

Hanslope Parish Council

Minutes of an Open Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall on Monday 11th April 2011

The meeting opened at 7.15 pm with 51 people attending

Mr Geary opened the meeting by welcoming those present to the April 2011 open meeting of the Parish Council.

Item 1 Possible new community and sports building in the recreation ground

- a. The Chairman explained the background to the suggested new building which would incorporate the needs of the Village Hall, Sports Pavilion and Baden Lodge
- b. The Parish Plan guided the Parish Council to setting up a sub-committee to consider this project
- c. An architect (David Coles) has been appointed to produce initial plans for consideration
- d. The Architect displayed the plans and local residents present were invited to make comments and suggestions
- e. Comment sheets were made available so residents and local organisations could put forward written information. The deadline for returning these was set for April 30th

Item 2 Minutes of the October 2010 meeting

Resolved;

“To accept the minutes of the October 2010 meeting as a true reflection of discussions that took place”

Item 3 Matters arising from the minutes and Chairman’s report

- a. Reported that positive feedback has been received from local residents regarding the ‘Playbuilder’ improvements to the children’s play area in the recreation ground. Thanks to the Ward Councillor for pursuing this matter on behalf of the Parish
- b. Noted that additional salt/grit bins have been installed
- c. Reported that flood alleviation work in Tathall End has been included in the M.K. Council budget for 2011/12
- d. Thanks to Mr Reynolds for managing the allotments on behalf of the Parish Council. The allotment field is now fully occupied and there is a waiting list

- e. Vandalism in the recreation ground is an ongoing problem, particularly the cutting of the Astro Court fence
- f. The Parish Council, Ward Councillor and Alternative Voting elections will take place on Thursday May 5th

Item 4 Presentation by P.C. Andy Perry (Thames Valley Police)

- a. P.C. Perry reported on recent crime figures which are now reported by ward not parish
- b. Burglaries are on the increase; residents advised to make sure premises are securely locked

Item 5 Open Forum on TVP matters

- a. Mr Castle-Smith asked if there is any evidence to suggest that properties with a burglar alarm are less likely to be burgled
- b. Mrs Hetherington asked what amount of force can be used if you are faced with a burglar on your property
- c. Mrs Green asked if there is a trend regarding outbuilding burglaries
- d. Mr Wood asked what the response situation is

Item 6 Revised Speed Limits;

- a. Mr A. Geary (Ward Councillor) introduced Mr Adrian Carden who was attending on behalf of Milton Keynes Council
- b. Mr A. Geary explained the background to speed limit amendments and introductions for Forest Road, Tathall End, Newport Road and Castlethorpe Road
- c. Mr A. Geary commented about the frustration felt by himself and the Parish Council regarding long delays in introducing these particularly the Castlethorpe Road change
- d. Mr Carden explained that matters were now in hand from a legal point of view and anticipated a June implementation of the changes
- e. Several residents asked question regarding road safety matters; these will be raised at the next Ward Forum which Mr Carden offered to attend

Item 7 Open Forum

- a. Mr Stacey raised concern regarding the flood prevention arrangements at Tathall End. Mr A. Geary suggested a joint Landowners/Milton Keynes Council meeting to identify the issues and find common ground for a way forward
- b. Mr Coles reported that several village seats are in need of refurbishment

- c. Mr Coles raised concern regarding the road surface in the High Street.
Milton Keynes Council have repairs on its schedule for this year
- d. Mrs Green reported potholes needing repair in Higham Cross Road
- e. Mr Coles expressed thanks to the retiring Parish Council Chairman

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm