

Hanslope Parish Council
Meeting held on 11th February 2019
At The Pavillion, Castlethorpe Road.

Present:

Martin Palmer (Chair)
Dorothy Courtman
Eileen Price
Richard Green
Roland Simpkins
Bill Green

In attendance: one prospective councillor seeking to be co-opted; two members of the public

	Draft Minutes	Actions
19.015	Apologies for Absence Apologies – Councillor Simon Proctor, Councillor Ben Wheeler	
19.016	Declarations of Interest None	
19.017	Approval of Minutes The minutes of the meeting on 14 January were approved with some minor amendments and signed as a true record.	
19.018	Matters Arising from Previous Meeting There were no major matters arising from the minutes not included in the agenda.	
19.019	Representations from Members of the Public Nigel Stacey, as head of the school governors, reported to the PC concerning the developing issues regarding the school as a result of the Castlethorpe Rd and Long Street Rd developments. In particular there was an issue regarding a revised plan for the proposed school drop off point for the school bus that was causing some concern. The PC and the Ward Councillor were asked for their help in liaising with Blooms to resolve it, which they agreed to do. There were representations from two members of the public to discuss the possibility of using the 106 money that may be available, to construct a small skateboard facility within the village. The PC explained that this may be possible but that the proposal would first need to be fully prepared and costed and the location identified and agreed. The PC interviewed Mrs Jackie Cass who had expressed interest in joining the PC as a co-opted member and it was decided that she would be welcome to join if she so wished. She was advised that the term of office of the current PC runs out at the end of April. Nominations for all members of the PC will be sought and an election held on 2nd May.	Bill Green
19.020	Recruitment of New Clerk A more detailed advert had been prepared and circulated through BALC in the first instance, It was decided to also circulate the advert through NCALC. As a result the deadline for applications was extended to 8th March.	D Courtman
19.021	Current Planning Matters There were no changes to report concerning the confirmation reported at the previous meeting that the Secretary of State has confirmed Milton Keynes has a five year housing land supply and that although Policy S10 regarding open countryside is now out of date, the five year land supply means that Core Strategy policies now apply again which provides protection for open countryside. The Parish Council has confirmed, to the inspector, its objection regarding the three proposed developments that have gone for appeal : 50 houses adjacent to Cuckoo Hill, 51 at the Eventing Centre and 7 – 17 Castlethorpe Road. A decision as to whether the proposed 200 houses off Eastfield Drive would still be submitted to MKDC for approval, even though it is believed that MK planning department will recommend that the development should not be approved. No objections were raised to the planning application 19/00163/FUL 54 Hartwell Rd or for a street trading licence at the Watts Arms for the Blue Marlin (fish and chip) van.	.

