

HANSLOPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Hanslope Parish Council on Monday 9th June 2025, 7pm at
Hanslope Pavilion, MK19 7LG.

MINUTES

Present:

D Courtman (Chairman)
E Price
T Tivey

R Simpkins
H Needham

Cllr A Andrew (Ward)
Clerk: G Merry

0 members of public

25.63 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Wallond, Geary and Flatley. Cllr Courtman reminded all to raise their hand when wishing to speak.

25.64 Minutes from previous meeting held 12/05/25

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

25.65 Declarations of Interest: No declarations

25.66 Public Participation: No items

25.67 Council

- i. **Clerk's report:** At 31/05/25 income stood at £115,619 (80% of budget) and Expenditure at £28,602 (14% of budget) with £3,600 of expenditure from earmarked reserves. On 6/6/24, the wooden fencing around the playground was significantly damaged by teenagers repeatedly rocking it, until it is now destabilised. This was captured on video and reports made to TVP and MKCC. In May, there was damage to one of the solar panels from a cricket ball. An insurance claim has been initiated and the outcome is awaited.
- ii. **Scheme of Delegation:** The auditor had recommended implementing a scheme whereby the clerk has delegated authority to carry out certain actions and to make payments. A recommended template was circulated & agreed and will be published on the website.
MOTION: To implement the Scheme of Delegation as above PORPOSED by Cllr Simpkins SECONDED by Cllr Price and AGREED

iii. Highways:

- **Speeding updates, SIDs for Tathall End and C.I.F. application:** Cllr Andrew reported several cars on roofs in Tathall End in recent months, with the Speedwatch group recording regular speeds over the limit. The residents are petitioning MKCC for a 20mph reduction but in the meantime, have requested SIDs. the clerk advised it can take a year to get the funding and the PC must match fund by 50%. It was agreed to prepare a CIF application for 2 SIDs
- **Signage Applications:** The clerk had applied to Highway's for a replacement Long Street sign and it was agreed the PC will pay for this. She had also applied for the

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8 CSW 'yellow' signs for entrance to the village and it was agreed this will be included in the CIF application. Appointments with Highway's officers on-site are awaited.

- **Parking restriction – Western Drive:** A resident of the cul-de-sac had requested the PC support a parking restriction, to prevent residents parking at the narrow section. This was causing bin lorries to mount the curb and may potentially cause damage. It was discussed and agreed that a parking restriction would not solve the problem and the resident will be advised to collect signatures from all residents, to support any action.
- iv. **Scouts AGM:** The scouts had invited a councillor to their AGM on 17/7/25 and it was agreed Cllr Courtman would attend.
- v. **Any additional reports from Cllrs, Parishes forum etc.:**
Cllr Andrew reported as follows: -
 - Changes to the MKCC constitution will be discussed at the Parishes Forum on 12/6/25 and the clerk advised that Cllr Wallond will be attending.
 - Planning: There is a backlog of enforcement cases within MKCC's Planning Dept and no timeframe for resolution. MKCC have not submitted any sites to the Government's call for housing allocations and there are currently no plans for builds in this ward. Junction 14A of the M1 is due to open in August 2025 and any plans to build a new town in the area will be closely monitored.
 - It was increasingly difficult to read comments on the Planning Portal and Cllr Andrew has requested a downloadable version.
 - She will investigate covenants within the S106 agreement for the Bloor estate, as handover should have happened by now and will advise Cllr Simpkins.

25.68 Planning

- i. **New planning applications – June 2025 and updates.** There were currently no planning applications for the parish and no comments needed. PLN/2025/0649 (Certificate of Lawfulness) had been refused.

MOTION: Not needed

25.69 Finance

- i. **Reconciliations & financial situation report to May 31st 2025:** The clerk had circulated the accounts to 31/05/25 and Cllr Price had checked the reconciliation reports. There were no questions.
- ii. **Approval of payments June 2025:** The list of payments was circulated (below):

DATE	Invoice from	For	Net	Vat	Total
28/02/2025	MK Play Association	7 x summer play sessions	£4680		£ 4,680.00
19/03/2025	MKCC	Repayment of part of Landscaping Grant (due to MKCC taking back maintenance of Lincoln Court POS)	£ 388.68	£ 77.74	£ 466.42
23/05/2025	ROSPA	Inspection and report - annual inspection - MUGA and gym	£ 168.00	£ 33.60	£ 201.60
24/05/2025	Simon Bates	Village weed spraying	£ 860.00	£ -	£ 860.00
30/05/2025	Tove Landscapes	Monthly maintenance contract - May	£ 2,289.58	£ 457.92	£ 2,747.50
30/05/2025	Tove Landscapes	Hanging baskets + watering	£ 960.00	£ 192.00	£ 1,152.00
30/05/2025	Tove Landscapes	Planting at Watts Arms verge + watering	£ 1,148.00	£ 229.60	£ 1,377.60
30/05/2025	Tove Landscapes	Pitches overmarking - May	£ 175.00	£ 35.01	£ 210.01

