

HANSLOPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Hanslope Parish Council on Monday 14th October 2024, 7pm at the Community Hall, MK19 7LG.

MINUTES

Present:

D Courtman (Chairman)

R Simpkins

A Andrew

R Wallond

A Flatley

E Price

W Pacheco

Clerk: G Merry

3 members of public

24.109 Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Geary. Cllr Moore was absent.

24.110 Minutes from previous meetings held 9th September and 26th September (E.M.) 2024

MOTION: To approve both sets of minutes PROPOSED by Cllr Price SECONDED by Cllr Simpkins and AGREED

24.111 Declarations of Interest: No declarations.

24.112 Public Participation:

- i. A member of the public reported concerns re. the recent flooding at Tathall End and this had been exacerbated by speeding cars pushing flood water towards the homes. Cllr Wallond invited him to join the CSW group and he offered to discuss this with other residents.
- ii. 2 PCSOs attended and advised the crime statistics for Hanslope for September, which have reduced.

24.113 Council

- i. **Clerk's Report:** At 30/09/24 Income stood at £197,688 (119% of budget) and Expenditure at £76,878 (46%). There will be minimal income for the remainder of the year, as the precept is fully received. Invoices for the solar project will increase the expenditure % but council is slightly underspending, particularly in EMRs where only £8,816 has been spent. The savings account stands at £146,831. Work this month has included tasks for the solar project starting, implementing landscaping plus extras, putting in place everything for the start of the football season and sending out 80+ letters and invoices for allotment rents. The PC also bought the allotments an additional mower, as requested at the last allotment committee.
- ii. **Highways and Speeding updates:** Cllr Courtman reported the SID on Newport Road had recorded speeds up to 65mph, with 41% of cars over the limit. On Hartwell Road this had been 82% over the limit with a speed of 87mph recorded. Cllr Wallond is now tracking the monthly data and will share the charts. The Community Speedwatch group had carried out sessions near the pond and 5 out of 88 cars were speeding. Cllr Andrew has again chased the 'Long Street' sign on Hartwell Road but there has been no replacement by Highways. Cllr Andrew met with residents of Tathall End during the flooding and all have signed a petition to reduce the speed limit to 20MPH. This will be represented to MKCC as the first stage of the process. They had also requested a SID and Cllr Courtman expressed concern that there was no safe place to install a pole. Cllr Andrew will apply to MKCC who will assess the area to make that decision.



MOTION: To support the resident's petition for reduction to 20mph at Tathall End PROPOSED by Cllr Andrew SECONDED by Cllr Flatley and AGREED

- iii. **Crime Updates:** The crime stats will be published on the PC website
- iv. **Remembrance Sunday:** The church service will take place on Sunday 10th November at 11am and the Act of Remembrance at the Memorial tree, on Monday 11/11/24 at 11am. Cllr Andrew will attend both on behalf of the PC.
- v. **Any reports from Cllrs:**
 - i. Cllr Andrew updated on various matters including MK Hospital, bin collection issues and outstanding Highway's matters. She now regularly meets with the Head of Highways and Head of the Public Realm.
 - ii. Cllr Andrew had attended the Parishes Forum and the minutes had been circulated.
 - iii. Cllr Courtman had attended a workshop and webinar on Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

24.114 Planning

- i. **New planning applications Oct 2024.** These were discussed as follows (column 4):-

24/01640/HOUM	Mulberry Manor 81 Hartwell Road Hanslope Milton Keynes MK19 7BY	Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) seeking to increase the height of the front porch (relating to permission ref. 24/01083/HOU [Proposed loft conversion with rooflights, new entrance gates and pedestrian access, single storey front porch, first-floor balcony at rear of the property and alterations to fenestrations])	No comments
24/01918/HOU	Hedgerows Higham Cross Road Hanslope Milton Keynes MK19 7HP	The erection of a proposed two storey rear and single storey side extensions. New solar panels to side elevation roof slope. Demolition of the existing outbuildings and the construction of a detached garage	No Comments

MOTION: To agree the parish council's responses as above, PROPOSED by Cllr Andrew SECONDED by Cllr Courtman and AGREED.

