

HANSLOPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Hanslope Parish Council on Monday 10th February 2025, 7pm at
Hanslope Pavilion, MK19 7LG.

MINUTES

Present:

D Courtman (Chairman)

E Price

R Wallond

R Simpkins

W Pacheco

L Andrews (Ward Cllr)

Clerk: G Merry

2 members of public

25.13 Apologies: Received and accepted from Cllrs Flatley and Geary

25.14 Minutes from previous meeting held 13/01/25

MOTION: to approve the minutes of the last meeting PROPOSED by Cllr Pacheco SECONDED by Cllr Price and AGREED

25.15 Declarations of Interest: No declarations

25.16 Public Participation:

- The local scout leader thanked the council for supporting the group over the last 2 years and announced that in addition to Beavers, there was now a Cub pack and from April, a Sea Scouts group will be added. The first for Milton Keynes and will meet on a Wednesday in Hanslope. They will need equipment and the clerk agreed to send the PC's grant info. All 3 groups are keen to help with any local community initiatives.
- The vice chair from the Hornets stated the reasoning behind item 25.20 ii. He stated that the club is running at a loss and will have to increase fees to continue paying for white lining. He suggested another solution would be for the PC to pay for once-monthly lining and the club can then go over the lines.

25.17 Council

- Clerk's report:** At 31/01/25 Income stood at £201,261 and Expenditure at £111,304. £24,272 of expenditure has been from earmarked reserves. This had been an extremely busy month, with several evening meetings and work on various S106 projects. The Fire Risk Assessment is due and a new company engaged, who are more stringent. A large list of documents had been required in advance, necessitating the creation of new documents and processes. E.g. weekly and monthly checklists for smoke alarms, fire doors and emergency lighting testing, and the caretaker will be helping with these. The Fire audit is on 13/2/25 and the intention is to also obtain a professional evaluation of the hall and pavilion capacity. The clerk had undertaken 2 training sessions: One in A.I. and one in accessing reports from the accounts software. She has also worked on setting up the new parent & baby group starting on 26/2/25.
- Highways/speeding and flooding updates:** Cllr Wallond reported that Speedwatch sessions are now taking place in Tathall End, with 7 volunteers completing the training. 4 CSW sessions have taken place at Tathall End and a new location of Long Street has been approved by TVP. Volunteer numbers from the main village CSW group are down but the

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Tathall End volunteers may help with this. Cllr and Mr. Courtman have agreed to continue operating the SIDs, following a break over Dec/Jan. As such the MOTION was not required, although work to develop a specification would be needed for succession planning. Cllr Courtman advised that Mr. Courtman will be putting up the rate by £20 per SID session and this was agreed.

- iii. **Hanslope Herald:** The clerk advised that financial transactions to do with the Herald must now come under her remit and this had also been identified by the internal auditor. The clerk had requested from Cllr Andrew, what advertising rates had previously been charged. The outcome of this was awaited but the clerk read out payments previously been received. The clerk advised that both the rates and a policy should be agreed by the PC and both were discussed. It was agreed the policy would mirror the sample application form provided by the auditor, with the inclusion of clause 9 from the sample policy. i.e. no religious or racial discrimination etc. It was agreed that religious and political content would be accepted, if it was for information purposes only e.g. listing times of services or details of MP surgeries etc. Cllr Andrews remaining as editor was fully supported, all the while she was willing to do this. The rates were agreed @: £200/full page, £250/back page, £100/half page and £50/quarter page. It was agreed the clerk would circulate the new policy as above.

MOTION: To agree an advertising policy as above, PROPOSED by Cllr Wallond, SECONDED by Cllr Pacheco and AGREED

To agree advertising rates as above, subject to draft circulation by the clerk – DEFERRED

- iv. **Ward boundary changes consultation:** Cllr Geary had spoken with both Haversham and Castlethorpe PCs, regarding the plan for Hanslope and the rural north villages to be joined with New Bradwell, into a new Ward. Both had supplied their proposed responses to the consultation, objecting to the plans and supporting alternative suggestions. It was agreed that Hanslope will send a similar response and Cllr Geary will be asked to meet with the Elections and Boundaries officer, along with representatives from the other rural north villages.


