

## Hanslope Parish Council

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### Minutes of **Annual Parish Meeting** of Hanslope Parish Council - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 7-8pm at The Community Hall, Hanslope Recreation Ground

#### **Present:**

**HPC:** Cllrs Palmer (Chair), Courtman, Price, Proctor, Simpkins & Andrew

**MKCC** (Ward Cllrs): Cllrs Andrews and Bowyer

Clerk: G Merry

Members of the Public: 16

#### **1. Chairman's introduction and summary of 4-year term of office**

Cllr Palmer welcomed all and gave his summary of the last 4-year term of office  
**(appended)**

#### **2. Presentations from councillor working groups – Cllr reports appended.**

- i. Cllr Courtman – Responsibilities: Operation of Speed Indicator Device (SID), Highways and Public Rights of Way, crime and police liaison, review of the Hanslope Neighbourhood Plan.
- ii. Cllr Simpkins – Responsibilities: Landscaping contracts and devolved services arrangements, ponds and trees, bins and dog waste bins, allotments.
- iii. Cllr Andrew – Responsibilities: Events, volunteers and community liaison, Recreation Ground Liaison, police and crime liaison, review of the Hanslope Neighbourhood Plan.
- iv. Cllr Proctor – Responsibilities: Land and asset management, legal matters, transfer of land/Public Open Spaces (e.g. new estates).
- v. Cllr Price – Responsibilities: Monitoring of council accounts and finances, planning (recommending planning comments), review of the Hanslope Neighbourhood Plan

#### **3. Any other presentations**

Cllr Palmer added that the PC had also been instrumental in progressing the installation of the new zebra crossing by the school on Long Street Road, following a petition from parents and residents. Also the PC had funded the refurbishment of the church clock and that more trees had been planted in the village in the last 4 years, than in the last 40. He thanked the clerk for her support and explained how Section 106 (developer) funding works, stating that any groups could apply – **Info. appended.**

#### **4. Open Forum for residents to ask questions and bring matters to the PC's attention:**

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Q: Davidson homes will not say when the open spaces, car parks etc will be completed and handed over?

A: SP confirmed that the PC had no update on this.

Q: The PC were thanked for the work to install the village finger post at the 'Watts Arms' junction.

Q: Fireworks are increasingly an issue, especially on the new estates, with a particular problem on the Hayfield's estate. Fireworks seem to now be year-round and after November 5<sup>th</sup>, wildlife had been affected. Can the revised NHP protect the village from this?

A: MP stated the reason for continuously updating the NHP was to limit the number of large developments being approved. AA stated that the village survey would be repeated and was designed to gather the views of village residents, to give further weight to the NHP. Fireworks would be discussed on that evening's PC agenda. DC added that she has spoken with the local PCSO re. fireworks and that newcomers to village life needed to understand the effects on wildlife etc through education. The Member of Public added that Hayfield Homes have spoken with the residents and there had been some improvement.

Q: An access gate has been installed on Denton Drive on the Hayfields development.

A: AA the planning working group are investigating this.

Q: Why is the new car park and the Public Open Space (POS) not yet open on the Hanslope Fields Estate?

A: SP stated that the car park is still being finished and cannot be handed over until the final fixings etc are complete. The planting and final landscaping in the POS is underway but it is better the area is finished before it is transferred to the PC, rather than the PC inherit it with issues. There is a legal obligation for it to be transferred and this will happen in due course.

Q: Is Hanslope to be entered in the Buck's Best Village Competition?

A: MP explained that the inundation of new estates had meant all village resources were stretched. This had resulted in there being little point to entering the competition.

Q: Please consider applying next year and suggested cleaning the village signs and painting the inside of the bus shelters.

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Q: Bloor Homes had obtained S106 funding for the school extension and new MUGA and the PC had supported the land being transferred to the school. Why was this now not happening?

A: MP stated this had never been the arrangement. The land was always to be transferred to the PC who would then lease it back to the school on a 99 year lease, so the use of the land was passed on but not the land itself.

The meeting closed 8pm