- ii. **Revised Hanslope Neighborhood Plan:** The proposed Submission Plan had been circulated, along with other mandatory documents, one week in advance of the meeting. All documents were approved. Cllr Price and the Steering Group were thanked for their work on this. The clerk will submit the Plan to MKCC

MOTION: To agree the Draft Submission Plan, the Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report, Consultation Statement, Conditions Statement and Modifications Statement, PROPOSED by Cllr Price SECONDED by Cllr Andrew and AGREED

- iii. **MKCC New City Plan:** Objections had been submitted, as agreed at the 26/9/24 E.M.

24.115 Finance

- i. **Reconciliations and financial situation report to Sept 30th 2024:** The clerk circulated the accounts to 30/09/24 and Cllr Price was satisfied that the reconciliation checks for all 3 accounts balanced. There were no other questions.
- ii. **Budget 2025-26:** The clerk circulated a list of proposed projects for next year and asked if councilors wanted to add anything ahead of her devising the budget. It as discussed and agreed that an increased budget for planning matters would be necessary, as an updated NHP would be needed within approx. 1 year, as well as contingency for any legal support.
- iii. **Approval of payments, including any grant applications – Sept/Oct 2024:** Cllr Wallond suggested that an increased grant for the Santa Run should be considered. The volunteers

have increased expenses as the number of homes/children has increased. It was discussed and agreed to offer up to £800 on production of receipts.

DATE	Invoice from	For	Net	Vat	Total
04/09/2024	Reimburse Waldo	Key cuts	£ 15.00		£ 15.00
12/09/2024	Locked and Secure	Install cables from BT router	£ 90.00	£ 18.00	£ 108.00
14/09/2024	Almars	Printing	£ 13.00		£ 13.00
17/09/2024	Sign Wizzard	Allotment signs	£ 90.06	£ 18.01	£ 108.07
30/09/2024	Barbara Osborne Business Services	Payroll July-Sept	£ 87.00		£ 87.00
30/09/2024	RCOH (O'Neil Homer)	2 days consultancy re. Reg 14 of Hanslope NHP	£ 1,350.00	£ 270.00	£ 1,620.00
30/09/2024	Suez	Sept empties - wheely bins	£ 52.62	£ 10.52	£ 63.14
30/09/2024	Anne Washington	Caretaking - Sept	£ 420.00		£ 420.00
30/09/2024	Kingdom LA	Enforcement contract - Sept	£ 1,567.50	£ 313.50	£ 1,881.00
01/10/2024	Marcus Young Landscapes	Sept bins and dog bins	£ 660.55	£ 132.11	£ 792.66
01/10/2024	Tove Landscapes	Monthly maintenance contract - Sept	£ 1,954.16	£ 390.84	£ 2,345.00
04/10/2024	Tove Landscapes	Remove dead tree - 36 Long Street (verge)	£ 300.00	£ 60.00	£ 360.00
04/10/2024	Tove Landscapes	Allotment hedge - extra trim	£ 200.00	£ 40.00	£ 240.00
04/10/2024	Tove Landscapes	Verge repair Newport Road	£ 245.00	£ 49.00	£ 294.00
04/10/2024	Anne Washington	Caretaking - Sept	£ 420.00		£ 420.00
01/10/2024	Tara Davies	Hall and Pavilion Sept cleans	£ 180.00		£ 180.00
04/10/2024	Signs Express	Header sign for noticeboard (50%)	£ 122.50	£ 24.50	£ 147.00
08/10/2024	Jackie Cass	Admin for NHP Steering Committee	£ 348.00		£ 348.00
10/10/2024	PropertyCare Bucks	Fix Hall Door and install push bar	£ 245.00	£ 49.00	£ 294.00
14/10/2024	G Merry	PC Expenses - Sept	£ 11.97		£ 11.97
Awaited	M & J Electrical	New Consumer Unit & associated items + testing & certification	£ 1,722.00	£ 344.40	£ 2,066.40
GRANT	APPLICATIONS				
08/10/2024	Diane Kent	Santa Run Grant for sweets etc	450?		Up to £800

The work by M&J Electrical had been authorised in advance, to enable work to proceed from 7/10/24, without further delay. Financial Regulations 5.13 and 5.15 were applied and signed off by the chairman, as this contractor was already appointed via a procurement process.

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

24.116 Recreation Ground

- i. **Any updates and trading in the Rec. Ground:** The grounds contractor had advised verti-draining the 'Pavilion' pitch, as the work to renovate it earlier this year would be undone by the recent

rainfall. This was discussed and agreed @ £250. Cllr Wallond had been in discussion with a Greek food trader/van who was happy to sign up to the Ts and Cs.

