

Hanslope Parish Council

Minutes of an Open Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall on 13th October 2008

The meeting opened at 8.00 pm with 28 people attending

Mr Geary opened the meeting by welcoming those present to the October 2008 open meeting of the Parish Council. He explained that Thames Valley Police had been invited to attend but had not turned up

Item 1 Minutes of the April 2008 meeting

Resolved;-

“To accept the minutes of the April 2008 meeting, subject to an item raised by Mr Coles regarding the ‘Best Kept Village` competition being included”

Item 2 Matters arising from the minutes and Chairman’s Report

- a) Noted that the village sign has been completed, thanks were expressed to the Friends of Hanslope and all who helped and supported this project
- b) Vehicle parking on pavements continues to be a real concern, especially near the shops in Gold Street and the recreation ground at weekends. Disabled people and mums with pushchairs and prams are having great difficulty in safely accessing parts of the village
- c) Reported that the highway resurfacing and improvement work will continue in 2009
- d) The Astro Court surface in the recreation ground has been replaced. The cost was supported by a 50% grant from Milton Keynes Council
- e) Vandalism in the recreation ground is costing parish residents money which really should be spent elsewhere. Recent repairs have included roof and fencing damage. An article will be included in the December newsletter giving more details
- f) Noted that Mrs. Margaret Harradine is the parish liaison with ‘The Citizen’ newspaper regarding local events and news
- g) The Parish Plan questionnaire is being circulated at the moment
- h) The letter from the surgery regarding dispensing issues will be displayed on the Parish Council notice board
- i) Reported that the 5 three bedroom rented properties at the Cuckoo Hill site have been allocated. The street names for the new

- development will be Cuckoo Hill Rise and Burrow Ash Close, both of which were derived from ancient documents about the locality
- j) The Parish Council is arranging a joint on site meeting with Milton Keynes Council to consider the traffic and parking issues in Gold Street/High Street
 - k) The 33 bus service will be discussed at the next Ward Forum meeting on Wednesday 22nd October where service reliability and bus condition issues will be raised
 - l) It was noted that approximately £140,000 planning gain money will be available when local housing developments are completed

Item 3 Open Forum on general matters

- a) Mr Mallard asked why the letter from the surgery regarding dispensing issues was necessary. Doctor Sorrell explained that a government directive regarding dispensing surgeries was ongoing. Mrs Harradine noted that the letter included address details where parishioners could write to support the surgeries opinion
- b) Mr Castle-Smith suggested that the Saxon Court development should have kerbstones around the verge on the highway. The Parish Council will pursue this with M.K. Council
- c) Mr Castle-Smith stated that the recent highway resurfacing was not of a good standard
- d) Doctor Sorrell asked if a CCTV camera could be installed in the recreation ground in order to deter vandalism. Mr Rodrigo suggested that any pictures could then be passed to parents. Mrs Simons suggested that neighbourhood watch could be involved. Mrs Harradine said that mapping vandalism is a useful way of finding out when likely acts of vandalism could occur. The Chairman explained that CCTV has previously been considered and asked all residents to be observant when in the recreation ground area
- e) Mr Mallard reported that quad bikes have been a nuisance in the area around the sewage works. Mrs Shortland noted that the footpath sign has been damaged. Mrs Courtman stated that the quad bike matter could be brought up at the next NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group) meeting
- f) Mr Coles thanked the Street Fayre committee for installing the village sign. He asked if the Parish Council had the final say with regard to the proposed village entry signs. Mrs Harradine explained that the matter would be discussed in the same manner as the village sign had been, thus giving all parties an opportunity to contribute

- g) Mr Coles suggested that fixed bollards be installed to prevent parking on pavements
- h) Mr Hetherington commented on the parking situation on match days at the recreation ground
- i) Mrs Harradine suggested that consideration be given to a one way system in Gold Street/High Street
- j) Mr Ellis and Mrs Simons reported footpath and pavement repair issues to be passed on to M.K. Council. Noted that Andy Burton is the Bridleway and Footpath officer at M.K. Council
- k) Mr Stacey stated that when the results of the Parish Plan questionnaire are known the interpretation of the questions asked should be considered carefully
- l) Mr Stacey requested the Parish Councils support with regard to resurfacing work that is required at a footpath near Tathall End Farm. M.K. Council have been consulted but to no avail so far

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm