

HANSLOPE PARISH COUNCIL

JUNE 2011 NEWSLETTER

RESULTS OF THE WARD COUNCILLOR AND PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The revised list of Parish and Ward Councillors is included below. There are three new Councillors who are welcomed to the Parish Council including Andrew Geary who is also re-elected as Ward Councillor.

The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Joe Geary, Mr Eric Dodworth and Mrs Dorothy Courtman for all their hard work and commitment on the previous Council. Their efforts are really appreciated.

List of Parish Councillors

Chairman	- Mr. K. Reynolds
Vice Chairman	- Mr. G. Lancaster
Councillor	- Mr. D. Cook
Councillor	- Mr. A. Geary
Councillor	- Mrs. J. Green
Councillor	- Mrs. C. Hayward
Councillor	- Mrs. L. Hetherington
Councillor	- Mrs. S. Mobley
Councillor	- Mr. M. Palmer
Clerk	- Mr. A. McDonald

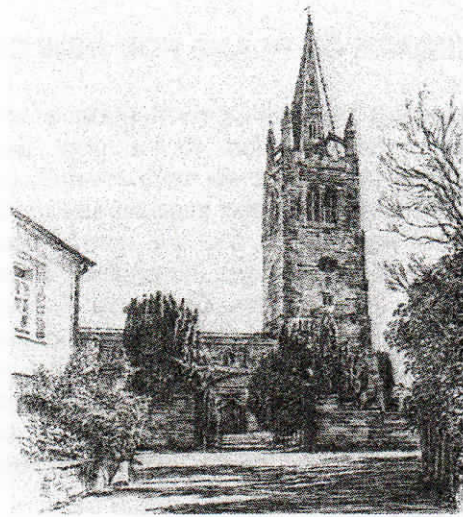
Ward Councillor - Mr. A. Geary

DOG FOULING

Three dog waste bins have been installed by the Parish Council (funded by the Neighbourhood Action Group).

Please make full use of these and keep our footpaths and grass verges child friendly areas.

HOTSPOTS; Hartwell Road and the footpath behind Western Drive which leads up to Castlethorpe Road (where there is a new dog waste bin) are very bad areas. Please scoop the poop! Please keep our village clean and tidy, clean up after your animals.



THE ANNUAL FAYRE

Will be held on the Recreation Ground, weather permitting, on Saturday, September 10th. As your Parish Council we are pleased to inform you that we have donated the sum of £500 toward the costs of mounting the fireworks display, which is always greatly enjoyed every year. This amount will not, of course cover the amount of money needed to stage a good display, so we would urge anyone interested in corporate sponsorship for the event to contact Rachel on 511952 to discuss ways in which you might help.

Each year the Friends of Hanslope try to introduce new attractions. This year is no exception in that several more local bands have volunteered their services and will be playing throughout the day. Essentially the format of the Fayre will remain the same but there will be music throughout the day accompanying the various attractions and activities, providing a background to the serious business of eating, drinking, spending money on the various stalls, and enjoying the day. Therefore we would urge those of you who have horses stabled close to the recreation ground to be particularly vigilant of their welfare, not only throughout the day, but particularly during the evening when the fireworks display takes place.

May we remind you that donations for the various stalls can be left outside the container in the Working Men's Club car park every Thursday evening between 6.00- 8.30 in June and also on July 7th and 14th. Donations for the tombola stall, toys, books, bric-a-brac etc will be gratefully received. The organising committee would also be very grateful for the donation of any bottles so that a bottle tombola stall, can be organised again this year. We wish you all a very enjoyable day.

UPDATE ON PLANS FOR NEW CENTRE:

Following the April Open Meeting, at which there was strong support for a new Sports and Community Centre, we have carefully considered all the comments and suggestions made by you, verbal and written. We are now consulting with the architect to amend the original plans.

In the light of the Children's Centre project having ceased we are being particularly careful to ensure that we meet statutory requirements for Pre-School to meet in the building, as well as considering the needs of other community groups. Revised plans will be available at the October Open Meeting.

A detailed response to all comments will be posted on the village website in August.



On Saturday 14th May Hanslope Pre-school held a Garden party to celebrate the newly extended garden and play equipment made possible courtesy of a grant from Milton Keynes Council of approximately £10,000

The Mayor of Milton Keynes, Debbie Brock officially opened the garden and the guests included the children and their parents, Andrew Geary, ward councillor of Milton Keynes, members of Hanslope Parish Council, members of Hanslope Village Hall Committee, Mr and Mrs Beesley, owners of the land used for the garden extension and Pre-school staff and committee members.

Hanslope pre-school would like to thank Milton Keynes Council, Mr and Mrs Beesley, Hanslope Village Hall Committee, Hanslope Parish Council, Paul Collins of Riverside Landscape, Mike King, Dawn Monk and Natalie Copesake for their contributions.

Hanslope Pre-school is a registered charity and is run by a committee made up of volunteer parents. If you are interested in getting more involved then why not join the committee? We are currently recruiting and it's a great way to meet other parents.

If you would like to register your child for a place then please see contact details below.

For more information on all of the above please contact Liz King, Practice Manager 511719 or Natalie Copesake, Administrator 511043

PROPOSED WIND FARM

The Parish Council is aware that the proposed wind farm at Stoke Heights in Stoke Goldington Parish is of great interest and significance to Hanslope residents.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a 'PARISH POLL' leaflet which gives you an opportunity to give your opinion regarding the wind farm. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU DO NOT MISS THIS CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.

YELLOW LINES GOLD STREET

Thanks to Milton Keynes Council for installing the double yellow lines on the corner of Gold Street/Newport Road where parking has been a visibility concern for a long time. It would be very helpful if all residents would comply with this new restriction.

SPEED LIMIT REVIEW

Latest information is that the long awaited speed limit changes and installations for Castlethorpe Road, Newport Road, Forest Road and Tathall End will shortly take place. The Parish Council and Ward Councillor have been progressing these with Milton Keynes Council for the last two years and are looking forward to a successful conclusion to this matter.

RECREATION GROUND

The recent refurbishment and fitting of several new items in the children's play area in the recreation ground was officially opened on March 26th and has been favourably received by residents and children. The Parish Council is pleased to see the recreation ground being fully utilised. Thanks to Milton Keynes Council for the support and also for arranging installation. This was part of the 'Playbuilder' initiative.

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