

**Minutes of the Meeting of Slip End Parish Council held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at the Village Hall, Slip End at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors: Mr K Crossett (Chairman); Mr P Cooper (Vice Chairman); Mr K Holme; Mrs J Crawley; Mr S Baird; Ms S Minnighan  
Central Beds Cllr Richard Stay (part meeting)  
P Segal (Clerk)  
Mr D Leverington; Ms M Flynn (Central Beds Council) (part meeting)  
PCSO Paul Clark; PCSO Shaun Mapp (part meeting)  
Members of the public: Three members of the public were present.

**Apologies:** Mr S Fuell; Mrs R Gammons

**11/12/50      **Declarations of Interest****  
None

**11/12/51      **Meeting Open to the Public****  
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the public for any comments on agenda items. There were no comments.

**11/12/52      **Minutes of recent meetings.****  
The minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were read and approved. The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr Minnighan and seconded by Cllr Baird;  
**RESOLVED:**  
**To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011, and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.**  
**The resolution was passed unanimously.**

**11/12/53      The minutes of the financial meeting of 20th July 2011 were read and approved. The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr Minnighan and seconded by Cllr Baird;**  
**RESOLVED:**  
**To approve the minutes of the financial meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th July 2011, and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.**  
**The resolution was passed unanimously.**

**11/12/54      **Presentation by David Leverington and Michelle Flynn****  
The Chair welcomed David and Michelle to the meeting.  
David explained that he led a team of ten whose remit is all aspects of rural affairs. He outlined some of their work and issues being looked at currently;  
Vegetation clearance is the main area of expenditure. One farmer locally is being paid to cut vegetation in May and September. Community Payback scheme is another area that can be used to keep vegetation in check. The area around the Harrow public house is one area that benefits from this. The issue of a local farmer ploughing up his field and not re-instating the public footpath was raised. The footpath is only re-instated after walkers tread a path through the ploughed field!  
David thought the farmer should be contacted and asked to leave a grass footpath. Cllr Cooper said he will contact the farmer concerned. **(P.C)**  
New footpaths can be added to the plan but the land owner's permission is needed before any changes can be made.  
The Council should be vigilant when Planning Applications are inspected for the impact on local footpaths.  
The need for more destination signposts was discussed. If more are needed, Michelle should be contacted.  
A `Parish Guide` may want to be introduced to highlight the amenities in the Parish. This could be in paper or electronic format.  
The Chair thanked David and Michelle for their attendance and continuing work to maintain the rural landscape.

**11/12/55      **Footpath Report****  
The Chair read through Don Burfords report. He stated there was no resolution in knowing who owns the hedge around Coronation Gardens and thus knowing who's responsibility it is to maintain it. The Chair thanked Mr Burford for his monthly reports.

**11/12/56 Speeding in the Parish**

The speed enforcement operation in the Parish had been suspended whilst water main repairs were under way. Now these have been completed, we will be resuming the initiative with Caddington.

**11/12/57 Report on local roads**

The Chair reported that Cllr Fuell and Nick Carofello will be inspecting the roads shortly to highlight areas of concern.

**11/12/58 Garages in St Andrews Close**

Central Beds Council inspectors have looked at the garages and have declared them safe at the moment. We have requested that they inspect them on an annual basis in case their condition deteriorates. This has been agreed by CBC. This item will now be removed from the Agenda.

**11/12/59 Youth Shelter**

Andy Prothero reported that the padlock on one of the waste bins had been glued closed and now needs replacing. There was a feeling that new Traveller children from Timberlands may be mixing with the local youths and are causing the increased level of unsocial behaviour around the Youth Shelter. Cllr Holme will speak to Tony Keaveney to find out if new residents of Timberlands are causing the disturbances. **(K.H)**

**11/12/60 Planning Applications**

No new Applications have been received

The Chair said there had been a query regarding the use of advertising banners near a local business premises. The owner now has been advised that there were restrictions on use of banners and this was a local Council issue. They have been advised to contact Central Bedfordshire's planning department for guidance.

