

**Minutes of the Meeting of Slip End Parish Council held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 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  
Central Beds Cllrs Ruth Gammons; Richard Stay (part meeting)  
P Segal (Clerk)

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

**Apologies:** Ms S Minnighan.

**10/11/152 Declarations of Interest**  
None

**10/11/153 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 made.

**10/11/154 Minutes of recent meetings.**  
The minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011. were read and approved. The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr Penman and seconded by Cllr Fuell;  
**RESOLVED:**  
**To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011, and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.**  
**The resolution was passed unanimously.**

**10/11/155 Central Bedfordshire Council Budget Cuts**  
The Chair stated that there had been no new announcements and the draft budget will be going before council for approval later this Month.

**10/11/156 Review of Emergency Plan**  
The Chair said that the Emergency Committee have not yet met due to holiday commitments. This item will be added to next Months Agenda.

**10/11/157 Review of Asset Register**  
Cllr Penman has reviewed the Asset Register and has revised upwards a number of replacement costs. The revised 2011 Asset Register is attached as Appendix B.  
The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr Penman and seconded by Cllr Fuell;  
**RESOLVED;**  
**To approve the 2011 Asset Register as shown below as Appendix B**  
**The resolution was passed unanimously**

**10/11/158 Speeding issues within the Parish**  
The Chair said that the pilot scheme to hire Police speed enforcement officers will continue after Cllr Fuell and the Chair meet to review the last year's enforcement results. Cllr Fuell felt that the Council should continue to be prescriptive in requesting precise dates, times and locations of Police visits. There may be a case to reduce the number of locations visited and increase the time spent at each location.  
Cllr Fuell suggested that PC Gareth Jones be asked only to produce crime statistics on car theft, burglaries and any serious crime within the Parish until such time that crime figures could be automated. This was agreed by Council. The Clerk was asked to contact PC Jones as well as the other Parish Clerks with this suggestion. **(P.S)**

**10/11/159 Report on local roads**  
Cllr Fuell stated that the roadworks schedule had already been circulated by the Clerk. He will speak to Council contractors regarding the number of potholes in the roads in the Parish. **(S.F)**

**10/11/160 Garages in St. Andrews Close**

Following the recent fire in a garage in St. Andrews Close, the clerk wrote to the owner concerned. The Council have been assured that an Insurance claim is underway and repairs to the affected garage will commence once Insurance monies have been received. The Garage owner has assured us that the garage is structurally sound.

It was decided to wait a further Month and review the situation again.

**10/11/161 Footpath Report**

The Chair thanked Don Burford for all his good work producing this monthly report. He stated that Mr Burford must be frustrated that sometimes there is a lack of quick progress on issues highlighted in the report, but it usually raises some important new issues that Council were not aware of.

One such issue was a memorial cross fastened to a tree. Cllr Fuell has expressed concern at the welfare of the tree if the wrong screws have been used. He has since had expert advice on the potential damage. Cllr Holme reported that the footpath at the back of the allotments had been re-instated.

**10/11/162 Report on Trees in the Parish**

Cllr Fuell reported no new issues.

**10/11/163 Youth Shelter**

Andy Prothero has inspected the youth shelter and there was nothing new to report.

**10/11/164 Crawley Playground**

Nothing new to report

**10/11/165 Parish Plan Update**

The Chair reported that the Parish Plan is coming to fruition and a draft plan will be submitted to the Parish Council before publication. The draft plan will be E-Mailed to Councillors before being discussed at the March meeting.

**10/11/166 Community Projects Group Update**

Cllr Cooper reported that the group did not meet last Month.

**10/11/167 Planning Matters**

There was one Planning Application for discussion;

**CB/11/00215/FULL**

**28 Front Street, Slip End – Erection of a single storey rear extension.**

Councillors inspected the plans and had no comment to make.

**10/11/168 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. Fuell.

**10/11/169 Airparks**

The Chair welcomed Kim Roberts, Howard Dove and Andy Mead from Airparks. They wished to present their proposed development plans to the Parish Council and residents for consultation.

Mr Roberts said that there was a need to improve arrival and departure facilities, as well as to introduce new technology to improve the customer experience at Airparks.

In essence, the plans involved the extensive re-surfacing of the access roads which have suffered severe weather damage. This would be required to be carried out in the very short term, and did not involve a request for Planning permission.

The second part of the development would be the replacing of the current Porta cabins with better, purpose built facilities in the same locations. This would require Planning Permission and could only be carried out after resurfacing works had been completed.

Although the resurfacing did not need Planning Permission, Airparks wanted to ask the community which alternatives they would prefer, as length of the works undertaken depended on longer hours worked by the contractor.

Cllr Penman suggested that Airparks buses use the Coparts site to exit into Markyate Road and thus cause less disruption to residents. This suggestion was well received by Airparks, becoming option 3. However, a show of hands indicated that it was Airparks Option 2 which was favoured by the residents in attendance.

Planning permission will be sought for the replacement of the Porta cabins in due course.

One resident complained about the disruptive noise from the area on the site of the car wash and the daily vacuuming of cars.

Mr Dove said that moving this was not planned for this development but he agreed to look at where else this facility may be able to be moved to on site.

Cllr Fuell asked Mr Dove to be aware of the problem of cars being left in Slip End side streets whilst owners go on holiday, thus saving on parking charges.

**10/11/170 Presentation**

The Chair stated that David Kingston has had extensive involvement with the community for over thirty years, both with the Parish News and the Church. The Chair on behalf of the Parish Council were pleased to present David with a signed certificate in recognition of his community involvement over the years. The entire Council applauded this worthy presentation.

