

**Minutes of the Meeting of Slip End Parish Council held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019  
at the Village Hall, Slip End at 7.00 p.m.**

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

Ward Councillors: Cllr E Perry; (part meeting)

Apologies: Mrs C Brennan; Cllr. K Collins.

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

This meeting was chaired by Cllr. Cooper

**19/20/52      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."

**19/20/53      Meeting Open to the Public**

One member of the public wished to thank Cllr. Shaw for finally getting the overgrown verge in Half  
Moon Lane cut and also everybody who are responsible for the hanging baskets which are now in full  
bloom.

**19/20/54      Minutes of recent meetings.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 were read and approved.  
The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr. Patterson and seconded by Cllr. Minnighan.  
**To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019  
and to authorise the Chair to sign them.**  
**The resolution was passed unanimously.**

**19/20/55      Presentation by Ward Councillor**

Cllr Perry said that the Local Plan was progressing and is now in week three.  
He advised caution, as on 18<sup>th</sup> July, the Bushwood proposals will be discussed, so progress was  
uncertain.  
Central Beds do not want to see Caddington and Slip End merge with a sprawling Luton.  
The Airport noise level projections were discussed. LLA want to revert to noise levels of five years ago.  
Cllr. Patterson said that the Village Hall had been booked on November 9<sup>th</sup> for a consultation by LLA but  
no more details are known.  
A local resident had highlighted the dangers at present at the junction of Half Moon Lane and Front  
Street after a recent accident.  
This junction has always been a concern and needs looking at again to see if a solution can be found to  
its present poor layout.  
Peter Harper had previously offered a piece of his land at no cost so the junction could be re-configured  
but no more was done.  
Cllr Perry said there will be three Care Homes discussed at the Planning Control meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July.  
Two of the proposed homes are in Slip End and one in Caddington.  
Carole Hegley and Cllr. Minnighan will speak in favour of the proposed development in Markyate Road.

**19/20/56      Planning Matters**

**CB/19/01576/FULL – 1 The Oaks, Slip End – erection of a two storey side extension.**

Cllr. Hooker said he had inspected the plans and visited the site of the Planning Application.  
He had concerns that the parking situation is tight in that area already, and made a point that by losing  
a garage, parking could well be forced into Summer Street, already an area of parking issues.  
After a short discussion, the Members agreed with this view and the Clerk was asked to enter an  
"Object" decision onto the Planning Portal on the grounds of the parking issue. **(P.S)**

Cllr. Shaw said there had been a Planning Application on the Dacorum side of Half Moon Lane that had been rejected.

We had not been consulted despite having informed Dacorum Council that we should be included in any future cross border application.

The clerk was asked to contact Dacorum Planning department to ensure we are included in any future consultation in Half Moon Lane. **(P.S)**

#### **19/20/57 New Playground Project**

Cllr. Minnighan said that work was supposed to start tomorrow but has been delayed until Thursday.

The Bylaws need updating for the new playground and the Clerk was asked to circulate the present Bylaws to see what needs revising. **(P.S)**

Kompan will be organising the ROSPA inspection on completion.

#### **19/20/58 Movement of Funds**

The Clerk had requested we move £10,000 from our Co-Op Bank Deposit Account to our Current Account to be ready for the Playground Invoice when it arrives.

The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr. Beeton and seconded by Cllr. Minnighan.

**To move the sum of £10,000 from our Co-Op Bank Deposit Account to the Current Account**  
**The resolution was passed unanimously.**

The Clerk advised that we will be low on funds for the rest of the year after the Playground has been paid for and we could only afford either the Woodside Traffic Calming work or the Playground fencing, but not both.

The Chair said that the Woodside traffic Calming was a priority.

#### **19/20/59 Community Improvement Fund**

It will be October before we know the final bill for the Hanging Basket project for this year.

Once the final amount is known, we will invoice Bell Classics for the agreed 50%.

#### **19/20/60 Residents Communications**

The Chair said he had three communications sent to him.

1. A complaint about the poor quality of the grass cutting so far this year.  
This is being dealt with.
2. A complaint by a visitor to the Church Yard that since the vegetation had been cleared back, the shipping containers could be clearly seen at the Playing Fields and was unsightly.  
Cllr Minnighan said she will try and obtain a price for re-spraying the container closest to the Church Yard a dark green so as to be less conspicuous, but this could cost £1,500. **(S.M)**  
The Chair said that the conifers at the Church Yard need thinning out as it makes the area gloomy and they are damaging the ground.
3. Cllr Hooker had had a communication from a resident complaining about two badly parked vans in Woodside.  
The Clerk reported them to the Police.  
Cllr Minnighan said that she had had a resident contact her about the run-down state of two properties in Rossway.  
No.4 was a particular concern as it is derelict and looks like it's about to collapse.  
The garden is overgrown and rats had been seen in the area.  
The Clerk was asked to report this to Environmental Health. **(P.S)**

#### **19/20/61 Highways and Footpath**

The Chair said he had not heard any more about the Summer Street parking survey.