MOTION: To agree the PC's response to the consultation as above PROPOSED by Cllr Courtman SECONDED by Cllr Price and AGREED

- v. **Village website:** The clerk reminded all that sometime ago, the moderator for the village website had advised she would be stopping and since then, the PC website had been developed, along with the Hanslope Herald and a well-used village Facebook site. For these reasons, it was agreed to decommission the village site which costs the PC around £189/year in domain hosting and registration. The clerk will liaise with the current moderator to organise a phased decommission.

- vi. **Any additional reports from Cllrs, Parishes forum etc.:** Cllr Wallond advised that Bloor Homes are still considering the request for a food van on their car park area and he will continue to chase this.

25.18 Planning

- i. **New planning applications – Feb 2025 and updates.** The list of current applications was circulated and discussed, as below. It was agreed that no comments were needed.



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PLN/2024/2687	8 SAXON CLOSE, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7AX	The all-round reduction of Lime Tree (T1) by approx. 2.5m protected by Milton Keynes Council Tree Preservation Order no. PS/540/15/50	18/02/2025	NO COMMENTS
PLN/2025/0125	66 WESTERN DRIVE, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7LE	The erection of a porch with shower room. change garden to hard standing and new drop kerb	21/02/2025	NO COMMENTS
PLN/2025/0150	30 HARTWELL ROAD, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7BZ	Approval of details required by condition 5 (visibility splays) of permission ref. 21/01922/FUL at	Consultation Expiry: 2025-02-18	NO COMMENTS
PLN/2024/2337	65 EASTFIELD DRIVE, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7NT	Approval of details required by condition 13 (Schedule of Materials) of permission ref. 21/01724/FUL	19/02/2025	NO COMMENTS

MOTION: To agree the parish council's responses to applications as above, PROPOSED by Cllr Price SECONDED by Cllr Wallond and AGREED

- ii. **Revised Hanslope Neighbourhood Plan:** The examiner had sent comments and these were circulated. It was agreed to make the revisions as requested, however a number of maps needed amending and the consultants owned the rights to these. They had sent a quote of £665 to carry out the amendments and this was agreed.

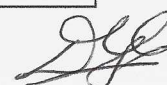
MOTION: To agree to consultants O'Neil Homer carrying out the HNP amendments @ £665 PROPOSED by Cllr Pacheco SECONDED by Cllr Simpkins and AGREED

25.19 Finance

- i. **Reconciliations & financial situation report to Jan 31st 2024:** The clerk had circulated the accounts to 31/01/25 and Cllr Price had checked the reconciliation report. The clerk provided a year-end projected outturn, showing a small surplus and underspend. There were no questions.
- ii. **To receive the internal audit report:** The clerk had circulated the interim internal auditor's report and there were no comments.
- iii. **Approval of payments Feb. 2025:** The list of payments was circulated (below). A large bill for storage was discussed and the clerk explained that the PC had moved items to a professional storage provider a year and a half ago but they had not been invoicing. This invoice therefore represents 1.5 years of storage. MK Citizen's Advice Bureau had sent an interesting document with statistical data for visits/requests by Hanslope residents. This showed a clear link by residents and use of the CAB, who were also requesting funding for setting up new offices. It was discussed and agreed to donate £500 towards furniture for the new premises.

DATE	Invoice from	For	Net	Vat	Total
16/11/2024	MKCC	Installing 2 x SID posts (Rec'd 30/1/25)	£ 222.50	£ -	£ 222.50
28/01/2025	Tina Charteress	Interim audit	£ 200.00		£ 200.00
31/01/2025	Anne Washington	Caretaking - Jan and reimburse items	£ 545.99		£ 545.99
31/01/2025	Almars	Printing - CSW docs	£ 25.83	£ 5.17	£ 31.00
31/01/2025	Rialtas	Training course - clerk	£ 70.00	£ 14.00	£ 84.00
31/01/2025	Tove Landscapes	Removal of fallen hedge	£ 100.00	£ 20.00	£ 120.00
31/01/2025	Tove Landscapes	Monthly maintenance contract - Jan	£ 1,954.16	£ 390.84	£ 2,345.00
31/01/2025	Suez	Jan empties - wheely bins	£ 45.90	£ 9.18	£ 55.08
01/02/2025	Marcus Young Landscapes	Jan bins and dog bins	£ 794.75	£ 158.95	£ 953.70

