

Hanslope Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th April 2009
at 7.30 pm

Councillors attending; Mr Geary (Chairman) Mrs Courtman
Mr Cook, Mr Dodworth, Mrs Hetherington
Mr Lancaster, Mrs Mobley, Mr Reynolds

Clerk; Mr McDonald

Apologies; Mrs Adams, Mr A. Geary (Ward Councillor)

Item 1 Acceptance of the minutes of the March 2009 meeting

The Council resolved; "To accept the minutes as a true record of the March 2009 meeting"

Item 2 Matters arising not covered by agenda items

There were no matters arising

Item 3 Items for Open Meeting

Discussion took place with regard to items for inclusion in the Chairman's report for the Open Meeting on 20th April

Item 4 Review of Bye laws in the recreation ground

Carried forward to the June meeting

Item 5 Finance

- a) The account for the month was examined and the Council resolved; "To sign cheques to the value of £1,978.19 to cover outstanding bills and commitments"
- b) The Council resolved "To accept a quote of £165 plus VAT from Synergy to roll the Cricket outfield areas"
- c) The Council resolved "To accept a quote of £200 from Scott Cleaning Services to paint the changing room floors"
- d) The Council resolved "To accept a quote of £150 from Scott Cleaning Services to paint the outside of the changing room area"

Item 6 Correspondence

- a) Response to be sent to M.K. Council regarding non-residential parking standards
- b) The Council approved the inclusion of written information on the Hanslope website
- c) Residents safety issue to be passed to M.K. Council for action
- d) Clerk to write to Hanslope Primary School regarding lighting issues

Item 7 Planning matters

- 09/02106/ful Rear extension
1 The Green; no objection
- 09/00453/ful Side extension
22 Kiteley Close; No objection provided neighbours
fence is re-instated when necessary
- 09/00408/ful New access arrangements
2 Rhymer Close; No objection in principle provided
that the premises are not used for business purposes. Suggested that the
entrance gates could be set back to allow a vehicle to leave the road prior to
entering driveway.
- 09/00463/ful New 3 storey building
Hanslope Park; see below

HANSLOPE PARISH COUNCIL REFERENCE PLANNING APPLICATION 09/00463/FUL

This application states that there will be no extra employees involved after its construction, and that all those who use it are already employed at Hanslope Park.

Hanslope Parish Council feels that Milton Keynes Councils planning department should take careful notice of any developments at Hanslope Park.

At the moment about 1300 vehicles enter the site each day and this is causing considerable problems each morning and evening in the centre of Hanslope also probably in Castlethorpe and Haversham as well. The roads around this area have not been improved for at least 35 years, at the moment in fact they are deteriorating rapidly. In that time the number of vehicles entering this site has increased enormously. When this is seen in conjunction with the massive increase in traffic between Northampton and Milton Keynes that also passes through the centre of Hanslope each day, Hanslope Parish Council feels strongly that Milton Keynes Council should be very wary of any expansion at Hanslope Park.

The application has a complete section entitled 'Travel Plan' which appears to be addressing the various problems caused by vehicles using the site. One of the specific aims is 'To minimise the traffic impact on the local community'. On close inspection there is nothing in this section which will have any real effect on that aim. It speaks of encouraging car sharing and encouraging employees to buy greener cars, but, although it speaks of installing changing facilities so that employees can cycle, it says nothing about making the actual cycle journey any easier or safer. It seems slightly ridiculous that this statement goes into detail about bus services and train services; there are no bus services that go anywhere near Hanslope Park, the nearest train station is at Wolverton and there is no pedestrian access from Hanslope village to Hanslope Park.

Hanslope Parish Council and the soon to be published Hanslope Parish Plan make the installation of a footpath/cycle path between the village and Hanslope Park a top priority. Could not pressure be brought to bear on the Foreign office to give a major financial input into this facility, so that people could at least travel to and from Hanslope village and Hanslope Park by bicycle and on foot? Many people from Hanslope work at the Hanslope Park but very few of them walk or cycle to there. It is about three quarters of a mile from the village centre to the Park but it is dangerous to walk, as there are no pavements, only very narrow, rough grass verges. Cyclists are put off by the sheer volume of traffic on a very narrow and bendy country lane.

If, as the application states, no extra employees will be involved then it seems that there should be no objection. However the great amount of traffic that is generated by Hanslope Park makes Hanslope Parish Council very reticent to reply unequivocally 'no objections' as long as nothing appears to be done about that traffic.

Hanslope Parish Council would also suggest that 'Planning Gain Money' should be a part of any addition or changes at Hanslope Park in order to support the local infrastructure, specifically the road connections to the site.

Item 8 Councillors reports from sub committee meetings

Mr Cook reported from a meeting regarding the 33 bus service
Mrs Mobley reported from the Village Hall meeting

Item 9 Ongoing business

Recreation Ground

Next Sports Club meeting is Tuesday May 5th at 7.30 pm

Reported that children's play area grass cuttings not collected

Streetcare

Several items to be reported to M.K.Council

Item 10 Any Other Business

Reported that the litter bin emptying schedule in the village centre was poor over the Easter period

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.25 pm