

Minutes of the Meeting of Slip End Parish Council held on Monday 2nd March 2020 at the Village Hall, Slip End at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Mrs. S Minnighan; Mr. T Hooker; Mrs C Beeton; Mr. S Patterson; Mr. P Shaw
P Segal (Clerk)

Ward Councillors: Cllr. K Collins (part meeting)

Apologies: Mr. Paul Cooper; Cllr E Perry; Mrs C Brennan

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

This meeting was chaired by Cllr. Minnighan

19/20/163 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Hooker expressed an interest in item 5 on the Agenda and made the following statement; "My declaration on my official Election Nomination said "say no to more housing development." I am generally opposed to more, new house building, but I have come to this meeting with an open mind."

Cllr Hooker also informed the Chair that he would be audio recording the meeting.

19/20/164 Meeting Open to the Public.

One member of the public wished to ask about our Emergency Plan at the end of the meeting.

19/20/165 Minutes of recent meetings.

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2020 were read and approved.

The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr. Shaw and seconded by Cllr. Patterson

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd February 2020 and to authorise the Chair to sign them.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

19/20/166 Planning Matters

a) CB/20/00526/FULL – Ashridge, Pepsal End Lane – Erection of six affordable key worker cottages.

Members generally felt that the addition of six worker cottages, in addition to the already agreed production facility was excessive.

Cllr Hooker felt we should object on the grounds that:

1. It was in the Green Belt
2. Being a significant development and not included in the Neighbourhood Plan
3. The NPPF only allows development in the Green Belt in very special circumstance and is not the case here.

After a short discussion, it was agreed that we should object to this Planning application on the grounds outlined by Cllr. Hooker.

b) CB/20/00528/FULL – 37 Summer Street – Rear extension, garage and conservatory conversion.

Cllr Hooker said that there is always a concern with any new Planning Application in Summer Street, but in this case, there is adequate parking at this address.

After a short discussion, it was agreed to offer no objection to this Planning Application.

C) CB/20/00721/FULL – Land adj. to 78 Woodside Road, Woodside – New three bed dwelling with parking.

There was a discussion as to the location and width of the access footpath to the cottages behind the proposed house, as well as current and future parking arrangements.

Cllr Hooker felt we should object on the following grounds:

1. The proposed development is in the Green Belt and was inappropriate because of its scale and height compared to surrounding properties.
2. The new parking arrangements for No.78 would mean that cars would have to drive adjacent to the public footpath and larger cars would have to drive over what is the Heritage Greenway to be used by pedestrians.

The meeting agreed with these points and asked the Clerk to register an objection to the plans as submitted. **(P.S)**

19/20/167 Angus Brewer Fund

The Chair said she was still in talks with Mr Andy Brewer with regards to a Slip End representative for the committee and would update at the next meeting or sooner. **(S.M)**

**19/20/168 Community Improvement Fund
CCTV Project**

Cllr Hooker said that the post and sign had been installed at Woodside Road, and other signs will be installed as soon as the weather improves.

They should all be in place by next week

The Chair said that we need a sign at the fly tipping spot after the M1 bridge, but this is in the Parish of Hyde.

The Clerk was asked to contact Hyde Parish Council to ask if they would pay for the sign and installation of a pole and sign at this point. We will be happy to install it. **(P.S)**

Cllr Hooker felt that the recent evidence gained in the fly tipped bags in Woodside Road would not be followed up for prosecution.

The Chair said she will make enquiries to see what progress has been made **(S.M)**

Rossway Planters

The Chair said that the old planters had been disposed of and the new planters have been ordered.

Playground Signs

The Chair said the new signs have been delivered and will be erected shortly.

19/20/169 Grass Cutting Contract

Cllr Hooker reported no progress yet in writing the Tender Document.

The Gardening contract is also up for renewal in April 2021 and the Clerk was asked to oversee Tenders for this contract. **(P.S)**

Both Village Garden Services and Robert Kempston have expressed an interest in both contracts.

The Clerk will send Cllr Hooker a cutting schedule for the grass cutting contract. **(P.S)**

19/20/170 Community Projects Group Update

Cllr. Patterson said the CPG have updated their documents.

