Walk next year with a view to asking our contractor to trim these back. **(P.C)**

**22/23/114 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. Minnighan and seconded by Cllr. Brennan.

The cheques were signed by Cllr. Minnighan and Cllr. Paterson.

**22/23/115 Report by Ward Councillors**

No Ward Councillor attended the meeting, but Cllr. Collins circulated an earlier E-Mail outlining some of the issues previously discussed.

The Chair said that the 231 bus service cuts had been discussed by Cllr. Collins with the Transport Team, but a resolution does not look promising. Discussions continue.

230 Bus Service timetable is under review for implementation early in the New Year.

There is a plan to run the 230 service in a one-way loop, and a continuation of its free status.

Cllr Shaw said that Caddington residents are not happy with the proposed changes.

The Chair said that bus companies are removing the unprofitable sections of routes, after a reduction of subsidies.

In some cases, routes were subsidised to the tune of £14 per passenger per trip!

Bus companies need to make a profit and CBC have not got the funds to continue to subsidise unprofitable routes.

Cllr Collins has visited Grove Road with the Highways Custodian and it is likely that we will need a new soak-away at this location to help solve the flooding here.

The Clerk was requested to advise Cllr. Collins that the pavement did flood in the recent spell of rain, but it was not as bad as previously, because it had been raised. **(P.S)**

The Planning Application for 40 Front Street has not yet been decided, but it was felt by the Case Officer that this would be refused.

**22/23/116 Policing**

Cllr. Minnighan said there had been anti-social behaviour issues outside the Church and in the car park. This has been reported to the Police and any further incidences should also be reported.

**22/23/117 Residents Communications**

The Chair said that there will be a Remembrance Service and wreath laying at the Church this Sunday, and Members were encouraged to attend, if possible.

**22/23/118 Closing Comments**

Cllr Shaw said the fireworks factory in Half Moon Lane will be closing, and the site put up for sale.

**Date of next meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

**Signed**.....  
**Chair**

**Date**.....

**Appendix A**

**Cheques for Payment  
November 2022**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheq Num.</u>
Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal	£75-00	100733
Lansdowne Services	Gardening Oct 22	£737-50	100734
Good Elf	Christmas Tree and Lights	£1,620-00	100735
SLCC	Membership 2022/23	£186-00	100736

Richard Gurney + Son	Grass Cutting	£1380-00	100737
A Prothero	Re-Install Parish Signs	£219-75	100738
P Segal	Clerks Salary Oct 22	£962-95	100739
P Segal	Clerks Expenses Oct 22	£89-95	100740
GNS	Disposables for lunch Project	£74-50	100741
Farrbrew Ltd	Contribution to Lunch Project	£500-00	100742