

**Minutes of the Meeting of Slip End Parish Council held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 at the Village Hall, Slip End at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors: Mr. Paul Cooper (Chairman); 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: Cllr E Perry; Mrs C Brennan

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

This meeting was chaired by Cllr. Cooper

**19/20/146 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.

**19/20/147 Meeting Open to the Public.**

One member of the public said he had reported fly tipping several times to CBC and felt that these events are increasing. The Chair said that this item will be dealt with during the meeting.

**19/20/148 Minutes of recent meetings.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were read and approved.

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

**To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and to authorise the Chair to sign them.**

**The resolution was passed unanimously.**

**19/20/149 Report from Ward Councillor**

Cllr Collins said that the Local Plan schedule of works has been sent to the Examiner.

There is no revision to the site allocations.

It is hoped that the Local Plan will be fully agreed by the end of this year.

LBC are still considering a Judicial Review of the M1 – A6 link road plans.

The deadline for lodging court papers is 19<sup>th</sup> February.

The Planning Application for a bungalow extension at Crawley Court has been approved.

Cllr. Collins said that Cllr Perry is making a recovery from his illness but is still poorly.

Cllr. Minnighan asked for an update on our Grant applications.

Cllr Collins said that because of Cllr. Perry`s illness, his Grant process is on hold and Cllr Collins`s funds have been allocated.

He said that he would be happy to support our application from the new Financial Year in April.

**19/20/150 Planning Matters**

**1. CB/19/04252/FULL – Pedlars, Pepsal End Lane, Pepperstock – Demolition of part existing dwelling and replace with single storey extension and internal alterations.**

The meeting discussed this Planning Application in detail and it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection.

**2. CB/20/00050/FULL - Cobblers Gold. Mancroft Road, Aley Green - Re-Submission. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a four bedroom house.**

The meeting discussed this Planning Application, and it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection.

**3. CB/20/00250/FULL – 71 Woodside Road, Woodside – re-submission – single storey rear and side extension.**

The meeting discussed this Planning Application, and it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection.

**19/20/151 Angus Brewer Trust**

Cllr. Minnighan said she had spoken to Mr. Brewer and he confirmed that he would be happy to have a resident of Slip End on the Committee.

Cllr Hooker asked for an update on the Playing Fields application for funding for refurbishing the showers.

Cllr. Minnighan said that the Trust have not yet had a Committee meeting to discuss the application. Case4 do not have a Grant system in place currently. Cllr. Collins said that Case4 Trust have a meeting tomorrow but are unlikely to discuss the PF application yet.

**19/20/152 New Playground Project**

Cllr Minnighan said that all the equipment has been installed, as had the new fencing.

Some excess fencing and pallets have not yet been picked up.

Airparks have kindly offered to pay for the playground signs.

After a short discussion, it was agreed to order three signs.

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

**To approve the spending of up to £750 on three signs for the Crawley Playground.**

**The resolution was passed unanimously.**

**19/20/153 Community Improvement Fund**

**Fly Tipping Initiative**

The Chair said that it had been proposed that the first steps should be siting signs at the proposed fly tipping locations, followed by dummy cameras and then if we have had no improvement, a live camera deployed.

After a short discussion, it was proposed that we go to installing signs initially, and then move to a live camera if necessary, without employing a dummy camera.

Cllr. Shaw raised an issue about the potential suitability of the camera Cllr. Hooker had identified.

It was agreed that as we were only implementing phase one at this time, we should judge the effectiveness of the signs first.

We will seek further feedback from Caddington on their choice of camera before deciding on which one we should purchase, if needed.

Cllr Hooker has had feedback from Caddington Parish Council on their initiative, and so far it has been positive.

It was agreed that Cllr Hooker proceed with the purchase of signs, tie wraps and concrete **(T.H)**

The pole will be purchased by Mr. Prothero and then will install it and the signs, when available.

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

**To approve the spending of up to £250 on signs, pole, tie wraps and concrete to help solve fly tipping in selected locations in the Parish.**

**The resolution was passed unanimously.**

**Replacement defibrillator box at Playing Fields**

Cllr. Minnighan said that the defibrillator box at the Playing Fields has become rusty due to exposure to strong sunlight and rain.

A replacement box will be £699 plus delivery and VAT.

