



## Minutes of the Hanslope Parish Council Monthly Meeting held in the Village Hall, Newport Road, Hanslope on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.30pm

**Present:** - Councillors: Jeannette Green (JG) – Chair  
Martin Palmer (MP) – Vice Chair  
Eileen Price (EP)  
Richard Green (RG)  
Simon Proctor (SP)  
Dorothy Courtman (DC)  
Ben Wheeler (BW)

Also Present: - Juliet Lewis, Clerk. Andrew Geary, Ward Councillor

**17.301** To receive **Apologies of Absence:** None.

**17.302** To receive **Members' Declarations of Interest:** None received.

**17.303** To approve the **Minutes of the Meetings Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017.**  
It was **resolved** to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting which took place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Cllr Courtman commented that she had made amendments to the minutes in the absence of the clerk. The final copy has been circulated and it is that copy that has been approved.

**17.304** To discuss **Matters arising** from these minutes only: None

**17.305** **Public Time:** As majority of the public were present to discuss planning application 17/00838/OUT Cllr Geary gave the following update:

- The planning officer has confirmed that they do not have sufficient information to make a decision. The applicant will be given time to provide this information, failure to do so will result in the application being refused.
- Cllr Geary believes that the applicant does not expect to have the application approved. The DCC are unlikely to approve the application as falls under building in open countryside which is against policy S10
- We need to prepare for a battle in 6-8 months time when the application is likely to go to appeal.

The public made the following observations / comments:

- If it goes to appeal is it decided in Bristol? Do they even come out or just look at the written evidence and rely on Google Maps?

Cllr Geary confirmed that is usual practice for them to come out and view the site. It can be decided one of three ways, written representation, informal meeting or a public enquiry. An informal meeting is the most likely scenario in this case.

- Are the Parish Council against it? Cllr Green confirmed that we cannot comment until it has been fully discussed and a decision made in the next section.
- The main entrance is only 20 metres from a row of Victorian cottages (Hazel Row). The public consultation held by the developers was useless there was insufficient detail
- If they get planning permission do we get any say in the development? Cllr Geary confirmed that they have to come back with detailed planning permission.
- One access is on a blind bend, why haven't highways picked this up? Although if it is the same person they had for other developments it will be worthless! Cllr Geary confirmed that Highways assessment will usually be after the consultation had finished.
- Do you take into account what the public are saying? Cllr Green confirmed that the Parish Council take into account the views of everyone but have to consider every application on its own merit.

**Police Report:** PCSO Kirsty confirmed that the new structure is now in place and that Hanslope is now being served by PC Andy Hipkin and six PCSOs.

She confirmed that they were aware of the parking issues around the Doctors surgery and they will be out and ticketing cars who are parking illegally. Cllr J Green commented that they are able to use the Rec Ground car park and pointed out there is now a gate to make it easier.

Kirsty required confirmation that CCTV signs were going to be displayed at the rec ground. It was confirmed that they had been ordered and would be put up as soon as received.

The abandoned house in Long Street Road has been reclaimed. A new family should be moving in shortly.

Cllr Courtman commented that Hanslope PC had decided not to go ahead with ANPR camera signage. Kirsty agreed that this was contrary to official advise and that these signs have been proven an effective deterrent.

Finally, they will be increasing the speed enforcement in the village.

**17.306**

**Planning:** The following planning applications were considered:  
**17/00838/OUT – 200 houses in Eastfield Drive.** All Parish Councillors confirmed that they had viewed and considered the application prior to the meeting. The following comments were made:

- Cllr Proctor: This is contrary to planning policy S10 and therefore will be refused by MK.

- Cllr Price: I think we should object on the grounds of open countryside (S10) and traffic / amenities.
- Cllr Palmer: As previous, another large development such as this will destroy the village.
- Cllr J Green: I agree, we need to protect this village. There has been no thought behind this application. We need to make a stand. Against planning policy.
- Cllr Wheeler: Object for all the same reasons as Castlethorpe Road as well as the cumulative effect.
- Cllr R Green: Object, Hanslope has had our allocation of new builds.
- Cllr Courtman: Agree with all the above. The school does not have the room. Keep our village as a village not a town.

Cllr Geary commented that you do not need a highways consult at this point, leave that for if (when) they appeal. He reminded the clerk that they now need to request that the application is considered by the DCC and not delegated to the planning officer.

The Parish Council then voted on this application and it was unanimously agreed to object.