**11/12/61 Adoption of Risk Assessment**

The Chair stated that a Risk assessment has been carried out by the Clerk and circulated to members. No requests for any amendments had been made and the following resolution was proposed by Cllr Crawley and seconded by Cllr Baird;

**RESOLVED:**

**To approve and adopt the August 2011 Risk Assessment.**

**The resolution was passed unanimously.**

**11/12/62 Report from Central Beds Councillors**

Cllr Stay said that the next `Lets Talk together` meeting will be on 29<sup>th</sup> November and helps everybody understand what is happening outside the Parish. As many people as possible should be encouraged to attend.

Cllr Stay felt it would be beneficial if there could be discussion on future direction of the Planning strategy. He was delighted to confirm that funding for the formation of a Neighbourhood Plan has been approved and there was now a £20,000 fund to take this initiative forward. It was a unique chance to put forward resident's views on what infrastructure is needed for the next ten to fifteen years. Areas of growth will be identified as well as areas where no development should take place. At the end of the process, a document will be produced that will form a key part of the planning process.

Case4 will be meeting later this week, and then maybe a joint meeting between Slip End, Caddington and Central Bedfordshire Councils.

**11/12/63 Parish Plan Update**

The Chair was pleased to report the completion of the Parish Plan and distributed copies to Councillors and the Clerk.

He requested that Councillors form a group to look at project priorities, Budgets, and levels of spend resulting from the Plan. Cllr Holme, Cllr Crawley, Cllr Baird and possibly Cllr Fuell will form this group.

The Chair will E-Mail Councillors and arrange an opening meeting. **(K.C)**

**11/12/64 Police Report**

The Chair welcomed PCSO Paul Clark and PCSO Shaun Mapp to the meeting.

The latest crime report was read and detailed. Cllr Stay requested that he and Cllr Gammons be added to the crime report circulation list. Cllr Holme stated that there had been increased traffic into and away from the Timberlands site with new vans being seen around the area.

The site had recently been raided by the Police and a considerable amount of stolen goods recovered.

The PCSOs encouraged everyone to report any instances of antisocial behaviour. Cllr Stay said that closer collaboration between Herts, Beds and Cambridgeshire Police forces is putting more officers into the front line. The Chair confirmed this by saying the extra presence has been noticeable in the Parish  
 The `Safe at Home Day` was highlighted and a number of partner agencies will be attending. This will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at the Village Hall between 10.00am and 4.00pm

**11/12/65 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 Cooper and seconded by Cllr.Minnighan. Cheques were signed by Cllr Crossett and Cllr Cooper. Cllr Holme said he was starting the 2012/13 Budget setting process and requested Councillors contact him with their requested Budget requirement in the next couple of weeks. The Clerk said he will send out a request to Councillors this week. **(P.S)**

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 8.55pm

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

The meeting was then opened to the public  
 One member of the Public said he will send the Chairman details of the M1 Junction 10a road improvement proposals.

**Appendix A**

**Cheques for Payment  
 September 2011**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheq Num.</u>
A Prothero	Contract Gardening July 2011.	£380-62	100071
Laser Type Ltd	Parish Plan Printing	£170-00	100072
Parish News	Global Issue	£450-00	100073
BRCC	Membership 2011/12	£35-00	100074
P.Segal	Clerks salary July 2011.	£661-71	100075
P.Segal	Clerks Expenses July 2011.	£78-26	100076
Lanelectrical	Playing Fields Floodlights	£3,938-88	100077
Richard Gurney and Son	Grass Cutting	£314-40	100078
Laser Type Ltd	Parish Plan Printing	£123-50	100079

Peter Segal	Clerks salary Aug 2011.	£661-51	100080
Peter Segal	Clerks Expenses August 2011.	£134-41	100081
A. Prothero	Contract Gardening Plus extra work done. August 2011.	£1,360-78	100082