

HANSLOPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Hanslope Parish Council on Monday 13th April 2026, 6.30pm at
Hanslope Pavilion, MK19 7LG.

MINUTES

Present:

D Courtman (Chair)
A Geary
E Price
R Wallond

R Simpkins
T Tivey
H Needham

Ward Cllr: A Andrew

Clerk: G Merry

0 members of the public

26.40 Apologies: No apologies

26.41 Minutes from previous meeting held 09/03/26

MOTION: to approve the minutes of the last meeting, PROPOSED by Cllr Price SECONDED by Cllr Simpkins and AGREED

26.42 Declarations of Interest: No declarations

Public Participation: *Suspended due to APM at 7.30pm*

26.43 Council

- i. **Clerk's report:** At 31/03/26, income stood at £194,690 (135% of budget) and expenditure was at £217,845 (106% of budget), with £31,221 from EMRs. Meetings of the Community Centre WG and the Rec. Ground Liaison groups were held. The year-end period of accounts and audit is underway. The accounts documents will go to the internal auditor after year-end checks, taking place on 16/4/26. The audit timetable will be as follows: -
 - Year-end accounts 16/4/26
 - Everything to internal auditor 17/4/26
 - AGAR sign-off – 11/5/26 (May PC meeting)
 - AGAR & associated documents to External Auditor by 1/6/27
 - Period of Public Right of Inspection: 2/6/26 to 14/7/26
 - Conclusion of audit – September 2026

This year, there is a risk to the parish council, if it does not actively recruit new Cllrs, and Cllrs were asked to advocate for this whenever/wherever they can.

- ii. **Highways/Speeding:**

Cllr Wallond reported that Community Speedwatch has started again, with 3 sessions in March, all at Tathall End. There was a need for more volunteers for the main village. Cllr Wallond had attended a session with Astwood PC, in the use of a Sentinel speed camera. HPC will now be added to the rota, to use this camera for 2 weeks, 2-3 times a year. The data is sent to TVP. Cllr Needham requested that the 50-40-50 limits on Park Rd, encourage people to speed up. Cllr Wallond stated there is no legal and safe spot there for CSW volunteers and Cllr Needham offered her driveway. Cllr Andrew confirmed that

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Hanslope's application to the Community Infrastructure Fund has been approved and will part fund a new SID for Tathall End.

iii. **Any additional reports from Cllrs:** Cllr Andrew reported as follows:

- An increased rate at which potholes are being fixed. She has been out with the local police recently, at speed traps in the local area. TVP have a specialist road intelligence unit to deal with persistent offenders. Highways are assessing the logic of road markings tallying with signage in this area. Cllr Andrew has suggested that representatives of Hanslope, Haversham and Castlethorpe PCs, meet to agree proposals regarding changes in road safety in this area.
- Cllr Geary had met with two local parish councils regarding MKCC's new town plan for 15-21,000 homes, as the current proposed new town, would reach up to Tathall End, as well as a new Junction 14A to the M1. A memorandum of understanding has been signed with certain developers. Cllr Geary offered to prepare a draft response to the consultation, on behalf of the parish council, to submit on behalf of the PC. He advised stalling the neighbourhood plan until the new town's decision is made. Cllr Geary will circulate the proposal and maps to the Clerk to publish on the website.

(Cllr Andrew left at 6:50 PM and returned for the 8:00 PM at 7:30 PM)

26.44 Planning

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

PLN/2026/0389	FIELD HOUSE, THE GREEN, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7LS	The erection of a single storey rear extension with roof lights. The conversion of the garage into living accommodation, including associated alterations and driveway enlargement	10/04/2026	No Comments
PLN/2026/0582	23A Castlethorpe Road, Hanslope, Milton Keynes, MK19 7HQ	Approval of details required by condition 3 (Materials) and condition 5 (Surfacing materials) of permission ref. PLN/2025/2558	20/04/2026	No comments

Decisions were AGREED as per final column above. Cllr Tivey made the point that planning documents no longer arrive on the portal at the same time, so there is a need to keep checking the website. 17 Gold St. was discussed in the light of the enforcement officer's ruling, that there had been no breach of regulations. It was AGREED that the clerk would write to the conservation officer to garner his support.

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

ii. **2 Long Street - report from ONH:** Cllr Tivey stated that this had been a very good report - comprehensive and pointed out the risks surrounding compulsory purchase. A neighbourhood development order could be used, to get to the owners to divulge what their plans are and possibly as leverage to keep the hoarding in better repair. The Planning WG agreed no specific action at this time but the report had been a good exercise in understanding the process. Cllr Geary suggested approaching MKCC regarding compulsory purchase, as the issue has been going on for over 20 years. It was AGREED to put this on the next agenda.

26.45 Finance

i. **Reconciliations & financial situation report to March. 31st 2026:** The clerk had circulated

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the March accounts and Cllr Price had checked the reconciliation reports. Quarter 4 and year-end accounts plus balance sheet, were also circulated and were approved, pending audit checks.