After a short discussion, it was agreed to wait until the next Financial Year to replace it.

**Planters at Rossway**

Cllr Minnighan said that the current planters are rotting and need replacing this year.

A number of alternative containers and configurations were discussed.

Mr. Prothero said it would cost £636 to remove what is currently there and recycle the timber and earth.

Including removal costs the bill would be around £1700 to replace the feature with new planters.

After a short discussion it was agreed to replace them in the next Financial Year.

**19/20/154 Contractor Contract Renewal**

The proposed contract for Richard Gurney and Son was discussed.

The quote is for one year from April 2020, and was identical to his current contract, apart from a higher cost (+11.1%) for cutting at Crawley Playground, reflecting the extra work needed because of the new equipment recently installed.

Cllr Hooker said we should put the contract out for Tender so we can see what other contractors would charge.

The Chair said that to do this, we would need to show all prospective contractors around all the locations and detail what is required at each location, including frequency of cut.

Also, it may be difficult to find suitable contractors willing to bid.  
The Clerk was asked to contact CBC to see if they had an authorised list of contractors on their books. **(P.S)**

After a short discussion it was unanimously agreed to accept this quote from Richard Gurney and Son, but ask for Tenders during the summer for the contract starting in April 2021.

Cllr. Hooker said he would be happy to take charge of the Tender process for this contract **(T.H)**

Cllr Minnighan informed the meeting that we will need to buy extra storage on our E-mail system, at a cost of £5 per Month. This cost has already been factored into the 2020/21 Budget.

**19/20/155 Community Projects Group Update**

Cllr Patterson said that the next meeting of the CPG will be on 25<sup>th</sup> February.

**19/20/156 Approval of the new 2020 Asset Register.**

The Clerk had previously circulated the new Asset Register to Members.

This now includes the new defibrillator at Pepperstock as well as the new Adult Gym and fencing at Crawley Playground.

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

**To approve the 2020 Asset Register.**

**The resolution was passed unanimously.**

**19/20/157 Residents Communications**

The chair said he has had an E-Mail from a resident complaining of holiday parking.

The resident has asked if we will consider a residents parking scheme.

The Chair said that this had previously been looked at but there was very little support for it when costs were circulated.

At the time, the costs were thought to be £80 a year for the first car and £60 a year for subsequent cars.

The cost of a TRO and enforcement were also an issue.

Cllr Hooker said he had heard of mixed reviews to such a scheme.

The Chair said that both pubs in the Village have parking restrictions in place now because of residents parking in their car parks.

The Clerk was asked to find out current Resident Parking Scheme costs and circulate to Members **(P.S)**

**19/20/158 Highways and Footpaths**

Cllr Hooker circulated pictures of the recent flooding in Grove Road.

He said that when the road floods, residents from Woodside cannot walk to the Village.

The Chair said we need better quality photos to be able to make our case to Central Beds and

Cllr. Hooker said he will try and get these next time it floods. **(T.H)**

The waste bin in Grove Road is disintegrating and needs replacing.

It was agreed to wait until the next Financial Year.

Cllr. Minnighan said the yellow lines in Rossway are lifting and that parking wardens are not able to issue tickets.

The Chair explained that lining was expensive and it would be more likely to be carried out if we could create a larger job.

He asked if all Councillors could take some photos of missing lining throughout the Parish, so we could submit a case to Highways. **(ALL)**

**19/20/159 Parish Trees**

No Issues

**19/20/160 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. Minnighan and seconded by Cllr. Beeton.

Cheques were signed by Cllr Minnighan and Cllr Patterson.

**19/20/161 Policing**

No Issues

**19/20/162 Closing Comments**

The Airparks advert for the Parish News was only circulated earlier in the day and the Chair asked Members if they make time to read it and send their comments through to the Clerk so that we can respond back to them.

The meeting was then closed at 8.15 pm.

**Date of next meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020.**

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

**Date**.....

The meeting was then opened up to the public

No comments

**Appendix A**

**Cheques for Payment  
February 2020**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheq Num.</u>
Jacksons Fencing	Labour Charge	£5394-00	100637
Jacksons Fencing	Playground Fence	£9384-95	100639
A Prothero	Gardening Jan 2020	£546-65	100127
P Segal	Clerks Salary Jan 20	£808-58	100128
P Segal	Clerks Expenses	£98-74	100129