

Hanslope Parish Council

Minutes of an Open Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall on Monday 12th April 2010

The meeting opened at 8.00 pm with 23 people attending

Mr Geary opened the meeting by welcoming those present to the April 2010 open meeting of the Parish Council. He introduced two Police Constables from Thames Valley Police and thanked them for taking the time to attend

Item 1 Minutes of the October 2009 meeting

Resolved;

“To accept the minutes of the October 2009 meeting as a true reflection of discussions that took place provided Item 6g is amended to read ‘the alleyway between the Cock Public House and St James Close’ “

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

1. The Chairman welcomed Mrs Carol Hayward to her first open meeting since being co-opted to the Parish Council
2. Reported that 2 dog refuse bins are being installed in the Parish on a one year trial basis
3. Reported that the Village Pond has been cleaned and the surrounding area tidied up. This will now take place in the Spring and Autumn each year
4. Noted that an Anemometer mast has been installed in Stoke Goldington Parish
5. Recent discussions with Milton Keynes Council have resulted in a proposal to install double yellow lines on the Newport Road/Gold Street junction
6. Speed restriction reviews are currently being considered for Castlethorpe Road, Newport Road, Forest Road, Higham Cross Road and Tathall End
7. Methods to reduce the incidence of pavement parking in Gold Street is being considered

Item 3 Thames Valley Police presentation

P.C. Dan Smith and P.C. Andy Perry presented the recent crime figures and explained the comparison between 2008/9 and 2009/10 which has seen a 14% reduction

Item 4 Open Forum on Police Matters

1. Mrs Green queried the period of crime measurement; this was one year
2. Mr Castle-Smith and Mr Adams raised concerns regarding traffic calming in Castlethorpe; it was suggested they contact M.K. Council
3. Mr Coles stated that he was pleased that crime figures are reducing
4. Mr Geary requested information regarding vehicles being repaired on the roadside
5. Mrs Hetherington reported that vehicles for sale had been seen near the newsagents shop
6. Mr Lancaster thanked P.C. Perry for the recent presentations at Hanslope Primary School and the Pre-School

Item 5 Open Forum

1. Several residents raised concerns about the number of potholes throughout the parish. These will be reported to M.K. Council
2. Mrs Clark stated that M.K. Council responded very quickly to a flooding issue in Forest Road
3. Mr Ellis requested information regarding the work at the spinney opposite Hanslope Park (reference item 6,0 in the minutes from the October 2009 Open Meeting)
4. Several residents raised concerns regarding the lack of car parking space throughout the village
5. Mr Lancaster reported that a 'Community Speed Watch Camera' will shortly be available for use within the parish
6. Mr Grout asked what period the anemometer would be used for. Mr Geary stated that he understands that up to 18 months is the time frame
7. Mr Coles thanked the Parish Council for the quarterly newsletter; he noted that Gold Street is mentioned regarding traffic issues and wondered what was being done about the rest of the village. Mr Geary explained that Gold Street is the most congested area so is being considered first before moving on to other places
8. Mrs Eason commented that elderly or infirm patients cannot walk from the recreation ground car park to the surgery.
9. Mr Castle-Smith asked if there was any news on the kerbing of Saxon Close. Mr Geary explained that M.K.Council is unable to fund this at the present time
10. Mr Castle-Smith requested an update regarding several dilapidated buildings in the village centre

11. Mr Coles requested an update on the proposed footpath between Hanslope Park and the village. Mr Geary reported that a series of joint meetings is due to take place with M.K. Council and Hanslope Park
12. Mrs Green requested an update regarding the 'Playbuilder' scheme. Mr Grout explained that the first phase will be completed by the end of April. Mr Hayward stated that the Playbuilder representative had failed to turn up for the stall arranged at the Street Fayre

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm