

## HANSLOPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Hanslope Parish Council on Monday 9th February 2026, 7pm at  
Hanslope Pavilion, MK19 7LG.

### MINUTES

#### **Present:**

D Courtman (Chair)

R Simpkins

R Wallond

T Tivey

E Price

Ward Cllr: A Andrew

Clerk: G Merry

4 members of the public

**26.13 Apologies:** Received and accepted from Cllr Needham.

#### **26.14 Minutes from previous meeting held 12/01/26**

The wording of Minute 26.09 iii) was discussed and an amendment was agreed as follows:

*“Diversion of Footpath Hanslope 53: The map and plan were circulated and discussed. There was general agreement not to take this any further”.* The clerk made the amendment and this was signed by the chairman.

**MOTION:** to approve the amended minutes of the last meeting, PROPOSED by Cllr Wallond  
SECONDED by Cllr Tivey and AGREED

**26.15 Declarations of Interest:** No declarations.

#### **26.16 Public Participation:**

The scout leader attended, along with a member of the Beaver’s group. The young Beaver gave a short presentation and the scout leader advised that the Scout group are in need of 2 new tents. They were thanked for attending and this will be discussed at the next meeting. He offered to help with the next litter pick and if this were on a scout evening, there would be many volunteers from scouts, cubs, parents etc.

#### **26.17 Council**

- i. **Clerk’s report:** At 31/01/26 income stood at £193,842 (134% of budget) and Expenditure was at £193,665 (94% of budget). The new GDPR regulations for parish councils continue to be implemented. The clerk had assessed the PC website to ensure accessibility requirements are being met. Initially the site only scored 3.5 out of 10. However, after training, the clerk was able to make the necessary changes and the website now scores 8.9/10. The clerk reminded Cllrs to check they are not storing old data – either electronic or hard copies – containing personal information about residents, employees, former employees or any other confidential information. The clerk had attended a webinar on the new NPPF. This is currently in the proposal stage with the consultation running until 10<sup>th</sup> March. The main areas to note were that Neighbourhood Plans will still be important and taken into account by planning officers but must align with local development plans. The January crime figures for Hanslope were circulated and there had been reports of suspicious late-night activity in the Rec. Car Park. The clerk will need dates/times for checking CCTV but felt that the car parks would benefit from motion-sensor lighting and

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she could potentially apply to the TVP community Fund for a grant, on the grounds of a crime prevention. The applications close on Monday 23/2/26, so given the tight timeframe, it was discussed and agreed the clerk would obtain quotes and submit an application.

ii. **Highways/Speeding:**

- Proposed traffic management measures for Tathall End to Devil's Dip were circulated and discussed. New signage will be installed around Feb/March and there will be a consultation re. implementation of a 40mph speed limit change.
- The clerk circulated a proposed consultation letter to send to residents of Forest Road affected by speeding. It was agreed to suggest moving the change to 60mph further north, towards the M1 bridge and this was agreed.
- Speeding in vicinity of school. The clerk had received requests for more or better speed bumps on the approaches to the zebra crossing, as there had been near misses on the crossing. However, the school did not support a consultation on this, so the matter cannot be progressed.

iii. **GDPR:** In the process of completing the data audit, the IT support company had advised the clerk to consider them providing a cyber security audit. Whilst the PC has in place the full MS 365 package, with security measures built-in, it discussed and agreed that she request more info. and a quote. This would act as a way of determining what further measures might be needed.

iv. **Any additional reports from Cllrs:** The local policing team had asked Cllr Courtman to set up a 'Have Your Say' meeting locally, to engage with village residents. This will be held on Thursday 26/3/26 6-8pm in the community hall at the Rec.

Ward Cllr Andrew reported as follows: -

- The roads have deteriorated in the wet weather and repairs are not holding. However, with only 41 reports made to Highways since October for Hanslope, this was insufficient evidence for Highways to direct resources here. Residents are urged to keep reporting on the MKCC website. The repairs to Station Road have been postponed until summer 2026. Market Square is due to be fixed 10/3/26 and Cllr Andrew advised that any Highway's requests should be submitted before the end of the financial year.
- Cllr Andrew will site visit the flooded areas in Tathall End.
- The scaffolded house on Gold Street has been served an improvement notice to make safe, as it currently poses a risk to the public.
- A consultation is taking place re. the no. 33 and 33X bus route and Cllr Andrew has asked to be involved.
- The clerk and Cllr Tivey had attended a MKALC Devolved Services meeting and feedback had been sent to MKCC from all parishes. Cllr Andrew added that decisions over smaller amounts of S106 money, could easily be devolved to the parishes e.g. the recent allocation of library funds elsewhere in the borough. She had called a halt to this, as funding should be spent within Hanslope. The S106 working group will aim to ringfence this for the parish.

### 26.18 Planning

i. **New planning applications: Feb. 2026 and updates.** The clerk circulated the applications as below and these were discussed : -

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PLN/2026/0065	at Globe House, 50 Hartwell Road, Hanslope, Milton Keynes, MK19 7BZ	Variation of condition 6 (Lighting recommendations) seeking to comply with the recommendations of the ecologist as set out in the Nicholsons letter of 19th December 2025 (relating to permission ref. 21/03369/FUL - Proposed conversion and extension of vacant public house into 2-dwellinghouses and the erection of 1 detached dwelling to the rear of the site and associated car parking and landscaping)	No comments
PLN/2025/2558	23A Castlethorpe Road, Hanslope, Milton Keynes, MK19 7HQ	Erection of a single storey side and rear extension, garage conversion, two-storey rear extension with balcony and extension of existing dropped kerb	To be investigated further and E.M. called if needed
PLN/2026/0067	Globe House, 50 Hartwell Road, Hanslope, Milton Keynes, MK19 7BZ	Proposed conversion of vacant public house (sui generis) including extensions to form 2no. Dwellings & erection of detached double garage to the rear of the site and associated car parking and landscaping (part-retrospective)	No comments
PLN/2026/0131	HUNGATE END FARM, HIGHAM CROSS ROAD, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7HL	Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed single storey side and rear extensions and two storey rear extension	No comments
PLN/2025/2301	BRAMBLESTEAD FARM, FOREST ROAD, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7DE	Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) seeking to amend the layout and orientation of the dwellinghouse (relating to permission ref. 23/01818/OUT Outline application (matters of access, layout and scale to be considered, with matters of appearance and landscaping reserved) for demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new 5-bedroom house)	To be investigated further and E.M. called if needed
PLN/2025/2301	BRAMBLESTEAD FARM, FOREST ROAD, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7DE	Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) seeking to amend the layout and orientation of the dwellinghouse and submission of details related to conditions 15 (alterations to access), 17 (cycle parking), 18 (EV charging), 19 (sustainability statement), and 20 (drainage) (relating to permission ref. 23/01818/OUT Outline application (matters of access, layout and scale to be considered, with matters of appearance and landscaping reserved) for demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new 5 bedroom house)	To be investigated further and E.M. called if needed

Decisions as per final column above. Cllr Courtman stated that re. footpath Hanslope53, complaints have held up the process of routing this. However, a Government appointed inspector is now involved and a decision is expected soon.

**MOTION:** To agree the parish council's responses as above, PROPOSED by Cllr Tivey, SECONDED by Cllr Price and AGREED.

- ii. **Any enforcement Concerns:** The clerk had received a surfeit of enforcement outcomes recently and circulated these in a spreadsheet. Cllr Andrew stated that re. 24/00110/ENF (Hayfields Easate) enforcement's decision was incorrect. A play area **was** included in the plans and the case should not have been closed. Hayfields have offered to install this next month.
- iii. **Potential for Compulsory Purchase of undeveloped Sites:** This was covered during the NPPF webinar and the clerk advised that this will now contain a new mechanism for acquisition of sites. The PC's consultants had offered to carry out the necessary research and recommendations for sites in Hanslope @£800 and this was agreed.

**MOTION:** To agree the cost of the consultancy work @£800 PROPOSED by Cllr Price SECONDED by Cllr Tivey and AGREED

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### 26.19 Finance

- i. **Reconciliations & financial situation report to Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> 2026:** The clerk had circulated the January accounts and Cllr Price had checked the reconciliation reports. There were no questions.
- ii. **Year-end projected outturn:** The clerk circulated a projected year-end position indicating approx. £14-15,000 in surplus and it was agreed this could go towards some of the unplanned projects now on the agenda.
- iii. **Clerk working from home allowance:** Employees who WFH are entitled to claim £26 before tax per month, towards costs. The clerk had previously been paid this through payroll. However, since the last Govt budget, this can now only be claimed as an expense. This was discussed and agreed.
- iv. **Approval of payments February 2026:** The list of payments was circulated (below): -

12/01/2026	MKPA	4 baby/toddler play sessions - Jan @£195.38/session	£ 781.52		£ 781.52
19/01/2026	Terry Cordery	Cleaning solar panels, entrance glass, doors & cameras	£ 250.00		£ 250.00
21/01/2026	Propertycare Bucks	Fix issue with flood lights, service 2 boilers, fit CO2 alarms	£ 330.00	£ 66.00	£ 396.00
27/01/2026	MKPA	3 baby/toddler play sessions - Feb @£195.38/session	£ 586.14		£ 586.14
29/01/2026	Butlers Transport LTD (formerly JTS Storage)	Annual storage	£ 1,248.00		£ 1,248.00
31/01/2026	Pidge's Poop Scoop	Jan. Rec. scoops	£ 150.00		£ 150.00
30/01/2026	Suez	Jan. empties - wheely bins	£ 69.17	£ 13.83	£ 83.00
30/01/2026	Anne Washington	Caretaking - Jan	£ 582.41		£ 582.41
01/02/2026	Marcus Young Landscapes	Jan bins and dog bins (inc. extra Saturday collection - shop)	£ 794.75	£ 158.95	£ 953.70
01/02/2026	Tove Landscapes	Football pitch overmarking – Jan	£ 175.00	£ 35.01	£ 210.01
01/02/2026	Tove Landscapes	Monthly maintenance contract – Jan	£ 2,289.58	£ 457.92	£ 2,747.50
01/02/2026	Tove Landscapes	Bulb Planting - Watts flower bed (continuation)	£ 250.00	£ 50.00	£ 300.00
09/02/2026	G Merry	PC Expenses - Jan/Feb	£ 19.99		£ 19.99
Due	Tara Davies	Jan. cleaning			