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30/05/2025	Tove Landscapes	Additional ad hoc cut to Rec	£ 150.00	£ 30.00	£ 180.00
31/05/2025	Pidge's poop Scoop	May x 5 poop scoops - Rec	£ 125.00	£ -	£ 125.00
30/05/2025	MKPA	3 x baby/toddler group - May	£ 586.14	£ -	£ 586.14
31/05/2025	Anne Washington	Caretaking - May (34 hours plus £7.53 reimburse expenses)	£ 517.53		£ 517.53
31/05/2025	Suez	May empties - wheely bins	£ 45.90	£ 9.18	£ 55.08
01/06/2025	Marcus Young Landscapes	May bins and dog bins	£ 781.00	£ 156.20	£ 937.20
02/06/2025	PropertyCare Bucks	Panic bar - pavilion and replace emergency light	£ 360.00	£ 72.00	£ 432.00
04/06/2025	Glasdon UK Ltd	Bench for Western Drive	£ 585.00	£ 117.00	£ 702.00
09/06/2025	Grove and Sons Ltd	Deposit for water points installation - allotment (S106)	£ 2,037.23	£ 407.45	£ 2,444.68
09/06/2025	Grove and Sons Ltd	Deposit for investigatory dig - allotment	£ 200.00	£ 40.00	£ 240.00
Expected	Woodlands Children's Centre	Hire of toddler play equipment x 6 weeks	£ 30.00		£ 30.00
10/05/2025	G Merry	PC Expenses – May			£ 5.30
Expected	Tara Davies	Hall and Pavilion cleaning	£ 180.00		£ 180.00

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

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

25.70 Recreation Ground

- i. **Annual ROSPA Reports:** ROSPA had carried out the annual inspection for the MUGA & gym and the report had been circulated. The main areas of risk were 3 small issues with the gym equipment and although these were low risk, it was agreed repairs would be instigated. The clerk will investigate whether the items are still under warranty.
- ii. **Pitch Analysis:** The contractor had sent an analysis of issues with pitches and a quote for £4150 + VAT. The report was discussed and it was agreed would be implemented. The money would need to come from reserves and the work was needed sooner rather than later. It was agreed that a better system for triggering game cancellation was needed, as much of the damage had been caused by playing in wet conditions. It was agreed to ask the contractor to advise these sooner with the clerk.

MOTION: To consider any actions and quotes as above, PROPOSED by Cllr Simpkins SECONDED by Cllr Needham and AGREED

iii. Football

HFC request for installation of net behind the goal: No quotes had been received from the football club.

State of changing rooms at end of season: The clerk and Cllr Courtman had inspected the changing rooms on 12/5/25 and found quantities of football items left around. Wording of the permit was discussed and although fines were not indicated for this infringement, it was agreed that going forward, a deposit would be charged on top of the club's permit charge. It was agreed to set this at £300, to be refunded on satisfactory handover at the end of the season.

Annual pitch marking: Although the Hornets had not yet requested this, it was likely they would and it had cost £225 last year. It was agreed the PC would fund this again this year, providing the cost had not dramatically increased.

MOTION: To consider the cost @ £225 as above, PROPOSED by Cllr Simpkins

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SECONDED by Cllr Price and AGREED

- iv. **Byelaws and legal implementation re. dogs:** The clerk circulated the Byelaws for the Rec. Ground and explained there were no clauses re. dogs on leads or dog fouling. These were standard parish byelaws and to change them would take a lengthy legal process. This was likely to be unsuccessful at the stage of passing on to MKCC's legal team, who would advise that since a legal measure is already in place (Public Space Protection Order), no further legal measure could be implemented. It was discussed and agreed that residents would be unlikely to support a ban on dogs.
- v. **MKPA Summer Play Session:** The clerk circulated the dates and advised that the most practical way to apply Martyn's Law for an outside event, was to make the Hall available. This way, people could be got to safety quickly and the clerk stated she would attend the play events this summer, to ensure arrangements were in place.

25.71 Village Projects

- i. **Updates on Hanslope Fields transfer of car park and Public Open Spaces:** No progress
- ii. **Update on transfer of Wheatfields Public Open Spaces:** No progress. The clerk agreed to chase the lawyer for both.
- iii. **Bucks Best Kept Village:** Cllr Simpkins advised that Tathall End residents had requested planters and it was agreed he would obtain a quote for this in time for next year's BBKV. A bench under a tree close to the pond suffered from bird droppings and could be moved. It was agreed everyone would consider where this would go. The bin outside the shop also has bird droppings and although this would be difficult to relocate, it was agreed that a price for an extra empty per week would be requested from the contractor.
- iv. **Extending the noticeboard around the 'shop' planter:** The noticeboard was well-used and a quote for £240 + VAT had been received from the original installer to extend it. **MOTION:** To consider and agree the quote – as above – PROPOSED by Cllr Needham SECONDED by Cllr Price and AGREED.
- v. **Festive Lights quote and hedge issues:** The clerk had walked Gold Street and Market Square with Highway's officers, who will provide a quote (not yet received), for the electrical work to the lampposts. Several hedges will need to be cut back and it was agreed the clerk could start contacting the residents concerned, who would need to carry out a nest check before cutting back.

25.72 S106 Projects:

- i. **Proposed new community centre and arrangements for Open Day:** The public open day/drop-in, on 5/7/25, to view the proposed plans was discussed. All Cllrs were asked to attend and 'host' the day and Cllrs Simpkins, Needham and Courtman will help, in addition to Cllrs Wallond and Flatley. MKCC's Leisure Board will be assessing the proposal to ringfence around £376,000 in S106 for this project.
- ii. **Projects in Progress:** The cricket nets are due to be installed last week in June if planning is approved. The allotment water points will be installed first week in July and the clerk is waiting to hear back from the Community Orchard re. submitting their application. Cllr Simpkins reported on a site meeting with MKCC officers to use S106 to refurbish and update the play equipment. Plans for this are awaited.

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25.73 Allotments: Cllr Simpkins advised the S106 for the new water points had been agreed and a bore hole survey will also be carried out in the low-lying area of the site, to assess drainage/waterlogging. There are currently no vacant plots.

25.74 Date of Next Meeting: 14th July 2025 at 7pm

..... **Signed**

..... **Date**