

Hanslope Parish Council

Minutes of an Open Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 14th October 2013 at 8.00pm there were 65 people attending

Mr Reynolds opened the meeting by welcoming those present to the October 2013 Open Meeting of the Parish Council.

Item 1 Minutes of the April 2013 open meeting; Resolved “to accept the minutes of the April 2013 open meeting as a true reflection of the discussions that took place”

Item 2 Matters Arising

- a. New seats have been installed throughout the parish including additional ones near the pond and the surgery
- b. Speed limit extension has been requested in Park Road
- c. Best Kept Village competition; Hanslope received a ‘Highly Commended’ rating
- d. Flooding at Tathall End; remedial work is ongoing with developments anticipated shortly

Item 3 Open Forum

- a. Mr Warner reported issues with the waste bin near the seat adjacent to the Watts arms in Long street Road
- b. Mr Mongston reminded the meeting about the request for bus stop yellow markings in the Market Square
- c. Mr Mongston reported concerns about road safety in Castlethorpe Road due to parking near the brick bus stop
- d. Mrs Watson reported that the surgery has no disabled parking
- e. Mrs Alice requested that the Parish Council members introduced themselves to the meeting
- f. Mrs Lee raised concerns regarding the excess speed of vehicles leaving the village via Park Road and requested traffic calming measures be introduced
- g. Mr Mobley reported footpath issues in Long Street Road and Higham Cross
- h. Mr Rouse reported vehicles parking on the yellow lines at the Gold Street/Newport Road junction
- i. Mr Coles suggested that the Parish Council should buy a plot of land in Castlethorpe Road to alleviate the parking issues near the surgery

- j. Mr J. Geary suggested yellow lines opposite the recreation ground
- k. Mr Grout thanked the Parish Council for financial assistance in the new floor and car park works
- l. Mrs Muldoon raised concerns regarding noise etc from patrons of the Cock Public House

Item 4 Thames Valley Police

Sergeant Andy Paulden explained the current Thames Valley Police situation and recent crime statistics within the parish
Mr A. Geary thanked Sergeant Paulden and his team

Item 5 Malt Mill Farm Wind Turbine Planning Application

The Wind Turbine Planning Application was discussed at length; comments included;

Lack of photomontage views from Western Drive.

Thin end of wedge, if one turbine is allowed many will follow.

Is there liaison between councils regarding possible installations?

English Heritage is automatically consulted.

Flying restrictions.

Turbine is now higher than original plans.

Applicant's village fund; is it 5k or 20k.

May affect house prices.

Action group needed.

Church is a local landmark of historic significance.

Eric Pickles stated that local opinion would be a strong consideration.

Ecology report ref bats at Hungate End.

Minimum mention of bats in planning application.

List of grounds for objection should be published.

The Chairman called for a show of hands in order to guide the Parish Council;

FOR THE APPLICATION = NIL

AGAINST THE APPLICATION = 61

ABSTENTIONS = 4

The meeting closed at 9.20pm