**MOTION:** To approve invoices as presented PROPOSED by Cllr Wallond, SECONDED by Cllr Simpkins and AGREED

### 26.20 Recreation Ground

- i. **New community centre:** The community centre working group had met in January and the clerk circulated the notes. Cllr Wallond reported that still only around £700K is available but an application to the Lottery's Reaching Communities Fund is being prepared. It may be possible to build in phases, starting with the available funds and then adding on sections, as further funds become available. A development document prepared by the fundraiser, outlining the new application's strategy was circulated and the content agreed.

**MOTION:** To agree the development document contact PROPOSED by Cllr Simpkins SECONDED by Cllr Wallond and AGREED

- ii. **Football Club Lease:** The clerk explained that if a lease could be issued to the football club, the Rec. would then meet the criteria for Football Foundation funding of up to £200K. The type of lease would only include what the club has on the existing agreement

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re. slots during the week etc. Concern was expressed that this may give the club certain rights and the clerk agreed to source examples of where this has been implemented elsewhere, as well as consulting with the council's lawyers.

**MOTION:** To agree in principle, to implement a lease agreement for the football club DEFERRED pending more information.

- iii. **White Lining the top car park:** The car parks plus Castlethorpe Road, had been completely congested one Saturday, due to football traffic and cars parked side-on to the railings had taken up extra spaces. The clerk suggested lining the car park to define perpendicular parking and this was discussed. It was agreed to seek 3 quotes for this.  
**MOTION:** To agree to obtain quotes for lining the top car park PROPOSED by Cllr Price SECONDED by Cllr Tivey and AGREED
- iv. **Implications of insurance payment for solar panel damage:** The clerk reported that the cricket's club's insurer had made payment for the solar panel damaged last summer and the club were to pay the PC a £100 excess payment. It was agreed this would be waived and the PC will foot the bill for repairs.

### 26.07 Village Projects

- i. **Updates on Hanslope Fields transfer of car park and Public Open Spaces:** Quotes from the council's contractor, for landscaping maintenance of the open spaces were circulated. Cllr Simpkins confirmed the contractor was appointed in 2024 and has another year of contract outstanding. This would therefore be part of the existing village maintenance contract. The prices were discussed and agreed, depending on receipt of the commuted sum from Bloor and HPC/MKCC sign-off on completion of all snagging. Cllr Tivey raised concerns re.a clause in the TP1 Land Registry transfer document and Transfer Report, both agreed and signed at the last meeting, which appears to bestow certain rights on the original landowner. The clerk circulated a response from the council's lawyer addressing these concerns and advised that formal resolutions cannot be reversed until 6 months have elapsed, unless by special dispensation. The matter was discussed and it was agreed the clerk will seek a meeting with the legal team, herself and councilor Tivey, so this matter can be explored before further progress is made towards completion.  
**MOTION:** To agree the contract specifics and quotes from the chosen supplier @ £9990 per annum for mowing and general maintenance plus remedial hedge work @ £2300 PROPOSED by Cllr Simpkins SECONDED by Cllr Wallond and AGREED.
- ii. **Update on transfer of Wheatfields Public Open Spaces:** No progress.
- iii. **Support for Hanslope Podcast: Cllr Wallond had been touch with** the podcast producer who confirmed it had over 600 listeners and was very well received. It was discussed and agreed that the PC will donate £100/month for the next 6 months (trial period), on condition that the PC has editorial control over any PC content and that at least 1 podcast/month is released.  
**MOTION:** To agree to financially support the podcast as above PROPOSED by Cllr Wallond SECONDED by Cllr Price and AGREED.
- iv. **Bin Contract timeframe:** The clerk advised that the bin contract last went to tender in 2022. It was discussed and agreed to re-tender in Autumn of this year

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**26.21 S106 Projects:**

- i. **Update re. for Deed of Variation for S106 agreements:** MKCC’s Planning Obligations team had turned down the application to apply for Deeds of Variation, closing this as an avenue for potentially funding the new community centre.
- ii. **Public Art:** The clerk was in discussion with the Heritage team re. their plan to appoint an art practitioner to implement a strategy for Hanslope.

**26.22 Allotments:** Cllr Simpkins stated that Cllr Needham is working on a project to hold allotment competitions/prizegiving this year and she will report further on this next month.

**26.23 Date of Next Meeting:** 9th March 2026 at 7pm

..... **Signed**

..... **Date**