

HANSLOPE PARISH COUNCIL

MARCH 2012

NEWSLETTER

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THE APRIL OPEN MEETING IS

MONDAY
APRIL 16 2012

8.00 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL



Drainage engineers believe that once these improvements have been carried out they will to reduce the flow of water that periodically overflows the channelled stream that runs by the side of the road and will reduce the danger of the flooding.

STOKE HEIGHTS WIND FARM

In the December Parish Council newsletter in the Clarion, it was reported that the Ecotricity planning application had been put on hold as MK Council had decided to request a great deal of further information from Ecotricity, under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning Act.

At the time of writing it was reported that Ecotricity had still not responded to this request for information, and MK Council were considering setting a new deadline. If this is not met the current planning application will in effect be considered to have been withdrawn.

In response to the opposition to this development and to the proposed wind turbines at Haversham, MK Council have drawn up a new Council policy towards 'industrial scale' wind farm projects, to which the Parish Council has written a letter of support.

TATHALL END FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

The Parish Council have been working closely with MK Council to introduce a series of improvements to the periodic flood water problems at Tathall End.

This involves both refurbishing the drainage ditches that run through Tathall End, those that run into and out of Tathall End, and also with the construction of a number of bunds up stream to hold back water during the time of heavy rain.

NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE – PROJECT TEAM REPORT

We are now at the stage where having submitted a Pre-Planning Application to MK Council, and (just!) received their response, we are now considering this along with reports from other bodies eg Crime Prevention. Further reports are awaited.

We are also in the process of seeking two quotes to prepare a Business Plan together with Funding Strategy and Future Management of the project, all of which are very much inter related.

There will be a more detailed update at the April Open Meeting, also there will be a further meeting later on to consult with you all when we have gathered all the necessary information and advice .

Hanslope Feoffee Estate
Charity Number 207176

A vacancy for a new Trustee

Please contact the clerk for further information

Mrs W Thomson
5 Keswick Rd, Hanslope
Tel: 01908 510960
Email: drwthomson@aol.com

Closing date for applications is
30th April 2012

JUBILEE TREES

The Parish council has applied to the Woodlands Trust to receive 100 young saplings of various deciduous species (including one Jubilee Oak) to be planted at various locations in the village, as part of the celebrations to mark the Queens Diamond Jubilee. If successful in our bid we plan to contact village societies and the school to help take part in planning where to plant them, planting them and looking after them.

LITTER

Keeping the village neat and tidy is an ongoing problem and the Parish Council would like to thank those villagers who take it on themselves to be pro active in this matter and help by picking up and disposing of litter when the opportunity arises.

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 and remember that dogs in the Recreation Ground should be kept on the lead

INCONSIDERATE PARKING

Please when you park your car on village streets whether for a short time or overnight, have care that you are not causing potential traffic problems. In particular vehicle owners have a responsibility to park so as to allow access to emergency vehicles and buses.

Please try to keep all junctions clear; for example there are a potential bottlenecks being caused at the junctions into Gold Street at particular times, both in the Market Square and at the other end near the Watts Arms.

Please do not obstruct pavements and pedestrian access and take account of where

room is needed to accommodate the passage of such as baby buggies and wheelchairs. **Think before you park!**

ALLOTMENTS

Following the allotment holders annual meeting in January 2012 an Allotment Holders committee was formed on which the Parish Council will be represented. The plan is hold meetings twice a year while 'walking' the allotments to ascertain and problems and issues at first hand.

The Parish Council is also conducting a review of the current holdings this Spring, to update its information on plot holdings and management and then to allocate unused plots to new applicants where possible.

DIAMOND JUBILEE STREET PARTY

In order to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee, the Friends of Hanslope are organising a street party, which the Parish Council are proud to support.

A letter with details has been distributed in the village for the event which will take place on 3 June in the High Street. The format in brief, is for groups to host tables of 10 (bring your own food and drink), and entertainment is being organised.

For more details and to book a table contact – e mail:

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