

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Hanslope Parish Council held on Monday 11th January 2021 at 7.00pm - remotely.

(in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020).

Present:

Parish Councillors: -

M Palmer (Chair)

J Cass

R Simpkins

J Gregory

A Geary (Ward Cllr – MKC)

D Courtman

S Proctor

E Price

C Hogg

Clerk: G Merry

0 Members of the Public

21.001 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

There were no apologies or declarations of interest

21.002 To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th December 2020:

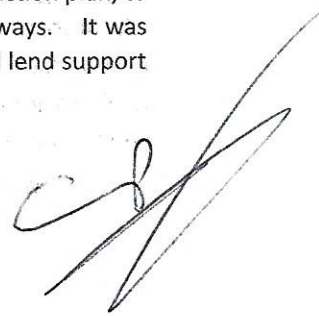
The minutes had been previously circulated and were PROPOSED by Cllr Courtman, SECONDED by Cllr Simpkins, AGREED and SIGNED.

21.003 Public Time:

No items

21.004 Council:

- i. **Clerk's Report:** The clerk welcomed everyone back to what is unfortunately a worsened situation and stated little had happened since the last meeting. Income for the year is at £151,987 – 113% of budget, and expenditure is at £93,363 – 72% of budget as at the 31st of December. Just under the 75% for 2/3 through the year. Income will increase over the next month or 2 as allotments rents are coming in. The clerk reminded everyone to be careful with data and privacy. Although these are now under UK GDPR law, not EU, the laws are the same.
- ii. **Highway's and Traffic Updates:** Cllr Courtman reported the Speed Indicator Device is recording lighter traffic but with more incidents of speeding, and calming measures are still needed. Marshalls Coaches are still using the village to access Hanslope Park and it has been confirmed this is a permanent arrangement. Concern was expressed over the projected increase in traffic along Castlethorpe Road over the next 2 years, resulting from the new developments. Cllr Geary had received complaints from residents re. developers possibly contravening planning conditions and stated he would contact enforcement. Cllr Geary reported that there had been severe flooding in Tathall End on 23/12/2020, with 2 properties suffering waist deep water. Other councillors added that flooding had been village-wide, including areas that had never flooded before. Cllr Geary added there had been a swift response from MK Highways, and sandbags had been delivered to the properties in Tathall End in a very timely manner. He suggested the PC discuss potential purchase of a quantity of sandbags and allocating storage. Cllr Palmer suggested the PC develop a local action plan, to which Cllr Geary agreed and asked for the PC's support in putting this to Highways. It was agreed the clerk would write to thank the officers for their quick response and lend support to Cllr Geary's proposals. The matter would remain on the agenda.



- iii. **School Land Transfer:** Cllr Proctor reported that the license between Bloors and MKC is progressing but MKC were refusing to cover the legal fees for the PC to be issued the lease. Cllr Proctor is disputing their reasoning for this and Cllr Geary agreed to contact MKC's legal department on this matter.
- iv. **Traffic-Free Cycle Track:** The correspondent pursuing this, supported the PC's suggestion of developing a cycle way from the village to Hanslope Park, via Bullington End but has also proposed several other routes with MKC. The clerk agreed to inform Castlethorpe PC of these developments and inform MKC's Transport Planner for cycling and walking, of the PC's support for the proposals. Concern was expressed over maintenance schedules, costs and obtaining permissions from landowners. Cllr Proctor confirmed there would be some \$106 funding available for the cycleways and he agreed to contact the correspondent re. how the PC could support the initiative.
- v. **Reports from Outside Bodies:** There were no reports.

21.005 Planning:

- i. **Update:** Cllr Cass reported on the following applications:
20/03339/FUL The Globe, Hartwell Road (re-submission of 20/01282/FUL) - Entry-level housing exception scheme - 30 dwellings. Cllr Cass suggested that objections to the previous application still apply and proposed largely submitting these again. Cllr Geary had spoken with the case officer to confirm he would call it in to the DCC, if she was minded to approve the application. Cllr Cass confirmed that the number of dwellings exceeds the maximum 5% of the size of the existing settlement, as recommended in the NPPF paragraph 71. Whilst the applicant states that the site is less than one hectare, therefore it does not matter that the development is much larger than 5% it is believed that the footnote to paragraph 71 means that both criteria should be met. Cllrs viewed some of the objection letters online and it was discussed and agreed to **object**. It was further discussed and agreed, that a template letter prepared by Cllr Geary could be published on the PC's behalf, for residents to use.
 (Cllr Geary left the meeting at 19.35)