Significant discussion took place as to whether to it would be prudent to employ the highways consultant at this point. It was resolved to not employ the consultant at this point. Acknowledging that an extra ordinary meeting may be required in August should things move quickly. It was also resolved that Cllr J Green and 2 other councillors have the delegated power to instruct the highways consultant without further debate.

**17/01233/FUL - Land west of Cuckoo Hill.** Cllrs Palmer, R Green and Price to carry out a site visit and report back.

**17/01166/FUL – 5 Carriers Close – loft conversion.** Object: conservation area, not in keeping, concerns that it will set a persistent, affect light in neighbouring properties.

**17.307 Plan MK:** Comments have been put forward by the Parish Council to confirm support of the report produced by Neil Homer. Link to plan MK to be recirculated to councillors.

**17.308 Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

In the last NDP meeting it was decided that, although we had done a significant amount of work to get so far, now was the right time to employ a consultant to move the project forward.

3 consultants had been contacted by Cllr Price and Neil Homer had attended the meeting to put forward the case for expenditure. Although the costs will be covered by grants.

Neil Homer was selected as he has significant experience of the local area and MK council. He commented that we need to aim to have the plan submitted before any major development applications reach appeal. A well put together Neighbourhood plan can be a great defence.

Cllr Palmer stated that it would be good to have someone on board. We have issues within the group which need to be resolved. One problem that we've had is that we have effectively been de-railed by large development applications. Keen to get back on track.

Meeting scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Neil is unable to make it but will dial in.

Cllr Proctor stated that we need further discussion on what policies we wish to adopt and proposed that the meeting goes ahead on the 20<sup>th</sup> with as many attendees as possible. Clerk to confirm if all members wish to continue to be part of the group.

Cllr Palmer proposed that employment of Neil Homer, all agreed. Cllr Proctor requested a copy of the proposal.

Cllr R Green confirmed that this should fall inside the grant criteria and therefore will not cost the council.

**17.309**

**Finance: (a)** The following monthly Receipts & Payments were put forward for approval:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>££</b>
J Lewis	Salary & Expenses	£991.81
Signarma	INV 11904 &12159 (Village signs)	£635.86
Marcus Young	INV 2094 - Rec ground maintenance	£715.00
LCM Services	Inv no 54	£583.00
A H Services	Inv No 9368	£48.00
British Gas	Rec Ground	£320.52
Anglian water	Allotement water	£46.41
Barbara Osborne	Payroll Services	£60.00
HMRC	Clerk Tax & NI	£761.17
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,161.77</b>

**It was resolved** that these payments be accepted in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 and subsequent amendments.

**17.310**

**Recreation Ground:**

**(a) Redevelopment** – still trying hard to get any companies to actually provide a quote. Cllr J Green suggested that the detailed schedule of works seemed to be putting people off.

**(b) Car park Marking** – Cllr R Green to follow up.

**(c) Gate in new fence** – Complete

**(d) rubbish removal** – Cllr J Green & Cllr E Price to contact the company who assisted with the St James Car Park.

**17.311**

**NAG – Update and finances**

Cllr Courtman requested that the NAG funds are transferred to Castlethorpe Parish Council. Clerk confirmed that this will be done by cheque at the next meeting once the total has been confirmed.

**Signs for ANPR:** As previous, it has been confirmed that the police recommend the erection of signs advising motorists that ANPR cameras are in place in the village.

It was resolved to purchase and erect signs. Cllr Courtman to confirm the recommended number and cost at the next meeting.

NAG SIDS – Cllr Courtman commented that she had been approached by Wolverton with regard to use of the rural SID, claiming to have been advised by MK Council. Cllr Courtman will keep us advised of any developments.

**17.312 Bus Shelter repair** – Clerk to forward tender document to Cllr R Green for consideration.

**17.313 Councillor vacancies** – Election notices to be put up, once expired the co-option process can begin. We now have 2 vacancies and we really need to work hard to fill these gaps.

**17.314 Correspondence received by the clerk not covered above.**

Email received regarding options for the boundary of the substation opposite Faith Terrace. Cllr M Palmer will confirm the best option. It was resolved that Cllr Palmer can make representation on behalf of the Parish Council.

Les McLean has confirmed he no longer wishes to do the Recreation Ground and Village caretaking duties. He will leave at the end of July. Clerk to advertise on Facebook and Cllr Palmer to include notice in the newsletter. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

Meeting concluded at 22:20.

Next Meeting will be Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm