

Minutes of the Meeting of Slip End Parish Council held on Monday 3rd October 2011 at the Village Hall, Slip End at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Mr K Crossett (Chairman);
Mr K Holme; Mrs J Crawley; Mr S Baird; Ms S Minnighan
Mr S Fuell
P Segal (Clerk)

Members of the public: One member of the public was present.

Apologies: Mr R Stay; Mrs R Gammons; Mr P Cooper

11/12/66 **Declarations of Interest**
None

11/12/67 **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.

11/12/68 **Minutes of recent meetings.**
The minutes of the meeting of 5th September 2011 were read and approved. The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr Minnighan and seconded by Cllr Holme;
RESOLVED:
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th September 2011, and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.
The resolution was passed unanimously.

11/12/69 **Speeding Issues in the Parish**
The Chair said he had been in contact with Gordon Pearsall, Bedfordshire Police, regarding continuation of the Rent-a-Cop scheme. Gordon said that the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire force would merge their speed enforcement resources in the near future. The Chair will be meeting with Gordon on 11th October to discuss the continuation of the scheme, as well as a possibility of introducing a residents "speed watch" scheme, where residents carry out their own speed checks at given times.

11/12/70 **Parish Plan Implementation**
The Chair announced that a working group of Councillors had been formed to plan the implementation of the Parish Plan by the Parish Council. This would look at the projects identified in the Plan, its likely costs and timings of the projects. The first meeting is planned for 6th October.
The method of informing residents of progress was discussed and it was thought that a more regular issuing of a free global Parish News may be the best way to do this. The Parish Council could not afford to fund several free issues but may be able to share the cost with the CPG for three or four free issues. Cheaper alternatives have been looked at but rejected by Parish News.

11/12/71 **Neighbourhood Plan Update**
There is a meeting planned between The Chair and Cllr Holme from Slip End Parish Council and representatives of Caddington Parish Councils, Case4, and Central Bedfordshire Council to talk through the scope of the project. One resident has already expressed concern that the process may not be transparent if meetings are not open to the public. Also, its scope to include residents concerns at an early stage. Another resident has expressed a concern about the designation of land near his house. The Chair said he will update the meeting each month on the progress of the Plan. The following resolution was proposed by Cllr Crossett and seconded by Cllr Fuell;
RESOLVED
The Parish Council to appoint Cllr Ken Crossett and Cllr Keith Holme as representatives to work jointly with colleagues from Caddington Parish Council and for that joint committee to be empowered to co-opt members of the community.
The resolution was passed unanimously.

- 11/12/72 Community Payback Scheme**
The Chair stated that the scheme has recently been used to great success at the Playing Fields, with weed clearing, rubble removal and litter picking having been undertaken. The improvement in the area has been noticeable.
The organiser of the scheme has agreed that the crew will be available to clear vegetation and litter pick in selected areas around the Parish. A risk assessment needs to be carried out before this can commence.
- 11/12/73 Report on local Roads**
Cllr Fuell said there was little new to report.
- 11/12/74 Don Burford Report**
The rubbish and litter identified in Dons report has been seen by the Community Payback organiser, however, as the lane is private property, the Payback scheme is not available.
A resident has requested that a tree in Claydown Way has branches overhanging his fence and is restricting light. The Clerk had previously circulated pictures of the offending tree. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Richard Gurney and Son to trim the tree. **(P.S)**
- 11/12/75 Youth Shelter**
Andy Protheros report has highlighted further incidents of anti social behaviour at the shelter. Several fires have been started including in a litter bin. Cans of alcohol have been found as well as some minor graffiti on the inside of the shelter. Cllr Fuell has been talking to some CCTV installers about upgrading the CCTV at the hall and will be proposing an upgrade of the hardware at a later date. He has also been advised of a lock that cannot easily be glued shut.
- 11/12/76 Planning Matters**
No new plans have been submitted for consideration.
The Chair said that potential planning breaches had been reported to Central Beds concerning advertising signs and banners which had appeared around the Parish.
He has also been in contact via Cllr Stay regarding several unresolved planning complaints stretching back to the early part of this year. A site meeting has been arranged to try and resolve the planning stalemate at one particular site.
- 11/12/77 2012/13 Budget**
Cllr Holme requested Councillors input of any projects and costings for inclusion in next years Budget. The Chair said that after the first meeting of the Parish Plan implementation working group, a better idea of projects, costs and timings will be known.
- 11/12/78 Half Year Accounts Review**
Cllr Holme presented the half year Accounts to the meeting. The expenditure is on track and within the agreed Budget. At this half way stage, income and expenditure is as Budgeted for.
- 11/12/79 Auditor Report**
The Chair reported that the External Auditor has approved the Accounts for 2010/11 without comment, only noting the re-statement of the assets as agreed at the last financial meeting.
- 11/12/80 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. Fuell. Cheques were signed by Cllr Crossett and Cllr Fuell
- 11/12/81 Report from Cent Beds Councillors**
In the absence of the Central Beds Councillors, the Chair said that there had been some progress in the options available in insuring the proposed gritter. A number of options had been looked at including changing the Councils Insurer for one that will include the gritter in the policy, as well as a separate policy to insure the proposed Action Zone, including the gritter.
This second option seemed to be the most favourable and the Chair and Cllr Fuell will look in more detail at both options and their specific requirements and costings. **(K.C, S.F)**

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 October 2011

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheq Num.</u>
CPG	Grant payment	£8,600-00	100083
BDO LLP	External Audit Fee	£372-00	100084
A Prothero	Contract Gardening + extra work completed	£406-26	100085
P Segal	Clerks Salary Sept 11	£661-51	100086
P Segal	Clerks Expenses Sept 11	£90-38	100087
HMRC	PAYE and NI Q2	£730-21	100088
Chltern Society	Membership 2011-12	£25-00	100089