20/02959/OUT 65 Newport Road, MK19 7ND - 9 new dwellings plus access rd. and associated works. The PC has objected, along with highways and the ecology team. **Determination awaited.**

20/02711/PANOTH - Spinney Lodge Farm, Mk19 7DE - Straw shed and machinery store. **No objection.**

20/03101/FUL The Cock, 35 High Street, MK19 7LQ - Change of Use to restaurant/bar & installation of extractor & flue. The conservation officer has objected to the vent. This was discussed but there were no objections and the application generally is **supported**.

20/03300/FUL: 9 Long Street, Mk19 7BL - Removal of conservatory & store - replace with single-storey extension. **Will be looked at.**

20/03367/FUL Mawley', Higham Cross Road (re-submission of 20/02662/FUL - Rear extension to existing, conversion of outbuilding to annex, erection of stables, car port etc. **No objection.**

21/00044/TPO Old Manor House, The Green, MK19 7LS - Removal of ash, sever ivy to 1 horse chestnut, removal to ground level 1 horse chestnut and possible removal of a 3rd. Whilst the application had been made due to increased risk, it somewhat conflicted with the Hanslope NP, re. retaining mature trees. It was discussed and agreed that Cllr Simpkins would investigate further and report back via email.

Castlethorpe Road Sites - It was discussed that the 'Malt Mill Farm' and 'Cuckoo Hill Field' sites are now both owned by Hayfield Homes and are being combined, for construction access purposes, though it is not intended that they will be combined once complete. Enabling works

have started and Cllr Cass expressed concern over the removal of hedgerows and that construction conditions are possibly not being met. The S106 agreements for both developments were discussed and Cllr Proctor agreed to circulate these via email.

- ii. **Enforcement:** No report.

21.006: Finance:

- i. **Reconciliations and Financial Situation Report:** Reconciliation checks were being carried out by Cllr Price. The clerk circulated accounts to December 31st 2020, with payments and receipts reported as per 21.004 i. There were no questions.
- ii. **Budget 2021-22:** The clerk had circulated the proposed budget figures and Cllr Palmer invited questions. Cllr Price expressed concern that there would be future maintenance and other costs associated with the PC adopting the shared areas on the Davidson's and Bloor's estates. It was discussed and agreed that these must be investigated this year, with a view to building into the budget for 2022-23. The clerk stated that the proposed budget for 2021-22 is slightly trimmed down due to having a better idea of project expenditure and a healthy level of reserves. It was discussed whether to increase the budget anyway, as a contingency. However, it was agreed to leave the budget as presented at £124,860.
MOTION: To approve the budget for 2021-22 at £124,860 PROPOSED by Cllr Courtman, SECONDED by Cllr Price and AGREED
- iii. **Precept:** The clerk had circulated scenarios for an increased precept in line with inflation, a maintained precept as per last year, or a precept matching the agreed budget, resulting a slightly decreased tax bill for local residents. It was agreed to request a precept matching the budget of £124,860, as a way of keeping costs down for local people at this time. This would likely need to be increased next year to underwrite further devolved services.
MOTION: To agree the precept demand for 2021-22 at £124,860 PROPOSED by Cllr Price, SECONDED by Cllr Simpkins and AGREED.
- iv. **Approval of Payments:** The clerk had circulated the list of payments to be agreed (below) and these were reviewed.

