

# **Hanslope Parish Council**

## **Minutes of an Open Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 8.00pm. There were 22 people present**

Mr Lancaster opened the meeting by welcoming those present to the April 2014 Open Meeting of the Parish Council.

**Item 1 Minutes of the October 2013 Open Meeting;** Resolved “To accept the minutes of the October 2013 open meeting as a true reflection of the discussions that took place, subject to the following additions/amendments ”

- a. Mr Stacey reported that the 30 mph signs in Newport Road are still obscured by vegetation
- b. Item 3g should read ‘opposite Higham Cross Road’
- c. Item 3j should read ‘opposite surgery’

### **Item 2 Matters Arising**

3f; Mr Geary reported that speed tubes are due for installation in Park Road

3i; Mr Coles was advised that the Parish Council has no plans to purchase additional land. Mr Geary suggested that surgery users park in the recreation ground car park when appropriate

### **Item 3 Thames Valley Police**

Police Community Support Officer Tina Lewington presented the recent crime statistics. Police Sergeant Sean Smith explained what actions are being taken following the recent spate of burglaries where car keys then vehicles were stolen

### **Questions and Answers**

- a. Mrs Mobley expressed concern regarding the possibility of being faced with an intruder
- b. Mr Tutin asked if certain types of vehicles are being targeted; at the moment VW and Audi vehicles have been stolen, none recovered so far
- c. Mrs Green asked about response times and increased patrols

### **Item 4 Rob Ward (Business and Liaison Manager) Milton Keynes Council; update re the flooding situation at Tathall End and Devils Dip**

Rob Ward provided an update regarding the above;

- a. A Project Manager has been appointed to progress the situation

- b. Tathall End is next in line for remedial works to commence
- c. 2 or 3 bunds are due to be installed hopefully in September
- d. The bridleway bund is awaiting further reports which are due in May
- e. Possible removal of bridge on footpath at Tathall End
- f. Devils Dip would benefit from installation of bunds
- g. Devils dip; dropped kerb installed to aid flow from road
- h. Monthly progress updates will be forwarded to the Parish Council
- i. Summary made available on the night which will also be posted on parish council notice boards
- j. The Stoke Goldington bunds are available to view for comparison and information purposes

### **Questions and Answers**

- a. Mr Stacey raised a number of points; clearing of ditches at Devils Dip is outstanding, latest report regarding Tathall End is still outstanding, the existing report is flawed, footpath over bridge at Tathall End could be amended without moving footpath, lining of pipe under the road at Tathall End was a waste of money
- b. Mr J. Geary stated that the dropped kerbs have helped
- c. Mr Lancaster stated that the report is a practical document considering upstream from Tathall End only
- d. Mrs Green suggested a round table meeting with all parties including the farmers involved to discuss the matter further
- e. Mr Stacey noted that the bridleway bund is 1 metre high

### **Item 5 Mrs Hayward; update re proposed improvements and renovation work to the buildings in the recreation ground**

Mrs Hayward explained the Parish Council's plans to improve the facilities in the recreation ground making use of Section 106 money to partly fund the project. This follows guidance from the 'Parish Plan' which suggested improvements were necessary. Mr Richard Petty was on hand with plans to show members of the public after the meeting

### **Questions and Answers**

- a. Mr Coles asked for clarification regarding the use of Section 106 money. Mr Geary explained that M.K. Council holds the money and has to approve suitable expenditure
- b. Mr Cook clarified the 'Parish Plan' background to the project
- c. Confirmed that car parking will be extended
- d. Improved facility will be available for use subject to availability and current users requirements

- e. Mr J. Geary thanked Mrs Hayward, Mr Cook and Ward Councillor Geary for their ongoing long term commitment to this project

**Item 6 Mrs Green; update re Save our Salcey and the Malt Mill Farm Wind Turbine application**

Mrs Green explained that surveys are still outstanding from the applicant regarding the 15 turbine application at Salcey, as requested by M.K. Council under a Regulation 19 order

M.K.Council planning has not received an amended planning application regarding the Malt Mill Farm Wind Turbine. Residents have received a flyer detailing a reduced height turbine

**Item 7 Open Forum**

Mr Castle-Smith asked if M.K.Council is paying BT with regard to broadband upgrading. Mr Geary confirmed this

Mr Ellis and Mr Mobley commented on the deterioration of the traffic hump at the Long Street Road/Western Drive junction. A permanent repair is to be requested from M.K.Council

Mr Coles thanked the Parish Council and Mr Tompkins for the hard standing area near the notice board adjacent to the newsagents

**The meeting closed at 9.45pm**