

Minutes of the Meeting of Slip End Parish Council held on Monday 4th April 2011 at the Village Hall, Slip End at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Mr K Crossett (Chairman); Mr P Cooper (Vice Chairman); Mr S Fuell.
Mrs J Crawley; Mr P Penman; Mr K Holme; Ms S Minnighan
Central Beds Cllr Richard Stay (part meeting)
P Segal (Clerk)

Members of the public: Three members of the public were present.

Apologies: Cllr Ruth Gammons

10/11/193 Declarations of Interest
None

10/11/194 Meeting Open to the Public

The Chair welcomed everyone to the last meeting of this Council ahead of the May elections and asked the public for any comments on agenda items.

There were no comments made.

The Chair stated that Cllr Penman will not be standing at the election so this would be his last meeting. He thanked Cllr Penman for his service and guidance to the Council over the past twenty years.

This sentiment was echoed by all the Councillors present.

10/11/195 Minutes of recent meetings.

The minutes of the meeting of 7th March 2011 were read and approved. The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr Penman and seconded by Cllr Minnighan;

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th March 2011, and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

10/11/196 Report from Central Beds Councillor

Cllr Stay said that Council members were now in Purda ahead of the May elections.

There will be eight candidates standing in Slip End so the election will be contested.

The Central Bedfordshire Budget has now been set.

The May election will see the end of two years of Central Bedfordshire Councils existence.

Cllr Stay left the meeting at 7.45pm

10/11/197 Central Beds Budget Cuts

The Chair said there was nothing new to report, and that the mobile library ceased on 2nd April.

10/11/198 Speeding issues in the Parish

The Chair and Cllr Fuell have met and decided on dates, locations and times of Paid for Police

Speed enforcement visits. The next step will be to discuss with Caddington Council if they wish to join with us in the initiative before agreeing the plans with the Police.

10/11/199 Report on local roads

Cllr Fuell said that a list of all the planned roadworks in the area had just been sent through but had not yet been checked.

There will be major disruption when the local water company start work in the Parish to change the old metal water pipes to plastic over a five month period. Cllr Fuell has a meeting with the water company on 14th April to discuss the proposed works.

Cllr Holme said that water may be switched off up to twelve hours when these works take place.

Cllr Fuell had met with his lighting contact at Central Beds Council and looked at the poor lighting situation in Summer Street and Front Street. He has proposed only adding the three extra lighting poles required if we were prepared to have the lights switched off between 1.00am and 5.00am.

Cllr Fuell was not sure if this applied to the whole of the Parish or the two selected streets.

Cllr Penman said the extra cost of the three extra lights was minimal and certainly not worth the potential trade off by having the lights go off at 1.00am!

Cllr Fuell agreed, and said we were vulnerable because of our remote location and the closeness to the motorway. Cllr Fuell will go back to his contact to discuss a better outcome. **(S.F)**

10/11/200 Garages in St Andrews Close

Cllr Minnighan was pleased to report that the fire damaged Garage had now been repaired and only needed a new garage door. The other garages now look poorly maintained in relation to the new garage, with peeling paint, damaged roofs and side walls.

It was agreed that Central Beds Council be informed again of the poor state of these garages and the danger they pose to children retrieving balls from the roofs. The Chair to draft a letter for the Clerk to send to both the Planning Authority and Environmental Health Departments. We will be seeking a site meeting with them to see the problem first hand. **(K.C, P.S)**

Cllr Minnighan said that with the better weather there has been a rise of youth activity around the garages with children congregating and causing a nuisance. Residents present at the meeting also complained of the increased anti social behaviour of the youths.

Cllr Minnighan will write to the Police to request that PCSOs visit the garages on their patrol at a time when the nuisance usually occurs. **(S.M)**

10/11/201 Footpath Report

Mostly seems ok. The Allotment field had been dug up again and not re-rolled.

Cllr Penman will speak to the farmer to let him know we do a Monthly Footpath report and tell him his ploughing is noted. **(P.P)**

10/11/202 Trees in the Parish

All seem OK but there may be issues when they start to bud and shed blossom. It was decided to take this item off future Agendas.

A tree had started to spring up next to a garage in St Andrews Close and if left to get any bigger may damage the garage. It was agreed to ask Andy Prothero to cut this down and dispose of it before any damage is done. **(P.S)**

10/11/203 Youth Shelter

Nothing to report

10/11/204 Crawley Playground

Nothing to report

10/11/205 Planning Matters

CB/11/00474/FULL - Airparks.

Upgrade of site

The Chair stated that the planning Application was exactly as presented to the Council and the clerk was instructed to inform the Planning Authority that the Parish Council supported the application. **(P.S)**

10/11/206 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 Penman and seconded by Cllr. Cooper.

10/11/207 Parish Plan Payment

The Chair announced that the second stage payment of the Parish Plan payment has been requested and had been approved. The cheque should be with us shortly.

10/11/208 Purchase of new payroll software

The Clerk stated that new software was now required to pay the payroll for both Slip End Parish Council and the Clerks salary at Aley Green to stay within HMRC rules. The extra initial purchase cost will be charged to Aley Green Joint Committee. There was no increased costs to the Parish council. This was unanimously agreed.

10/11/209 Installation of Floodlights at Playing Fields

The Chair had received a request by Slip End Playing Fields for the Parish Council to pay for the installation of floodlights at the Playing fields. After a brief discussion, this was unanimously agreed. The grant to CPG will be reduced next year to take account of the installation costs.

10/11/210 Date of Next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting will be **Monday 9th May 2011 at 7.30pm**

This meeting will include the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual meeting of the Parish.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 8.25pm

Signed.....
Chair

Date.....

The meeting was then opened to the public
There were no questions from the public

Appendix A

**Cheques for Payment
April 2011**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheq Num.</u>
HMRC	PAYE and NI (4 th Quarter)	£798-91	100018
P. Segal	Clerks Salary March 11	£650-30	100019
P. Segal	Clerks Expenses March 11	£127-84	100020
A. Prothero	Contract Gardening March 11	£374-38	100021
S. Fuell	Travel Expenses	£17-60	100022
Community Tree Trust	Agreed Donation	£50-00	100023
	TOTAL	£2,019-03	