

Hanslope Parish Council

Minutes of an Open Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 11th April 2016 at 8.00pm. There were approximately 26 people present.

Councillor Jeannette Green opened the meeting by welcoming those present. The Councillors introduced themselves.

1. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting held on Monday 12th October 2015 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
2. No matters arose from the above minutes.
3. Annual Report from the Chairman of Hanslope Parish Council.

Councillor Jeannette Green agrees there are concerns around the village with inconsiderate parking. Some of the parish councillors have met with MK Council Highways to discuss the parking problems along the Castlethorpe Road.

With regards to the updating of the Pavilion building, the parish council intends to have the entire building revamped, to include updating the electrics. The parish council are currently waiting for quotes from developers. It is unfortunate the building will need to be closed down whilst the building works takes place. When the building reopens it will be used for coffee mornings and the like not just sports clubs.

4 dwellings being built along the High Street by the mini roundabout. Anglian Water have had to come out to the site as the drainage had backed up which had had a knock on effect on the properties nearby. The owner of the site had made an application to erect some further advertising signs on the site however this has recently been refused by MK Council.

The parish council are currently in talks with MK Council to resurface the village hall car park and extend the pavilion car park.

£50,000 received from Conergy from the solar farm will be used towards revamping the pavilion.

Neighbourhood Plan is progressing. Resident will shortly receive a survey which the parish council would like to urge residents to complete and return.

12 houses have now been approved on appeal on the land at Long Street.

4. Annual report from Ward Councillors - Ward Councillor Geary sent his apologies.
Ward Councillor Jeannette Green gave a short report in Cllr Geary's absence.
5. Crime report and update from PCSO Patricia Flynn and Police Officer Tom Gott
 - In the last year, there has been 9 x thefts from motor vehicles, 0 x dwelling burglaries, 4 x burglaries non dwellings i.e. outbuildings and sheds, 3 x criminal damage, 3 drugs supplied, 1 x sexual assault, 1 x dog dangerously out of control.

- Speeding statics rural operation 10 weeks ago. No speed enforcement has taken place within the village. Previously there was 12 police officers covering 26 villages, Newport Pagnell and Olney unfortunately they have now been reduced to 4.
 - A speed camera may be installed in the village.
 - Newport Pagnell Police Station is not closing but the front desk will be closed therefore you will not be able to go in and report a crime or hand in lost property.
 - 30 mph speed limit sign is missing from Hartwell Road. This could cause problems with the police undertaking speed enforcement.
 - Smartwater kits were very slow to be delivered and when it eventually arrived, the resident noticed it was out of date. Cllr Courtman will speak with PCSO Andy Hipkin at the NAG meeting tomorrow evening and request a new kit for the resident.
 - The resident would like to know what happened in the case of the dog being dangerously out of control. Cllr Courtman will try and find the information out and feed it back to the resident.
 - If residents witnessing a crime in progress, then they should call 999. Incidents which cause someone harm, alarm and/or distress to themselves or any person then they should dial 999.
 - Parking opposite the doctors is a problem. Vehicles are being parked badly on the pavement. The police will have a sign put up in the doctor's surgery stating vehicles are not to be parked on the pavement. If vehicles are parked inconsiderately residents are asked to contact the police and then they will come out and issue a ticket.
 - 3 or 4 large blue vans are parked on Williams Close which are causing an obstruction on the pavement. A taxi parks on the pavement as well. The police suggested this is reported to the Taxi Licencing Authority.
6. Report from Councillor Dorothy Courtman update regarding the Neighbourhood Action Group.
7763 vehicles came through the village (one way) and 78% were speeding. They registered a car driving at 92mph along Forest Road.
7. Open Forum
- Resident would like to know what is happening in relation to the pavilion as a year ago plans to extend it was being discussed.
 - Telephone box and exchange building – the parish council have reported both these. The telephone box is to be removed.

- Litter bins – A survey of the bins has been undertaken and are currently in the process of purchasing bins to replace the ones owned by the parish council.
- 8 post box – These need repainting. Residents can report these to the Royal Mail. The parish council can also write about the condition of the post boxes.
- Repairing and painting of the bus shelters – Cllr Martin Palmer is currently dealing with these and has sourced some quotes but unfortunately he was unable to make this evenings meeting due to ill health.
- Village map and information board – The parish council are considering places to install an information board/map in the village to provide historical about the village.
- Plan MK – the parish council have responded but also some of the parish councillors have responded as individuals.
- Could a hard path be installed around the recreational ground to include a couple of benches?
- Newport Road – when Harkness Court was built, builders parked on the verges and caused them to deteriorate.
- Allotments – who is responsible for the grass verge as that too is deteriorating. Residents should report this to MK Council as it is owned by them.
- It appears the mains pipe has burst up by the allotment which needs to be reported to Anglian Water.
- The village hall lease has now expired.
- Western Drive – when is the street lamp going to be installed along the alley way.
- Western Drive – dip in the pavement causes quite a deep puddle to form. This needs to be reported to MK Council.
- Pot holes along the alley way between St James Close and The Cock Public House need to be reported to MK Council.

Meeting closed 9.10pm