

HANSLOPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Hanslope Parish Council on Monday 14th July 2025, 7pm at
Hanslope Pavilion, MK19 7LG.

MINUTES

Present:

D Courtman (Chairman)
R Wallond
A Geary

R Simpkins
H Needham
A Flatley

CLlr A Andrew (Ward)
Clerk: G Merry

0 members of public

25.75 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Tivey and Price.

25.76 Minutes from previous meeting held 09/06/25

MOTION: to approve the minutes of the last meeting PROPOSED by Cllr Needham
SECONDED by Cllr Simpkins and AGREED

25.77 Declarations of Interest: No declarations

25.78 Public Participation: No items

25.79 Council

- i. **Clerk's report:** At 30/06/25 income stood at £121,721 (84% of budget) and expenditure at £48,971 (24% of budget) with £6,295 of expenditure from earmarked reserves. Next year's budget is not agreed until December. However, consideration needs to be given as follows: Grants are no longer available to fund NHPs and the last one cost around £16,800 in consultancy fees, so that may need to be found over perhaps 3 years. In the funding report for the new building, options 1 or 2 may be feasible. However, Option 3 would require significant fundraising if chosen. Council may increase items for the BBKV and the Festive Lights, as well as factoring in remedial pitch work which now seems to be needed every year. Further devolution may also be coming. In election news, the ward elections and change to one ward councillor, will be May 2026. PC elections are in May 2027. A successful public consultation event was held and well attended, re. the proposed community centre. Comments have been collated and the analysis is on the website. The wooden fencing around the playground, has not been repaired, despite being reported to MKCC and TVP, who have taken no action.
- ii. **AGAR – New Assertion 10:** The clerk advised that next year's AGAR will require Cllrs to sign off stating that GDPR training has taken place as well as a data audit. Fortunately, Hanslope already uses dedicated council email addresses. The clerk will look into CPD training.
- iii. **Crime and ASB:** The clerk reported no ASB/vandalism this month. Cllr Courtman reported the local PCSO had resigned and a new one is in place but disappointingly had not made contact.
- iv. **Highways:** Cllr Wallond reported on 2 CSW sessions held in Tathall End, which recorded 35 out of 80 cars speeding. The data has been uploaded to TVP. There were still

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insufficient people to run CSW in the main village but Cllr Wallond is working on this. Growth of hedges in the growing season is also hampering visibility outside of the 30mph zone and there has been an increase in HGVs through Tathall End. Highways officers had met with Cllr Wallond to decide locations for the proposed CSW signs. However, the quote would not arrive in time for the CIF Fund application deadline of 31/8 and it was decided to only include the SID for Tathall End in the application. The clerk advised a quote of £2500 for the SID, plus costs of poles and installation. It was agreed to apply for £3000, of which the PC pays half. Cllr Courtman and the clerk met with a Highway's officer to organise the siting of the Long Street sign and this is underway, although no quote had arrived as yet, and will be agreed at a future meeting.

MOTION: To agree cost of Long Street Sign CSW signs and SID as above PROPOSED by Cllr Wallond SECONDED by Cllr Flatley and AGREED

v. **Any additional reports from Cllrs, Parishes forum etc.:**

Cllr Andrew arrived at 20.05 and reported as follows: -

- There was another significant accident at Devil's Dip and Cllr Andrew is in contact with Highways who will attend, to measure and assess the area and other arterial roads around Hanslope. She has also written to the Commissioner for Police. There is an issue of accident reports not being passed on to MK Highways, who have no accident history for Hanslope and environs. The SIDs still show an average 7,500 cars passing through the village.
- The next iteration of the New City Plan will be out in September. However, Hanslope Park may be granted a Local Development Order, meaning planning would not be subject to the usual controls. The Government is set to announce the location of a planned new city and MK is on the list. This may supersede any local plan.
- There is no decision yet on the installation of large warehousing at Furtho Pits.