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05/02/2025	Gerrard's Property Services (Gerrard Herring)	Fix community hall guttering	£ 50.00		£ 50.00
06/02/2025	Tove Landscapes	Allotment plot clearance - 76a	£ 130.00	£ 26.00	£ 156.00
06/02/2025	Tove Landscapes	Allotment plot clearance - 69	£ 130.00	£ 26.00	£ 156.00
06/02/2025	JTS storage	Storage of PC archives Aug 23-Feb 25	£ 1,030.00	£ 206.00	£ 1,236.00
09/12/2025	G Merry	PC Expenses - Jan	£ 2.73		£ 2.73
Expected	Tara Davies	Hall and Pavilion cleaning	£ 180.00		£ 180.00
GRANT APPLICATIONS					
Feb	Mk Citizens Advice Bureau	Various between £150-£500	£500	Agreed	

MOTION: To approve invoices as presented PROPOSED by Cllr Pacheco SECONDED by Cllr Simpkins and AGREED

25.20 Recreation Ground

- i. **Hall/Rec. ground updates:** The floor of the hall had started to leave paint residue on clothing, shoes etc. A floor cleaning contractor had advised a one-day professional clean @ £450 or a 2-day sealant treatment @ £750. It was discussed and agreed to arrange the 2-day treatment

MOTION: To agree the sealant as above @ £750 PROPOSED by Cllr Simpkins SECONDED by Cllr Pacheco and AGREED.

- ii. **White lining request from Hornets:** Hanslope Hornets had requested that the PC funds weekly white lining, as they can no longer afford to pay for this. Cllr Pacheco expressed disappointment that despite him carrying out this function for several years, for free, he had not been informed of the move to a paid contractor. It was discussed and agreed that the PC will pay for a once-monthly lining by the current contractor, on the understanding that Hornets personnel must go over this weekly, to avoid the lines disappearing and a more costly reinstatement being required. The situation will be monitored for effectiveness.

MOTION: To agree to pay for once-monthly white lining @ £175/month PROPOSED by Cllr Simpkins SECONDED by Cllr Wallond and AGREED.

- iii. **Weekly Poop Scoop:** A local contractor was offering a Poop Scoop service and it was discussed and agreed to engage this service, once a week on a Saturday morning. This way, football would benefit the most, as they currently have to clean up before play can commence.

MOTION: To agree the weekly Poop Scoop @ £30/week PROPOSED by Cllr Simpkins SECONDED by Cllr Pacheco and AGREED.

- iv. **Stay and Play group:** The group will start on 26/2/25, run by MK Play Association and supported by the parish council. The clerk is still chasing the health visitor service for an answer.

25.21 Village Projects

- i. **Updates on Hanslope Fields transfer of car park and Public Open Spaces:** Cllr Simpkins advised that the last contact from Bloor had been October 2024. As such it was agreed to instruct the PC's lawyer to contact them, with a view to progressing the transfer.
- ii. **Update on transfer of Wheatfields Public Open Spaces:** Cllr Wallond had attended a site

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meeting with representatives from Davidson's Homes and MKCC, to assess the status of snagging issues. MKCC had largely been satisfied that these had been attended to. However, Davidsons were pushing for the PC to adopt the SUDs and Cllr Simpkins outlined the reasons why this would elevate the level of financial risk to the PC. The lawyer had also advised against this and it was agreed the PC would not sign any agreement that included management/maintenance of the SUDs system. Cllr Simpkins will work on the required wording to submit to Davidsons to stipulate that they arrange with Anglian Water to adopt the SUDs.

iii. **Any other updates:** No items

25.22 S106 Projects - Overall S106 picture – update and recommendations from working group: Cllr Wallond reported on the outcome of the public meeting held on 22/1/24 and subsequent responses to the consultation. Cllrs had received and read all responses, as well as the minutes of the public meeting circulated by the clerk. Cllr Wallond had circulated the list of requests which were many and disparate and could be considered an initial overview only. Requests outside the parish council's scope would be discounted and the list refined into achievable areas and to be prioritised. There had been 4 offers to join the working group and WG will invite all 4. The clerk was currently arranging an in-person WG meeting. Cllr Courtman cautioned against progressing the cycle route between Hanslope and Castlethorpe via Sustrans, as this would require use of private land which, local landowners would be unwilling to allow.

25.23 Allotments: No updates

25.24 Date of Next Meeting: 10th March 2025

..... *D. Courtman* Signed

..... *10th Feb 25* Date



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