**10/11/171 Report from central Bedfordshire Councillors**

Cllr Stay said that Luton Borough Council and Central Bedfordshire Council have now approved the Core Strategy document. This prefers development to the North of Luton and does not include development to the West. This does not stop Bushwood putting in a submission for development in the summer, but this will not be supported by the two Councils. The A5-M1 link road looks like it will be going ahead and development to the North of Luton makes more sense.

The Central Bedfordshire Council Budget is to be reduced by a 28% cut in Government funding over three years, front loaded to include a 10% reduction in 2011/12, which equates to £20m.

82% of our revenue budget is raised from local sources.

Some of the services being affected will be mobile libraries, and a 20% reduction in the Police Budget. Every Council expenditure over £500 has now been published on the Council website.

Senior Manager reductions have now occurred.

Cllr Stay said that the Parish Council initiative with Caddington Council for the purchase and operation of a gritter will be fully supported by the Council.

Cllr Gammons said that there was a review of the Gypsy and Traveller sites in the South of the area. There may be one more site needed but a decision does not have to be made until 2013.

Cllr Penman said that it was important that existing sites should not be expanded to achieve the extra number of pitches.

The Chair asked if Cllr Stay would set up a meeting with Central Bedfordshire Highways department to explore ways that the Parish Council could carry out their own surveys and reduce the cost of Traffic Regulation Order surveys which currently stand at around £3,500. Cllr Stay agreed to do this. **(R.S)**

**10/11/172 Date of Next meeting**

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting will be **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.30pm**

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 9.15 pm

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

**Date**.....

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

## Appendix A

### Cheques for Payment February 2011

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheq Num.</u>
A Prothero	Contract Gardening Jan 2011.	£354-38	100006
S. Minnighan	Picture Framing	£27-32	100007
S.Minnighan	Copy of Deeds	£10-00	100008
P.Segal	Clerks salary Jan 2011	£650-50	100009
P.Segal	Clerks Expenses Jan 2011	£83-22	100010
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£1,125-42</b>	

## Appendix B

### REGISTER OF ASSETS FOR SLIP END PARISH COUNCIL

ASSET	LOCATION	SUPPLIER	PURCHASE DATE	ORIGINAL COST	VALUE JAN 2011	NOTES
Bus Shelter	Junction Woodside Road and Mancroft Road				£3,740.00	revised amount 2011-12
Bus Shelter	Grove Road				£3,740.00	revised amount 2011-12
Bus Shelter	Village Hall				£5,712.00	revised amount 2011-12
Bus Shelter	Half Moon Lane				£4,465.00	revised amount 2011-12
Bus Shelter	Church Road – Close to crossroads				£4,155.00	revised amount 2011-12
Raised Flowerbed, bespoke signs & Ornamental Tree	Coronation Gardens	Inkermans/Majestic Trees	2006-7	£9,300.00	£11,000.00	revised amount 2011-12
Litter Bin	Coronation Gardens	Glasdon	2007	£235.89	£300.00	
Litter Bin x3	Slip Road, Church Road, Bus Shelter		2003 - Replaced by Central Beds October 2009	no charge to Slip End Parish Council	£250.00	Replaced free of charge by Central Beds as previous one in poor condition. If stolen we may have to pay for?
Garden Feature x 2	Rossway junction Markyate Road	Country Garden Services	Summer 2008	£3,200.00	£3,500.00	
Dog bins	The Plough, Corner Crawley Close/Front St, Church Road, Front St allotment side	SBDC	not known	Supplied f.o.c	£250.00	if they were stolen we would have to replace.
New Dog Bin	Summer Street - New St junction	Central Beds	Summer 2009	Supplied f.o.c	£250.00	
Two benches	Crawley Close – in front of bungalows	owned by Central Beds			£0.00	would be replaced by Central Beds
Fencing Panels	Claydown – open space	unknown	unknown	unknown	£4,000.00	estimated value
Speed Activated Sign	Markyate Road – opposite No 86	Beds County Council	2007	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	no change in price this year

Trim Trail wooden play equipment	Crawley Playground				£12,000.00	estimate
Two rocking animals	Crawley Playground				£2,094.00	revised amount 2011-12
Climbing Frame and Slide Equipment	Crawley Playground				£8,800.00	revised amount 2011-12
Infant Swings	Crawley Playground				£2,070.00	revised amount 2011-12
Double childrens swings	Crawley Playground				£1,650.00	revised amount 2011-12
Kissing Gate	Crawley Playground		2006	£395.00	£450.00	we would need to pay for re-installation if stolen
Park bench	Crawley Playground				£100.00	Suggested replacement value
Youth Shelter	Crawley Playground	Rekk	Aug-08	£8,000.00	£9,350.00	revised amount 2011-12
Bin by youth shelter	Crawley Playground	Neptune	Sep-08	196.25 ex vat	£200.00	
Noticeboard	Fixed to side wall of Post Office				£100.00	Suggested replacement value
Noticeboard	Fixed inside Bus shelter in Half Moon Lane				£100.00	Suggested replacement value
Noticeboard	Freestanding – at junction Woodside Road/Manor Road Woodside				£450.00	revised amount 2011-12
Noticeboard	Grove Road Bus Shelter		Oct-09	£54.99		Removed due to vandals
Chairmans Chain of Office	With Chair of Council	not known	not known	not known	£200.00	estimated value
Gavel	With Chair of Council	Renaissance	2006	£100.00	£100.00	
Areas of Parish Council Land	2 pieces of land in Claydown Way, Grassed area in the middle of Old School Walk, Coronation Gardens, a portion of Aley Green Cemetery and the house there				£5.00	£5.00
					total	£84,031.00