25.80 Planning

- i. **New planning applications – July 2025 and updates.** The clerk circulated the applications for this month – as below. The planning working group had looked at PLN/2025/0989 in depth and had some reservations which were detailed in a proposed and circulated letter of objection. This was discussed and it was agreed to submit the letter including an objection on Highways grounds: -

PLN/2025/1231	14 HIGH STREET, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7LQ	Proposed replacement windows to all elevations on main dwelling and one window on annex	15/07/2025	No Comments
PLN/2025/0975	14 HIGH STREET, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7LQ	Listed Building Consent for the proposed replacement windows to all elevations on main dwelling and one window on annex	15/07/2025	No Comments
PLN/2025/0989	25 Hartwell Road including land to the rear of 25-35 Hartwell Road, Hanslope, Milton Keynes, MK19 7BY	Construction of a detached two storey dwelling and vehicle crossover, and change of use of the rear land from a paddock to C3 residential curtilage	16/07/2025	Objection agreed

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PLN/2025/1309	7 WINGATE CLOSE, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7FP	Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed conversion of the garage into a home office including the installation of a door and window	15/07/2025	No Comments
PLN/2025/1327	LITTLEWOOD FARMHOUSE, TATHALL END, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7NF	Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural portal frame shed to house tractors, machinery, hay, fertilisers, etc. Approximately 300m2	18/07/2025	No Comments

MOTION: To agree the parish council's responses as above right-hand column, PROPOSED by Cllr Geary, SECONDED by Cllr Courtman and AGREED.

25.81 Finance

- i. **Reconciliations & financial situation report to June 30th 2025:** The clerk had circulated the accounts to 30/06/25, as well as the Quarter 1 balance sheet and these are published on the website. Cllr Price had checked the reconciliation reports and there were no questions.
- ii. **Approval of payments July 2025:** The list of payments was circulated (below):

10/06/2025	Parishes Online	Annual subscription	£ 150.00	£ 30.00	£ 180.00
19/06/2025	Terry Cordery	Solar panels cleaning	£ 250.00		£ 250.00
28/06/2025	Pidge's poop Scoop	June x 4 poop scoops – Rec	£ 100.00	£ -	£ 100.00
30/06/2025	Barbara Osborne Business Services	Payroll services April-June	£ 90.00		£ 90.00
30/06/2025	Almars (Tring)	Printing as copying	£ 9.96	£ 1.99	£ 11.95
30/06/2025	Suez	June empties - wheely bins + extra for litter pick	£ 76.06	£ 15.21	£ 91.27
30/06/2025	MKPA	4 x baby/toddler group – June	£ 781.52	£ -	£ 781.52
01/07/2025	Tove Landscapes	Hanging basket methodist church	£ 20.00	£ 4.00	£ 24.00
01/07/2025	Tove Landscapes	Extend village noticeboard	£ 240.00	£ 48.00	£ 288.00
01/07/2025	Tove Landscapes	Top-dress, verti drain and turf football pitch	£ 4,150.00	£ 830.00	£ 4,980.00
01/07/2025	Tove Landscapes	Install new bench for Wester Drive/Dr Surgery	£ 215.00	£ 43.00	£ 258.00
01/07/2025	Tove Landscapes	Monthly contract - Village and Rec - June	£ 2,289.58	£ 457.92	£ 2,747.50
01/07/2025	Tove Landscapes	Relocate Lincoln Court Bench	£ 276.00	£ 55.20	£ 331.20
01/07/2025	Marcus Young Landscapes	June bins and dog bins	£ 660.55	£ 132.11	£ 792.66
01/07/2025	Anne Washington	Caretaking - June - 42 hours	£ 630.00		£ 630.00
03/07/2025	E Price	Reimburse Land Reg search	£ 24.00		£ 24.00
07/07/2025	Hugo Hardy Architect	Feasibility costs: Open Day attendance, travel, materials, printing	£ 4,200.00		£ 4,200.00
08/07/2025	J Cass	Planning support and research - 12 hours	£ 180.00		£ 180.00
08/07/2025	Tara Davies	Hall and Pavilion cleaning - June	£ 180.00		£ 180.00
08/07/2025	Grove and Sons Ltd	Balance for water points installation - allotment (S106)	£ 3,055.83	£ 611.17	£ 3,667.00
08/07/2025	Grove and Sons Ltd	Balance for investigatory dig - allotment	£ 300.00	£ 60.00	£ 360.00
10/07/2025	SWCAA	6 x new allotment memberships	£ 21.00		£ 21.00
10/05/2025	G Merry	PC Expenses – June			£ 7.80

The list of receipts and payments for June is published on the website.