MOTION: It was agreed that applications could be agreed by round-robin email, rather than at meetings, to enable this initiative to start. **MOTION** not required.

- ii. **Feedback re potential cricket net(s) behind MUGA:** Cllr Flatley had obtained quotes for the cricket practice nets and circulated an initial list. The clerk advised that Financial Regs required this to be advertised on Contract Finder, before a supplier could be appointed and Cllr Flatley agreed to forward the Spec to her.
MOTION: Not required
- iii. **Purchase of 4 hand-held microphones:** Cllr Andrew suggested hand-held microphones would help at larger meetings e.g. the Annual Parish Meeting, so that speakers could be heard. It was agreed to purchase 4 microphones and the necessary speaker.
MOTION: To agree the purchase of the mics and speaker up to £1200 PROPOSED by Cllr Andrew SECONDED by Cllr Pacheco and AGREED
- iv. **Energy Provider Switching:** Cllr Wallond had investigated prices from Octopus and this would not only save money, but Octopus would be an easier company with whom to arrange a business export rate. The export income from having solar panels was discussed and it was agreed these savings, in due course, could be ring-fenced to fund defined projects for the village.

24.117 Village Projects

- i. **Update on Hanslope Field's transfer of car park and Public Open Spaces:** The lawyer had sent a briefing note, to clarify the process and her role. Progress is currently held up by Anglian Water, who will need to confirm they are adopting the SUDs.
- ii. **Update on Wheatfield's transfer Public Open Spaces:** No progress
Churchyard – consideration of Govt. amendment to the Local Government Act (1894 and 1972) 'Financial Assistance to the Church' and NALC advice: The clerk advised that in December 2023, the government had amended the 1894 Act and the new NALC advice was that PC's could now provide services to open churchyards on a discretionary basis. Herself and Cllr Simpkins suggested that maintenance of the churchyard could be incorporated into the annual landscaping contract, in light of the comments from the Bucks Best Kept Village judges. Cllr Courtman expressed the need for fairness and impartiality across all churches in the village. The matter was discussed and it was agreed not to offer the service at this time, since the church are applying for S106 money themselves and it was better to wait to see how this progressed. A one-off clean up could be considered at the time of the BBKV competition if needed.
MOTION: To consider the amendment and the NALC advice, it was AGREED not to pursue any action at this time
- iii. **Christmas Lights:** The clerk advised that MKCC's Festive Lights Code of Conduct, may not allow for the style of lights chosen, since they spiraled up from the ground. It was discussed and agreed to make the application to MKCC anyway, since they had accepted the proposal at the time of installing the junction boxes. 2 quotes were received and considered. It was decided to appoint Propertycare Bucks for the installation @ £900.
MOTION: To agree a supplier for installation and take down of lights as above PROPOSED by Cllr Simpkins SECONDED by Cllr Wallond and AGREED
- iv. **Christmas Tree, Planter/noticeboard:** The contractor had provided a quote of £510.96 for a low picket fence to surround the Christmas tree, to protect public safety. This would be

stored/re-used each year and the price was agreed. The village noticeboard was discussed and it was agreed to have it removed over Christmas to prevent access and reduce risk.

MOTION: to agree the cost of temporary fencing @ £510.96 **PROPOSED** by Cllr Courtman **SECONDED** by Cllr Price and **AGREED**

24.118 S106 Projects:

- i. **Overall S106 picture:** The working group had met and circulated their minutes and action log. A public meeting to discuss potential projects will be held in January and the MKCC S106 officer will be invited. A village consultation will take place, inviting feedback and ideas from the residents and from this, the group will devise projects to be agreed. Local expertise will be sought, including the possibility of a young people's forum.
- ii. **Dr's surgery – update:** Cllr Andrew reported that the practice is managed by the Northant's Integrated Care Board, who were currently objecting to funding from MKCC. Parks Practice had been asked to formulate a business case before progress could be made. **Solar Panels:** Work is underway and should complete within 2-3 weeks.

24.119 Allotments:

The clerk reported that the allotment committee had so far spent £1327 of their £4350 budget and had requested 2 extra cuts in the growing season, as well as skip rental 4 x a year. Both were agreed.

24.120 Date of Next Meeting: 11th November 2024.

Cllr Courtman thanked all councillors for their continued contributions and teamwork.

Signed (Chairman): *D. J. Courtman*

Date: *11th Nov 2024*

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