19.022	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. Approval of monthly payments & receipts The items for payment were noted and approved and are detailed at the end of these minutes.</p> <p>b. Budget The PC drew up a budget for 2019/20 that in total was the same as in 2018/19 and envisaged no increase in the Parish Precept on the rates.</p> <p>c. VAT It was noted that to date the PC had not claimed back the VAT it was due but that this would be rectified if possible by the end of the financial year. In the absence of a clerk the PC is doing the best that it can to cope with its administrative requirements and Councillors Eileen Price and Dorothy Courtman in particular were thanked for their services in helping to achieve this.</p> <p>d. HMRC Payments</p>	E Price
19.023	<p>Recreation Ground Redevelopment Councillor R Green reported on the progress in finishing the inside and outside refurbishment work on the Pavilion, the likely income stream from the facility with regard to the rental rated agreed with the sports clubs, and the expected final payment to the contractors for finalising the refurbishment that was expected to be paid before the end of the 2018/19 financial year. The issue which is causing the toilets to back up has been investigated and it was agreed to employ the services of an outside contractor. A quote to resolve the problem was obtained. The post box has been installed and will be emptied on a regular basis. All correspondence to the PC should now be sent to its new address, which this post box will service. BT have still to install an internet connection. Following the acquisition of the 1979 lease documents for the lodge building, which expires at the end of 2019, Councillor Palmer reported that representatives of the Scouts and Guides had been approached with the objective of setting up a meeting to discuss future arrangements. Proposals for suggested dates and time of such a meeting were awaited from the representatives of the Scouts and Guides</p>	R Green . .
19.024	<p>Allotments Councillor Simpkins reported on the AGM held on the 28 January 2019. There was a full and frank exchange of views concerning the proposal to ask for all allotment holders to pay a deposit. This would help guarantee that when future plots were given up there was an incentive for tenants to leave them in a tidy condition or forfeit the deposit. The majority of the tenants agreed to this but asked the PC to find some funds if possible to tidy up the number of overgrown plots before the spring. It was agreed that this would be looked into as a matter of urgency. It was accepted that the increase in plot fees was justified to help the PC offset the cost of cutting grass ridings and hedges that it would have to pick up in full in 2019/20 ..</p>	R Simpkin
19.025	<p>Neighbourhood Development Plan Update Information was awaited from David Blandamer the officer responsible for Neighbourhood Plans at MKC as to the appointment of an examiner to review the Hanslope Neighbourhood plan submitted at the end of November 2018.</p>	
19.026	<p>Village Maintenance Issues Christmas lights -Councillor Courtman reported that for 2019 she and her husband will be responsible for erecting the Christmas tree, while a re-formed group of parishioners has agreed to install the Christmas lights earlier in December than was possible this year. Councillor Courtman reported on the proposed road names for the Long Street Road development, submitted for the comments of the PC by MKC. Some of these were thought to be inappropriate and Councillor Courtman agreed to reply to them with suggested replacement names. Councillor Simpkins reported on the overgrown trees impinging on a path near Neville Close. It was agreed that these needed to be cut back but in keeping with their environmental benefit. Councillors Courtman and Price reported on meetings that had been held on site in Long Street Road with the new head of Highways at MKC – Debby Taylor Bond and subsequently David Frost concerning a) The proposal to change the priority at the Forest Rd Hartwell Rd junction contained in the 106 agreement for the Long Street</p>	D Courtman R Simpkin

	Rd development. b) The proposal to replace the roundabout near the Watts Arms with a T junction contained in the 106 agreement for the Castlethorpe Rd development. c. Traffic calming and road safety measures along Long Street, particularly as regards children crossing the road to get to school. It was agreed that for a) and b) MK Highways were open for these to be reviewed but that the PC needed to have meetings with the developers to agree changing the terms of the 106 agreement to do this . Concerning the road safety near the school, Highways were informed that to back up the great concern in the community over this, they would soon receive a petition signed by over 600 parishioners, for the establishment of a crossing or better safety arrangements. This would be supported by the PC. Councillor Courtman would then be following this up as a matter of great concern with David Frost of MK Highways.	
19.014	Items for Next Agenda The following items were proposed for the next agenda: Planning enforcement report re Fence Farm.	

The meeting closed at 22.15

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday 11th March 2019 in the Pavillion at the Recreation Ground

Payments Agreed:

Payee	Description	Invoice	Amount £	Cheque Nu
Marcus Young	Rec grounds Dec 18	2913	(715.00)	.
Marcus Young	Bins Dec 18	2906	(424.80)	
Joint cheque			1,139.80	2926
Sandersons Con Eng Ltd	Highway Con services	2897	240.00	2923
Thomas Walker	Clerk salary Jan/Feb 19		984.03	2924
John Sharpe	Caretaker Jan 19		(390.00)	
John Sharpe	Tong litter picker		(18.00)	
Joint cheque			408.95	2925
Hanslope Village hall Hire	Jan 18 to Oct 18	PC/2018	336.35	2927
British Gas	Pavilion 01 Sep 18 to 30 Nov 18	952591477	245.56	2928
Murrays printers	Newsletter Dec 18	39887	395.00	2929
Drain Doctor	Drain survey		417.60	2930
Eileen Price	Postage stamps		6.96	2931
St James Church	Church yard maintenance		465.74	
HMRC	NI contributions back payment 2018		1441.89	
TOTAL			6111.98	