

Minutes of the Meeting of Slip End Parish Council held on Monday 2nd September 2019 at the Village Hall, Slip End at 7.00 p.m.

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

Ward Councillors: Cllr. K Collins.; (part meeting)

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

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

This meeting was chaired by Cllr. Minnighan.

19/20/69

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.

19/20/70

Meeting Open to the Public

No comments

19/20/71

Minutes of recent meetings.

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2019 were read and approved.

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

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 1st July 2019 and to authorise the Chair to sign them.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

19/20/72

Planning Matters

a) **CB/19/02181/FULL – Woodside Farm, Woodside – Change of use agricultural building to B2 use and associated recladding, removal of shipping containers adjacent and formation of car parking area, and new landscape planting.**

Cllr. Hooker said he had visited the site and passed around pictures of the scaffolding business currently located on the site, as well as ariel photos of the entire site.

He said he would be minded to support the application if it was for B1 use, which are offices, research and development of products and processes, or, most importantly, light industry appropriate in a residential area.

After a short discussion, it was agreed to object to this Planning Application on the grounds of;

1. Being industrial use in an area that is primarily residential housing and agricultural use, especially as it is for B2 use and not B1 use.
2. It is Green Belt land.
3. Potential for noise and disturbance in addition to that to that associated with the current scaffolding business.
4. Potential movement of large vehicles associated with industrial use, especially safety issues, as the entrance is next to a bend in the road.

b) **CB/19/02381/LDCE – Jarvis Constructing Ltd, Harrier Court, Woodside Road – Lawful Development Certificate for the use of land and buildings as a plant and transport depot.**

After a short discussion, it was agreed to wait to see if any more documents are downloaded onto the Planning Portal, but if not, then we should lodge a "no objection" comment.

19/20/73

Report by Central Beds Councillor.

Cllr. Collins said that the Retirement Village has been approved by the Planning Committee. There has been no more progress to report on the Local Plan as it is now with the Inspector. The Bushwood land is now up for sale.

Cllr. Collins gave the Parish Council one of the large maps used for the Neighbourhood Plan and this will be kept in storage for future use.

There are now updated times for the Case4 bus service.

Cllr Hooker said there are conflicting times for the 230 bus, and the new time table now includes Stockwood Academy but does not appear to include Slip End.

Cllr Collins said that the bus company compiled the schedule and the service should still stop at Slip End although it does not show the Woodside stop, the bus can still be flagged down by residents wishing to use it. The timetable may need amending. The bus service is still free, and is being used all day.

Cllr. Collins will contact the bus company to clarify (K.C)

He said there has been a lot of communication regarding the poor quality of the grass cutting recently. It was noticeable that it was mainly poor in Slip End and Caddington, and may be due to the crew not taking care and rushing the cut.

It was noticeable that the last cut was of better quality.

Cllr Hooker said that one 30 MPH sign at Woodside Eggs is obscured by overgrown vegetation and the other one is missing. Cllr Hooker agreed to send photographs to Cllr.Collins, who will take this up with the appropriate person in CBC. (K.C)

Cllr Collins advised that there will be a public consultation starting on 9th September regarding Public Space Protection Orders.

Cllr Hooker said that the Ward Councillor contact sheet on notice boards is now out of date and Cllr Collins said he would send through an updated copy including Cllr. Perry on it. (K.C)

19/20/74

New Playground Project

The Chair said she was obtaining quotes for new fencing at the playground.

There was a need to secure the zip wire at night due to youths using it and disturbing neighbours.

There may be scope to site some adult gym equipment there, subject to funding.

The Chair said that updating the Byelaws was no small task and as some Councillors were absent at this meeting, it should remain on the Agenda for next month. It could be that a sign would be sufficient as we would have to demonstrate to the Secretary of State, how we intend to police any new Byelaws. It was good news that Black Shu Investments had honoured their commitment to the Parish Council and transferred the £80,000 promised on successfully gaining Planning Permission for the Retirement Village.

19/20/75

Community Improvement Fund

Mr. Prothero said that the rain had made the plants grow faster in some containers, and were straggly. The feed has also been washed out in some locations.

It was agreed to leave the brackets in situ and take off the containers at the end of the season.

