

**Minutes of an extraordinary Planning Meeting of Slip End Parish Council held on Monday 18th May 2009 at Peter Edwards Hall at 7pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: Mr K Crossett; Mr P Penman; Mr S Fuell; Mr G Daniel; Ms S Minnighan; Mrs J Crawley  
N West (Clerk)  
Cllr Penman chaired this meeting.

**Also Present:** No members of the public attended

**Apologies:** Cllr P Cooper

**9/10/018      Declarations of Interest**  
No declarations were expressed.

**9/10/019      Meeting Open to the Public**  
No members of the public attended this meeting.

**9/10/020      Planning Application CB/09/05020/TP**  
Woodside Farm & Wildfowl Park, Mancroft Road, Aley Green. Luton, LU1 4DG  
Retention of 2 temporary buildings for security, administration and first aid purposes.  
Members viewed the plans and supporting documentation. Members had no objections to site-specific security being run from these buildings for the benefit and safety of the animals and vehicles. However, they wished it to be made clear that any other security-related activities not linked to the park, should not be run from these premises. They had no objection to first-aid or administration related to the business activities of Woodside Animal Farm, being run from these premises.

Planning Application CB/09/05040  
Woodside Farm & Wildfowl Park, Mancroft Road, Aley Green. Luton, LU1 4DG  
Continued use of part of the site to provide 20 parking spaces for airport/holiday parking  
Members viewed the plans and considered the comments in the supporting documentation provided. There was full discussion of all aspects of this application. Members had concerns regarding noise from both distressed pets and extra vehicles, along with increased traffic especially at night. Light pollution was also considered. Members took into account the need for the business to remain viable and appreciated the difficulties that the current financial situation had, along with the concerns regarding avian and swine 'flu. Whilst there had been complaints from the public when the airport/holiday pet business was first introduced, members did note that there had not been any recent complaints. A major concern was that airport parking may swamp the existing car park and make it difficult for regular visitors to the animal farm and associated activities, to park. In light of this, members did not object to the 20 spaces as long as these represented the total number of vehicles using this service at any one time. Members were also keen to establish that the parking provision would be available only to those customers leaving pets at the Animal Farm and not open to those simply requiring airport parking. Members also requested that the Clerk ask Central Bedfordshire Planning to consider a request for onward transportation to the airport or station to be in vehicles no larger than a 7-seater minibus.

Members resolved to visit the site within the next year to assess the scale of the above business activities in light of the concerns raised.

Planning Application CB/09/05085/TP  
Foxbury Stables, Woodside Road, Woodside Luton, LU1 4DQ  
Use of land for the siting of a mobile home.

The history of previous planning applications at this site was briefly discussed. Members viewed the plans and supporting documentation and considered the reasons put forward regarding the need for a mobile home at this location. Members agreed that distressed or sick animals needed supervision but were concerned that this mobile home may be the first in a series of applications leading to a request for planning permission for a permanent residence. In light of this they asked the Clerk to confirm that there were no objections, but that this would be on the understanding that the mobile home was solely

for the use of the business, and a request that the approval would be on a temporary basis for two years.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mr Spurgeon with immediate effect to confirm the views of Members regarding the Woodside Animal Farm developments and then to do follow up letters regarding all three applications. (NW)

**9/10/021 Planning Applications in General**

Cllr Penman suggested that this was the right time for the Clerk to receive all planning applications both electronically and in hard copy, and for the copies currently being sent to Cllr Penman to be terminated. All members were content with this arrangement and the Clerk will notify Central Bedfordshire Planning dept accordingly. (NW)

**9/10/022 Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 at 7.30pm. Additionally members will meet on 27<sup>th</sup> May to review the Year-End Accounts.

**There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 7.30pm.**

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

**Date**.....