Date	Invoice from	For	Net	Vat	Total
05/11/2020	PKF Littlejohn	External audit fee	£ 400.00	£ 80.00	£ 480.00
26/11/2020	BMKALC	Allotment Management Training – GM	£ 108.39		£ 108.39
15/12/2020	EON	Gas - Scout Hall	£ 3.52	£ 0.18	£ 3.70
15/12/2020	MKPA	Extra Craft bags x 20	£ 160.00		£ 160.00
15/12/2020	Rubbish 2 Go	Skip and clearance – allotments	£ 215.83	£ 43.17	£ 259.00
17/12/2020	Tara Davies	Pavilion Cleaning x 3 weeks	£ 45.00		£ 45.00
31/12/2020	Barbara Osborne Business Services	Quarterly payroll Oct-Dec	£ 106.00		£ 106.00
31/12/2020	RTM Landscapes Ltd	Landscaping – Dec	£ 979.17	£ 195.83	£ 1,175.00
31/12/2020	John Sharpe	Dec Caretaking + materials for fixing step to changing rooms	£ 351.23		£ 351.23
01/01/2021	Roy Courtman	Document storage	£ 45.00	£ 9.00	£ 54.00
01/01/2021	Roy Courtman	Operation of SID - Oct-Dec	£ 240.00	£ 48.00	£ 288.00
01/01/2021	Marcus Young Environmental Services	Bins and dog Bins - Dec	£ 484.50	£ 96.90	£ 581.40

01/01/2021	Tove Landscapes (Lotte)	Dec Rec Ground Maintenance	£ 788.33	£ 157.67	£ 946.00
11/01/2021	G Merry	Expenses reimbursement			£ 42.88
PAID					
29/12/2020	G Merry	Dec Salary			
29/12/2020	HMRC	Dec Tax and NI			
29/12/2020	Bucks CC	LGPS - Dec pension contribution			

MOTION: to agree the payments for Dec/Jan as above, PROPOSED by Cllr Palmer SECONDED by Cllr Courtman and AGREED.

21.007 Recreation Ground:

- i **Pavilion Updates:** The clerk advised that the Pavilion and MUGA are closed due to the lockdown, however, the playground can stay open and she is re-doing the risk assessment. The clerk agreed to chase up the contractor re. fixing the Scout Hall/Pavilion guttering and repairs.
- ii **Scout Hall:** Cllr Palmer has removed the rubble blocking the entrance and the contractor has started on the new heating installation. The contractor has been asked to report back on the condition of the ceiling tiles, with a view to maximizing insulation. Cllr Simpkins reported that the youth club is looking for somewhere to store their pool table until after lockdown and asked whether it could go in the scout hall. Concern was expressed that it may not be reclaimed, and Cllr Courtman offered to find out whether storage is available at her property.
- iii **MUGA Project:** Tenders close on 22/1/2021, after which the working group will meet. Cllr Gregory is working on an evaluation process, with scoring under various headings. This will be circulated to the working group.

(Cllr Geary returned at 20.10)

21.008 Village Projects

- i. **Long Street/Gold Street Sign:** Cllr Palmer reported that the sign is still with the fabricator and he is monitoring progress.
- ii. **Pop-up Library:** Cllr Hogg had investigated the options and asked for opinions on where this could be located. There was brief discussion and it was agreed all would give this some thought. The one at Castlethorpe was well-used and generally not disrespected.
- iii. **Bench for Dr's Surgery:** It had been suggested that a new bench would give patients somewhere to wait now that they had to queue outside. The clerk advised that this would need to be ordered from MKC and the last one cost £547. It was agreed the land in front of the surgery may be best and does not belong to MKC, although the clerk will check with MKC if this is permissible.

21.009 S106 Projects

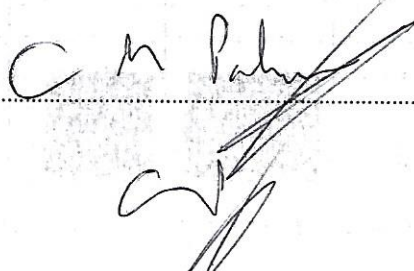
- i. **Allotment Project:** The new allotments committee will be meeting on 14/1/2021 and will fine-tune the proposal, with a view to pinning down the financial arrangements with MKC.
- ii. **Other:** Cllr Cass asked for clarification of what is in the S106 agreement for the Bloor's development and Cllr Proctor agreed to circulate the document. Cllr Palmer reminded all that S106 payments go to the district council and the PC's do not automatically qualify for the funding. It was agreed to keep this matter on the agenda.

21.010 Allotments

- i. **Update:** Cllr Simpkins reported that there is now 100% take up on the allotments and a waiting list has been started.

21.011 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 8th February 2021 at 7pm, via Zoom

Signed



Date

9.2.2021