Cllr. Beeton said that BADRA have asked for a defibrillator at Pepperstock.

The Clerk was asked to obtain costs for purchasing a unit and installation. (P.S)

19/20/76

Parking Survey

No update so far.

Cllr. Hooker said that anecdotally, Summer Street seems divided on resident parking schemes.

The Chair said that this is what we found previously.

Paul Humphrey from Airparks was in attendance.

The Chair said that a big issue is holiday parking, where travellers park in a residential street and then get an Airparks bus or taxi to the airport.

Mr. Humphrey said that sometimes the bus drivers are extremely busy and checks are not made.

He suggested that maybe a system where residents could register at the office and get a free pass might work.

This was an idea worth exploring and he said he would take all the comments from today and consider a scheme that may work (P.H)

Mr Humphrey was asked how the airport expansion would impact the operation at Slip End.

He said that there was a limit to the number of cars that could be accommodated on site.

They are looking at additional sites outside the area.

19/20/77

Highways and Footpaths

No issues

- 19/20/78** **Community Projects Group**
There will be a GNS summer party soon.
- 19/20/79** **Parish Trees**
Mr. Baird had previously asked about marking the boundary line between the churchyard and the playing fields.
Cllr. Hooker felt that the Church do little to upkeep the church yard.
- 19/20/80** **2020/21 Budget**
The Clerk said that he was shortly going to start work on the 2020/21 Budget and requested that Members forward any proposed spend/projects with rough costings by the end of September.
- 19/20/81** **Precept Receipt**
The Clerk said that we have received the second Precept payment of £30,000 from CBC.
He also said that the 2018/19 Audit had been concluded with only two small comments from the auditor regarding the Bank Reconciliation and the internal audit form.
- 19/20/82** **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. Beeton and seconded by Cllr. Shaw.
- 19/20/83** **Policing**
The fact that we do not have regular policing cover was noted.
The Chair said that PCSOs were a great contact but these seem to be lacking at the moment.
Cllr. Beeton said there had been a burglary in Pepperstock recently.
One resident said that a no alcohol rule should be added to the playground prohibited list.
Cllr. Hooker said that he attended a recent Caddington Parish Council meeting and it was attended by around thirty residents. He felt that our meetings should be better attended.
Cllr Hooker said that one initiative by Caddington PC was to site signs at notorious fly tipping spots saying that this area was covered by CCTV. They have also purchased a movable camera for evidence gathering.
One resident said that fly tippers did not take any notice of signs like this.
Despite this comment, the Clerk was asked to obtain details from Caddington. (**P.S**)

The meeting was then closed at 8.35 pm.

Date of next meeting – 7th October 2019.

Signed.....
Chair

Date.....

The meeting was then opened up to the public

One resident said he had received a letter from Luton Hoo Estates, stating that the leases for the allotments will cease from September 2020. He felt that they may want to sell off the land to an insurer that already owns land in the area.

Another resident was annoyed that LLA wrote to him requesting details about his property as well as who his mortgage is with.

We have received similar letters, as it was concerned with properties under the flight path and their proposed expansion consultation.

The Chair said she would write to the sender of these letters expressing residents' concerns (**S.M**)

Appendix A

Cheques for Payment September 2019

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheq Num.</u>
Sarah Minnighan	Mileage to Planning Meeting	£17-55	100612
Andy Prothero	Gardening July 2019	£546-65	100613
Andy Prothero	Hanging basket watering	£880-00	100614
P Segal	Clerks Salary July 2019	£808-58	100615
P Segal	Clerks Expenses July 2019	£66-53	100616
Kompan Ltd	Playground Referb	£108,720-43	100617
			100103
Andy Prothero	Gardening Aug 2019	£546-65	100618
Andy Prothero	Fixing Playground Bins	£60-00	100619
Sarah Minnighan	Sweets and drinks for Playground opening	£50-98	100620
Sarah Minnighan	Mileage to Planning Meeting	£17-10	100621
Mazars LLP	External Audit Fee	£360-00	100622
Village Hall	CCTV Contribution (2 yrs)	£95-04	100623
Village Hall	Lease (2 yrs)	£200-00	100624
P Segal	Clerks salary Aug 2019	£808-78	100625
P Segal	Clerks Expenses Aug 2019	£77-54	100626