

Hanslope Parish Council

Minutes of an Open Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall on 12th October 2009

The meeting opened at 8.00 pm with 34 people attending

Mr Geary opened the meeting by welcoming those present to the October 2009 open meeting of the Parish Council. He introduced two Police Constables from Thames Valley Police and Dave Butler a Youth Support and Community Worker from M.K. Council

Item 1 Minutes of the April 2009 meeting

Resolved;-

“To accept the minutes of the April 2009 meeting as a true reflection of discussions that took place”

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

- a) The last of the Cuckoo Hill affordable housing properties have now been allocated
- b) Parish Council vacancy; applications invited up to October 13th
- c) Traffic Survey; this is currently being conducted by M.K. Council
- d) The Parish Plan; the Council is progressing various actions and recommendations. Decembers newsletter will contain more details
- e) The paint ball situation at the grove has been resolved. The company involved has left the site

Item 3 Thames Valley Police presentation

P.C. Stuart Folwell presented the recent crime figures and explained that Inspector Roy Stringer is now in charge at Newport Pagnell. The Police Community Support Officer is becoming established in the parish

Item 4 Open Forum on police matters

- a) Mr Coles suggested that comparison figures for local crimes should be made available at the next open meeting
- b) Noted that 999 calls go to M.K. Control which allocates the next available vehicle to attend the incident
- c) General discussion took place regarding parking issues in the village including parking on or near junctions and on pavements, reported that the PCSO is trying to alleviate this but requires help from the local residents
- d) Mr Fisher requested clarification regarding the legality of vehicles reversing onto a main road

- e) Mr Barker asked for a definition of 'Reasonable Force' when making a citizens arrest
- f) Noted that the Parking Unit can be requested from M.K. Council to attend the parish

Item 5 Presentation on 'Playbuilder' by Dave Butler

Mr Butler explained the 'Playbuilder' scheme which could mean that a sum of money could be available to improve the recreation facilities for 8 to 13 year olds primarily. Discussion with the school and other interested parties will take place starting in November

Item 6 Open Forum on general matters

- a) Mr Stanton stated that the 30mph speed limit extension in Castlethorpe Road is desperately required
- b) Mr Stanton commented on the visibility problems caused by the vehicles parked on the road near the end of the 40mph area in Castlethorpe road. Mr Coles suggested planning gain money could be used to provide a car park to alleviate the problem
- c) Mr Stanton raised concern about the volume of traffic entering and leaving the Cuckoo Hill Farm industrial site
- d) Mr Warner reported regarding the 40mph speed limit in Lathbury. Mr.A.Geary stated that this was introduced following a fatal road traffic accident
- e) Mr Stanton raised concern about a possible new road near Maltmill houses. The Parish Council is not aware of any plans for this
- f) Mrs Eason commented about the road narrows sign in Hartwell Road, large lorries going from Hartwell Road out through Castlethorpe Road and the lack of a seat and rubbish bin in Long Street
- g) Mrs Bedford reported overgrown trees on the footpath between the Cock Public House and St James Close
- h) Mr Johnson reported the need for the M.K.Council cleaning team to clear the village passageways, the lack of bus timetables at the bus stops and the need for a sign at the bus stop outside the surgery
- i) Mr Bedford inquired if a bus stop near surgery would cause additional congestion bearing in mind the car parking which takes place opposite the surgery at the moment. It was noted that alternative parking is available for surgery users in the recreation ground although very limited use is made of this facility
- j) Mr Hetherington suggested that the installation of yellow lines might prevent some of the illegal parking that takes place at the moment

- k) Mr Warner thanked the Parish Council for supporting his protests regarding a recent planning application in Western Drive
- l) Mr Eve and Mrs Clark raised concern with regard to an ongoing problem with the school lighting which is glaring into their properties. Suggested that a letter to the chair of the school governors would be the best course of action
- m) Mr Fisher reported that the pine tree opposite the newsagents is overhanging the footpath
- n) Mr Keeves asked if more new houses are planned in Castlethorpe Road. The Parish Council has received no information about this
- o) Mr Keeves asked why a new road is being cut at the park spinney. The Parish Council's information is this is make the spinney accessible for tree work that is required

The meeting ended at 9.40 pm