He said that if we do go ahead with some sort of parking restriction in Summer Street, then we will do the same in the whole Parish.

Cllr Shaw said that youngsters from Timberlands have been seen riding a golf buggy up and down Half Moon Lane.

The Clerk was asked to report this to Sue Smith and copy in Tony Keaveney. **(P.S)**

A car in Front Street that has been broken into and not moved in weeks is road legal with both tax and MOT. If it is still there in two weeks, it will be reported.

Cllr Minnighan said that a Luton School has sited cut outs of children on the pavement to deter poor parking in the morning drop off times and also afternoon pick up.

Cost were £150 plus VAT. And we would need six.

The Chair thought they may be prone to vandalism or stealing if left out, and advised that we will look at it again at the September meeting.

- 19/20/62 New Website Domain**  
Now up and running and all Councillors are using the new E-Mail address, except Cllr. Brennan who will do so shortly.
- 19/20/63 Community Projects Group**  
Nothing to report
- 19/20/64 Parish Trees**  
Nothing to report
- 19/20/65 Movement of Meeting Date**  
The Clerk had advised that the planned Bank Holiday on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 has now been moved to 8<sup>th</sup> May to incorporate VE Day celebrations.  
This means that the planned meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May can now be moved to 4<sup>th</sup> May.  
It was unanimously agreed to move the meeting to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
- 19/20/66 Approval of Asset Register**  
The clerk had previously circulated a copy of the new Asset Register which takes into account the changes being made in the Playground. **(Appendix A)**  
The following resolution was then proposed by Cllr. Beeton and seconded by Cllr. Minnighan.  
**To approve the new Asset Register**  
**The resolution was passed unanimously.**
- 19/20/67 Accounts for Payment**  
Prior to the meeting The Clerk had circulated the schedule below **(Appendix B)** to Members for approval. The payments were unanimously approved; having been proposed by Cllr. Minnighan and seconded by Cllr. Shaw. Cheques were signed by Cllr Patterson and Cllr Cooper.
- 19/20/68 Policing**  
It was generally felt that Policing is showing no sign of improving

The meeting was then closed at 8.25 pm.

**Date of next meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019.**

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

The meeting was then opened up to the public

One resident asked if Half Moon Lane could be resurfaced.  
The Chair said it would be looked at with CBC  
Cllr Minnighan said that the new Slip End sign in Front Street had already been hit by a vehicle and was leaning.

## Appendix A

### REGISTER OF ASSETS FOR SLIP END PARISH COUNCIL

2019/20 (Revised July 2019)

ASSET	LOCATION	SUPPLIER	PURCHASE DATE	ORIGINAL COST	PROXY VALUE	INSURANCE VALUE
Bus Shelter	Junction Woodside Road and Mancroft Road				£3,400.00	£3,740.00
Bus Shelter	Grove Road				£3,400.00	£3,740.00
Bus Shelter	Village Hall				£5,193.00	£5,712.00
Bus Shelter	Half Moon Lane				£4,059.00	£4,465.00
Bus Shelter	Church Road – Close to crossroads				£3,778.00	£3,778.00
Tractor	Playing Fields	DB Smitham	14/01/2017	£5,400.00	£5,400.00	£5,400.00
Vertidrainer	Playing Fields	ESE Groundcare	13/01/2017	£3,594.00	£3,594.00	£3,594.00
Palisade Gate	Playing Fields	Aaron Fencing	19/12/2014	£2,790.00	£2,790.00	£2,790.00
Raised Flowerbed, bespoke signs & Ornamental Tree	Coronation Gardens	Inkermans/Majestic Trees	2006-7	£9,300.00	£9,300.00	£12,000.00
Litter Bin	Coronation Gardens	Glasdon	2007	£235.89	£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	£900.00
Garden Feature x 2	Rossway junction Markyate Road	Country Garden Services	Summer 2008	£3,200.00	£3,200.00	£4,000.00
Dog bins	The Plough, Corner Crawley Close/Front St, Church Road, Front St allotment side	SBDC	not known	Supplied f.o.c	£250.00	£1,750.00
New Dog Bin	Grove Rd/ Woodside	Central Beds	Nov 2012.	£350.00	£350.00	£350.00
Dog Bin	Summer Street - New St junction	Central Beds	Summer 2009	Supplied f.o.c	£250.00	£350.00
Two benches	Crawley Close – in front of bungalows	owned by Central Beds				£0.00
Fencing Panels	Claydown – open space	unknown	unknown	unknown	£4,000.00	£4,500.00
Speed Activated Sign	Markyate Road – opposite No 86	Beds County Council	2007	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Spica 3 ride	Crawley Playground	Kompan Playgrounds	1 July 2019	£895.44	£895.44	£895.44
Spinner Bowl	Crawley Playground	Kompan Playgrounds	1 July 2019	£570.72	£570.72	£570.72
Tipi Carousel with top brace	Crawley Playground	Kompan Playgrounds	1 July 2019	£2,031.48	£2,031.48	£2,031.48
Pony Seesaw	Crawley Playground	Kompan Playgrounds	1 July 2019	£767.88	£767.88	£767.88
Double Cableway	Crawley Playground	Kompan Playgrounds	1 July 2019	£6,441.98	£6,441.98	£6,441.98
Cableway Puller	Crawley Playground	Kompan Playgrounds	1 July 2019	£492.00	£492.00	£492.00
Cableway Start Station	Crawley Playground	Kompan Playgrounds	1 July 2019	£3,936.00	£3,936.00	£3,936.00

Two Tower unit with Panel Bridge	Crawley Playground	Kompan Playgrounds	1 July 2019	£3,801.60	£3,801.60	£3,801.60
Trampoline Circus	Crawley Playground	Kompan Playgrounds	1 July 2019	£4,649.15	£4,649.15	£4,649.15
Swing Frame	Crawley Playground	Kompan Playgrounds	1 July 2019	£2,439.72	£2,439.72	£2,439.72
Swing Frame	Crawley Playground	Kompan Playgrounds	1 July 2019	£1,176.12	£1,176.12	£1,176.12
Swing Seat Mirage	Crawley Playground	Kompan Playgrounds	1 July 2019	£917.15	£917.15	£917.15
Twin Ring Sky Carousel	Crawley Playground	Kompan Playgrounds	1 July 2019	£1,917.00	£1,917.00	£1,917.00
Two Tower Unit, Bridge and overhead Ladders	Crawley Playground	Kompan Playgrounds	1 July 2019	£5,272.80	£5,272.80	£5,272.80
Buggy Springer	Crawley Playground	Kompan Playgrounds	1 July 2019	£672.00	£672.00	£672.00
Red House	Crawley Playground	Kompan Playgrounds	1 July 2019	£1,899.00	£1,899.00	£1,899.00
Supernova	Crawley Playground	Kompan Playgrounds	1 July 2019	£4,239.12	£4,239.12	£4,239.12
Bellevue Bench	Crawley Playground	Kompan Playgrounds	1 July 2019	£405.00	£405.00	£405.00
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Height Barrier	Playing Fields	Aaron Fencing	19/11/2018	£2,838.00	£2,838.00	£2,838.00
Kissing Gate	Crawley Playground		2006	£395.00	£395.00	£500.00
Youth Shelter	Crawley Playground	Rekk	Aug-08	£8,000.00	£8,000.00	£9,500.00
Bin by youth shelter	Crawley Playground	Neptune	Sep-08	£196.25	£196.25	£250.00
Noticeboard	Fixed to side wall of Post Office				£100.00	£600.00
Noticeboard	Fixed inside Bus shelter in Half Moon Lane				£100.00	£250.00
Noticeboard	Freestanding – at junction Woodside Road/Manor Road Woodside				£200.00	£600.00
Noticeboard	Woodside Park Homes	Mr Seer	Nov 2012.	£600.00	£600.00	£600.00
Defibrillator	Village Hall	Heartbeat trust	Jan-15	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Defibrillator	Playing Fields	Heartbeat trust	Jan-15	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Gritter	Mobile	Bartram Mowers	Sep-18	£1,013.19	£1,013.19	£1,013.19
Chairmans Chain of Office	With Chair of Council	not known	not known	not known	£200.00	£200.00
Gavel	With Chair of Council	Renaissance	2006	£100.00	£100.00	£150.00

Areas of Parish Council Land	2 pieces of land in Claydown Way, Grassed area in the middle of Old School Walk, Coronation Gardens, 30% share of Aley Green Cemetery and the house there			£5.00	£5.00	£5.00
				total	£115,531.49	£126,209.35

Box 9 Value Insurance Value

## Appendix B

### Cheques for Payment July 2019

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheq Num.</u>
A Prothero	Gardening June 2019	£546-65	100604
P Cooper	Christmas 2018 Biscuits	£1088-64	100605
Ray Foster	Internal Audit Fee	£100-00	100606
Playsafety Ltd	ROSPA Inspection	£99-00	100607
P Segal	Clerks Salary June 19 inc w.f.h allowance	£958-78	100608
P Segal	Clerks Expenses June 19	£75-31	100609
HMRC	PAYE and NI Q1	£606-36	100610
Comm Heartbeat Trust	New Playing Fields Defib Battery	£282-00	100611