

Minutes of the Meeting of Slip End Parish Council held on Monday 9th May 2011 at the Village Hall, Slip End at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Mr K Crossett (Chairman); Mr P Cooper (Vice Chairman); Mrs J Crawley; Mr S Baird; Ms S Minnighan
Central Beds Cllrs Richard Stay; Ruth Gammons
P Segal (Clerk)

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

Apologies: Mr S Fuell; Mr K Holme

11/12/01 Declarations of Interest
None

11/12/02 Meeting Open to the Public
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the public for any comments on agenda items. One resident asked where the money is coming from to pay for the changes indicated on the Parish Plan.
The Chair explained the funds were initially raised based on Councils view of the improvements residents wished to see. However, it was subsequently decided to put to residents, at a public meeting, the need to produce a Parish Plan in order that residents views could be more accurately be determined. The funds raised have been held pending the outcome of the plan.
Cllr Cooper confirmed the council tax was raised to allow for a fund of £25,000 to be set up. This was a one-off raising of the tax and it went down again in the subsequent year.

11/12/03 Minutes of recent meetings.
The minutes of the meeting of 4th April 2011 were read and approved. The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Minnighan;
RESOLVED:
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th April 2011, and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.
The resolution was passed unanimously.

11/12/04 Election Results
Following the recent local elections, The Chair welcomed Cllr Baird to the Council.

11/12/05 Speeding In the Parish
Locations, timings and durations for the next set of Police speed surveillance visits have been agreed. The Water works currently taking place in the Parish will delay any Police visits but once the works have been completed, the Police visits will re-comencnce

11/12/06 Report on Local Roads
The Chair said that apart from the Water Works, there were no new issues to discuss.

11/12/07 Garages in St Andrews Close
The Chair stated that the Clerk has written to Central Bedfordshire Council regarding the Parish Councils concerns over the safety of these garages. We are still waiting for a reply.

11/12/08 Footpath Report
The Chair reported some progress in completing some of the repairs and fly tipping highlighted in Don Burfords report.
Cllr Cooper suggested using the Community Payback Scheme, where offenders use their Community service time to tackle jobs in an area, to be used on jobs in the Parish. It was agreed that the Chair, Cllrs Fuell and Cooper with Andy Prothero will meet to discuss jobs that need doing in the Parish and could be tackled under the scheme. **(K.C,S.F,P.C,A.P)**
It was mentioned that Luton Hoo estate has not cleaned up the Allotment areas as previously agreed, and some areas still cannot be used. Jason Jordan, Estate Manager at Luton Hoo to be contacted by the Clerk to remind him of this outstanding job. **(P.S)**

11/12/09 Youth Shelter
Nothing to report

11/12/10 Playground
There were one or two issues raised by Andy Prothero`s last report regarding areas of wear and tear in the playground. Andy Prothero was asked to start any repairs needed or brief Richard Gurney if the job is too big. **(A.P)**

11/12/11 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. Cooper.

11/12/12 Report from Central Beds Councillors
Cllr Stay was please to announce that both he and Cllr Gammons had both been re-elected to the Council. Central Beds Council vote reflected the National trend and the first ever Labour Councillor was elected.
Going forward, the Localism Bill and Big Society would be topics that are discussed more frequently in the Months to come.
The Chair said that lighting issues in Front Street and Summer Street were on-going and a satisfactory solution is sought.
Cllr Stay congratulated all the Councillors on being elected, and said that sharing services with neighbouring Councils is a good way of reducing costs. He said that the purchasing and running of a local gritter was progressing well and grit is currently being stored for us at the Dunstable depot which had been purchased at a favourable rate. Zurich Insurance will have a Community Insurance Policy in June 2011, which insures local volunteers at a favourable rate.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 8.45pm

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

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

Appendix A

**Cheques for Payment
May 2011**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheq Num.</u>
Iris Business Software	PAYE Software	£244-80	100024
Aon Ltd	Insurance payment	£1,025-00	100025
A. Prothero	Contract Gardening April 2011	£380-00	100026
BATPC	Membership 2011/12	£377-00	100027

Aley Green Cemetery	Precept 2011/12	£991-00	100028
Slip End Village Hall	Hire costs 2011/12	£330-00	100029
P Segal	Clerks salary April 2011.	£661-71	100030
P Segal	Clerks Expenses April 2011. (Inc clerks six months WFH allowance)	£294-03	100031