

## **Hanslope Parish Council**

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 7.00pm.

Councillors attending; Mr Reynolds (Chairman), Mrs Hayward, Mrs Mobley, Mrs Hetherington, Mr Palmer, Mr Geary, Mrs Green, Mr Cook

Acting clerk; Mr Lancaster

**Item 1 Apologies;** Mr McDonald

**Item 2; Declarations of interest statement;** None

**Item 3; Acceptance of the minutes of the September 2011 meeting;** Mrs Green requested that Item 6; Devolving services from MKC to Parish Councils, be amended to include that Mr Reynolds and Mrs Green attended an Alternative Services Delivery Seminar. Mr Reynolds to oversee the amendment. Otherwise the Council resolved; "To accept the minutes as a true record of the September 2011 meeting"

**Item 4; Matters arising not covered by agenda items; Item 5;** PCSO Introduction to Role and Responsibility; Mr Reynolds reported that the Traffic duties role of PCSO's is a matter of ongoing clarification by TVP.

**Item 5; Open Meeting;** The Council adjourned to attend to the October open meeting.

**Item 6; Parish Council Newsletter;** Deferred to the November meeting.

**Item 7; Stoke Heights Wind-farm / Parish Poll;** Mr Reynolds reported that MKC Planning Department had applied article 22 to the Ecotricity planning application effectively freezing the application because the Environmental statement is insufficient. More surveys are required to complete the Environmental statement and these cannot be completed until the Spring. The application cannot be appealed whilst under article 22. Mr Ayles, chair of Castlethorpe Parish Council has been leading an attempt to secure a Supplementary Planning Document for the MKC Planning Department Wind Farm Policy looking at three main areas; height to distance ratio, distance from bridleways and distance from footpaths.

**Item 8; Finance;**

- a) The account for the month was examined and the Council resolved; "to approve the cheques previously signed to the value of £3620.38 to cover outstanding bill and commitments"
- b) Quotations; none

**Item 9; Correspondence;**

- a) Mr Geary to respond to e-mail correspondence ref bus issues to clarify difficulties with buses accumulating in Market Square and suggest staggered arrivals, alternative bus stops and stopping bus engines whilst waiting for departure.

- b) Noted that the Campaign to Protect Rural England are campaigning against the Draft National Planning Policy Framework that could result in development status in Hanslope returning to that outlined under the Local plan of 2001 to 2011. The planning application guide is a useful resource. No action required.
- c) Mr Reynolds to speak to Mr O'Reilly re request for a new webmaster, post to be advertised on the Village Website and the Newsletter; possibility of contracting out to be investigated.

**Item 10; Planning;**

11/01938/ful Detached bungalow, garage and access  
Unit 10, Neville Close  
(Renewal of existing approval); previous PC comments apply

New application; Haversham cum Little Linford Parish

11/02028/FULEIS Wind farm in Haversham cum Little Linford (Orchard Way)  
RWE Npower renewables  
Parish Council resolved to write to MKC planning Department to object on the following grounds.

- a. Visual impact on local communities and historic buildings e.g. St James The Great Church
- b. Impact on local environment, ecology and bird life
- c. Distance of turbines from footpaths and bridleways; does not meet statutory guidelines resulting in danger to footpath and bridleway users

**Item 11; Councillors reports from sub-committee meetings;**

Mrs Mobley reported on a Village Hall Committee meeting.

Mr Reynolds reported on an informal meeting with Stoke Goldington Parish Council and the Save our Salcey Group.

**Item 12; Ongoing business;**

Mr Geary to e-mail the Developer of the Old Bus Garage to advise that the gates accessing the site are not secure

Mr Reynolds to oversee the writing of letters to private households where overgrowth is obscuring speed limit signs.

Mr Geary to investigate the possibility of obtaining a SID post for Tathall End. Mr Lancaster to investigate the possibility of obtaining some funding at the next NAG meeting.

Mr Cook requested a salt bin for the top of Rhymer Close. Clerk to contact MKC.

Mrs Green requested an update on the refurbishment of the Parish Council Notice Boards at the next meeting.

**There being no further business to discuss the chairman closed the meeting at  
10.45pm**