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

25.82 Recreation Ground

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- i. **Annual ROSPA Reports:** The 3 maintenance issues with the gym, were due to wear & tear and as such, no longer under warranty. The clerk circulated a quote for £613.59 from the original supplier and this was agreed.
- ii. **Community Centre:** The 3 options as provided by the architect were viewed and discussed. Cllr Wallond presented the findings from the public consultation and it was agreed that an initial inclination towards a combination of options 1 and 2 may work. The working group will now meet to look at this in detail and council could take its time to make decisions. It was agreed to update the village regularly on various platforms and the clerk will create a dedicated page on the website. Some concern was expressed regarding competition with the village hall. However, most of the V.H. committee had attended the open day and given their views and these would be taken into consideration. A meeting with the architect will be scheduled for September and Cllr Flatley pointed out that the services (drains, pipe work etc.) must be looked at next.
- iii. **Application for Football Summer camp at the Rec:** A local coach had requested to hold a children's football camp during August and as is standard, the clerk had asked for their risk assessment, insurance documents and safeguarding processes. None of these had been received. It was discussed and agreed that if the documents were submitted by 24/7/25, the camp could go ahead providing the clerk approved the contents.
MOTION: To agree a response to the applicant as above PROPOSED by Cllr Geary, SECONDED by Cllr Wallond and AGREED
- iv. **Replacement of Solar Panel:** Council's insurance did not cover the damaged solar panel at the time of the incident and the installers had supplied a quote for £562 to replace it. It was agreed to ask both the cricket club and the away team if their insurance would cover this but if not, the panel will be replaced at this price.
MOTION: To agree the quote for the replacement as above, PROPOSED by Cllr Wallond SECONDED by Cllr Geary and AGREED.

Football: HFC had requested installation of a large retractable net behind the goal and provided a quote. It was discussed and agreed that this was too large a sum, as there had only been one complainant. The dry weather was discussed and a quote for £500 for 2 weeks watering of the pitch was discussed and agreed. The clerk was given delegated authority to continue this throughout the drought period as she deemed necessary. The new cricket practice nets were complete and already being well used. Some remedial work was needed surrounding the nets and a member of HCC had offered to topsoil the area. This was agreed and Cllr Flatley was thanked for his work in overseeing this project. A taster day is being organised along with Bucks Cricket.

MOTION: To consider quotes and agree a response as above, PROPOSED by Cllr Simpkins SECONDED by Cllr Geary and AGREED

25.83 Village Projects

- i. **Updates on Hanslope Fields transfer of car park and Public Open Spaces:** Council's lawyer is holding firm on the decision to adopt the SUDs landscape maintenance only and not technical maintenance. This was with Bloor's legal team and she will be asked to update the PC in time for the Sept. meeting
- ii. **Update on transfer of Wheatfields Public Open Spaces:** As above.

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- iii. **Arboricultural Assessment:** Cllr Simpkins had met and walked around the Rec & allotments with the consultant, although the report has not yet been received.
- iv. **Planting for top of Mauduit Road:** A resident had asked for this to be considered in the village landscaping contract. It was discussed and agreed this was not necessary at the moment.
- v. **Festive Lights Update:** The clerk had received and circulated the quote from Highways and reminded all that £5000 had been budgeted for this project. It was agreed to do the 4 lampposts in Market Square and Church End @ £431 each, plus installation/take down of lights and the £1721.48 charge for testing. This would use up the budget. Gold Street @ £882 per pole would be considered for next year and it was agreed to ask Mr. Archer to carry out installation again this year.
MOTION: To consider and approve the quotes as above PROPOSED by Cllr Simpkins SECONDED by Cllr Flatley and AGREED.

25.84 S106 Projects:

- i. **New Projects:** MKCC had sent proposed designs for the children's playground and these were circulated and the overall concept approved. More detail would be requested as well as consideration for the Wheatfield's Play area, which was in need of an upgrade once transferred to the PC. Cllr Flatley circulated suggested additions to the Wheatfields equipment and it was agreed to ask MKCC to ringfence £20K for this, with the remainder going to the Rec. play area. Cllrs Flatley and Wallond will continue to research suppliers/ideas. A resident has proposed using S106 to upgrade the wildlife area at the school. Cllr Simpkins had been advising them and their letter to the PC was circulated and supported in principle. It was agreed to ask for detailed costs prior to any application submission.
- ii. **Projects in Progress:** The Community Orchard have prepared their S106 application in draft and the clerk will work with them to finalise and submit this.

25.85 **Allotments:** Cllr Simpkins advised the new water points are completed and the bore hole survey has been carried out. However, no drainage solutions were recommended in the report. There are currently some vacant plots again.

25.86 **Date of Next Meeting:** 8th September 2025 at 7pm

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