Their AGM will be held on 27th May 2020 and there will be an GNS tea party held on 8th April at the Village Hall.

19/20/171 Residents Communications

The Chair said that we have received one communication regarding street lights in Rossway, she will report these to Central Bedfordshire Council via the portal.

**19/20/172 Highways and Footpaths
Flooding in Grove Road**

The Chair said she has had feedback from CBC and there is expected to be some work done on the drainage there in the new financial year.

Cllr Collins was asked if he would continue to push for a resolution to this ongoing problem on our behalf. **(K.C)**

Damaged Openreach Box in Woodside

Cllr. Hooker said that he had asked the Clerk some time ago to report the damaged Openreach box in Woodside Road, but they have not taken any action.

Cllr Hooker suggested CBC serve a section 81 notice on Openreach, as it's their statutory obligation to maintain such boxes. Either they remove the box altogether, or put the doors back on it.

It was agreed that Cllr Hooker liaise with Cllr. Collins about this matter **(T.H)**

Speed sign Re-location

The Chair said that the speed activated sign, currently in Markyate Road, would be of better use, re-located in Mancroft Road, near Woodside Animal Farm, as a resident had reported speeding there. The meeting unanimously agreed this and the Clerk was asked to contact Jill Cross to find out the best person to contact at CBC **(P.S)**

The best location was at the bottom of the hill in the 30mph zone.

We would be happy to meet someone on site from Highways.

19/20/173 Airparks Busses Access Initiative

Domonic Barber from Airparks attended the meeting.

The feedback from Members regarding the proposed Airparks advert in Parish news, was that it was too wordy and dark, and once shrunk down to PN size, would be unreadable.

Domonic said he was happy to fall in line with the Parish Councils wishes.

There were concerns a voucher could be photocopied and passed on to people outside the Village.

Cllr Hooker said he would welcome a scheme that benefits local residents but agreed that vouchers could be copied.

Cllr Shaw felt that a voucher scheme could give Airparks some sort of idea of how many residents are using the service.

After a further discussion, it was agreed that residents should produce a driving licence or a utility bill to be able to access the bus.

The designated bus stop for pick up will be in Grove Road, by the Village Hall.

19/20/174 Parish Trees

The dangerous tree in Front Street has now been lopped.

19/20/175 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. Shaw and seconded by Cllr. Beeton.

Cheques were signed by Cllr Minnighan and Cllr Patterson.

19/20/176 Policing

No Issues

19/20/177 Report by Central Beds Councillor

Cllr Collins said he was pushing for a Termination Order, regarding the caravan at Harrier Court, Woodside.

There has been a delay in finalising the Care Home Planning Application in Markyate Road.

The developer has to provide additional details as to the overall level of care to be provided at the facility.

The Chair said that she and the Clerk will track down the relevant documents in the original application and circulate to members. **(P.S,S.M)**

Cllr Collins said that Cllr. Perry may be discharged from hospital soon and be allowed home.

The requested Judicial Review for the M1-A6 road is still ongoing by LBC and there are still several steps before the request is approved and goes before the Court.

The meeting was then closed at 8.30 pm.

Date of next meeting – 6th April 2020.

Signed.....
Chair

Date.....

The meeting was then opened up to the public
 One resident asked if we had any plans to contact elderly and quarantined residents in the event of a Coronavirus outbreak in Slip End.
 The Chair said we would need to follow Government guidelines at all times.
 The GNS would not be able to help, as any contact would endanger volunteers who themselves are elderly.

Appendix A

Cheques for Payment March 2020

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheq Num.</u>
A Prothero	Gardening Feb 20 + pole and labour	£673-28	100130
Fenland Leisure	Playground Signs	£543-60	100131
Plantscape Ltd	Planters	£965-90	100132
Village Garden Services	Gritting 2019	£128-64	100133
Village Garden Services	Gritting 2020	£64-64	100134
P Segal	Clerks Salary Feb 20	£808-78	100135
P Segal	Clerks Expenses Feb 20	£58-19	100136
T Hooker	Signs etc for CCTV project	£33-98	100137