- ii. **Year end audit timetable: as above at 26.43 1.**
- iii. **Approval of payments April 2026:** The list of payments was circulated (below): -

DATE	Invoice from	For	Net	Vat	Total
30/03/2026	Trevor Marshall (Red Marshall Ltd)	Support for production of Hanslope Podcast 2026	£ 100.00	£ 20.00	£ 120.00
31/03/2026	rCOH (O'Neil Homer) Ltd	Report re. Old Bus Garage Site - options	£ 800.00	£ 160.00	£ 960.00
31/03/2026	Suez	March empties - wheely bins	£ 70.34	£ 14.07	£ 84.41
01/04/2026	Tove Landscapes	Football pitch overmarking - Feb	£ 175.00	£ 35.01	£ 210.01
01/04/2026	Tove Landscapes	Monthly maintenance contract - March (Inc. Churchyard)	£ 2,522.91	£ 504.59	£ 3,027.50
01/04/2026	Tove Landscapes	Vertidrainng Main pitch	£ 250.00	£ 50.00	£ 300.00
01/04/2026	MK Clean Machine	Gutter clearance - Pavilion/Hall	£ 120.00		£ 120.00
01/04/2026	Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	Software support and annual license	£ 210.00	£ 42.00	£ 252.00
01/04/2026	Marcus Young Landscapes	Feb. bins and dog bins (inc. extra Saturday collection - shop)	£ 671.55	£ 134.31	£ 805.86
02/04/2026	Critical Cleans Ltd	Dumped Rubbish clearance - Pavilion	£ 161.67	£ 3.33	£ 165.00
05/04/2026	Tove Landscapes	Clearance - allotment plot 44	£ 380.00	£ 76.00	£ 456.00
05/04/2026	Tove Landscapes	Pond filling allotment plot 75	£ 460.00	£ 92.00	£ 552.00
06/04/2026	Pidge's Poop Scoop	March Rec. scoops	£ 120.00		£ 120.00
07/04/2026	Tara Davies	March cleaning	£ 225.00		£ 225.00
08/04/2026	Anne Washington	Caretaking - March.	£ 420.00		£ 420.00
DUE	MKPA	3 baby/toddler play sessions - April @£195.38/session	£ 586.14		£ 586.14
13/04/2026	G Merry	PC Expenses - March	£ 7.80		£ 7.80

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

(The meeting was suspended at 7.20pm and resumed at 8.40pm)

26.46 Recreation Ground

- i. **New community centre:** Cllr Wallond reported from the recent working group meeting, that the smaller £700K build was now being pursued, with the option to extend, if further funding became available. There was a need to prioritise the facilities requested by residents. He circulated a prioritised list, with the most important being sports accommodation improvements, a community cafe, and community spaces. To this end, the architect had submitted his agreement for the process (standard RIBA contract) along with a quote for survey work at £2450 +VAT.

MOTION: To agree the terms and conditions of the architect's agreement PROPOSED by Cllr Wallond and SECONDED by Cllr Simpkins and AGREED

MOTION: To agree the quote for survey of levels, threshold heights etc. PROPOSED by Cllr Wallond SECONDED by Cllr Simpkins and AGREED.

ii. Football Club Matters:

- **Football foundation grass pitch maintenance grant:** Cllr Simpkins advised that this programme runs for 6 years and conditions must be adhered to consistently, in addition to the contractor requesting certainty. For this reason, it was

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PROPOSED that he is appointed for the six years duration of the agreement, for the relevant pitch work

MOTION: To agree to extend the pitch maintenance contract for Tove landscapes for the grant term of 6 years PROPOSED by Cllr Simpkins SECONDED by Cllr Needham and AGREED

- **Moving the dugouts:** It had been stated at the Rec. ground liaison meeting, that the issue of wear and tear to the main pitch, used to be alleviated by the ability to move the pitch, to vary where the goalmouth fell. It was AGREED that the dugouts should be moved further away so that pitch variation would be possible again and the clerk had obtained and circulated 3 quotes. The lowest was approved.

MOTION: To assess the quotes and to agree a supplier- Tove landscapes at £3116.30 PROPOSED by Cllr Geary SECONDED by Cllr Wallond AGREED

- **Changing rooms and return of deposit:** It had been discussed and agreed at the liaison meeting, that due to the dirty state of the changing rooms, the football club would make significant improvements within 2 weeks. The clerk circulated a video taken after 2.5 weeks, showing that the changing rooms were even dirtier. It was discussed and AGREED that due to breach of their agreement, the football club would not have their £300 deposit returned. Clerk AGREED to circulate the current pitch permit agreements to councillors.

MOTION: To discuss the return of the £300 fine/deposit- refused-PROPOSED by Cllr Courtman SECONDED by Cllr Price and AGREED

- iii. **Cricket: update and request for work to the outfield:** At the liaison meeting, the Cricket Club had requested overseeding to the outfield, to support the upcoming cricket season. The Clerk advised that some grass maintenance budget had been carried forward from last year and would cover the cost. She agreed to follow-up by advising the council, how this request had come about and when was the last time seeding had taken place. **MOTION:** To agree the quote for overseeding the outfield at £3419 +VAT PROPOSED by Cllr Simpkins SECONDED by Cllr Geary and AGREED

- iv. **White Lining the top car park:** The clerk had requested quotes from 5 companies but had received one @£650 plus VAT - this was circulated. It was discussed and AGREED that the quote was accepted but the work would be deferred until it was clear what the new build would entail.

MOTION: Deferred

- v. **Nighttime lighting options for the car park:** The application to the TVP fund had not been successful and the clerk suggested that the issue of anti-social behaviour after dark still existed. She had circulated indicative costs for 3 motion sensor lights on the building, plus and a new lamp & pole at the entrance to the Rec. It was AGREED that both options were needed and the Clerk should seek a further 2 quotes.

26.47 Village Projects

- i. **Updates on Hanslope Fields transfer of car park and Public Open Spaces:** An update had

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been received and circulated from the solicitor. He has implemented the required changes to the transfer agreement and the Clerk AGREED to chase for a finalised copy, so this matter can be progressed.

- ii. **Update on transfer of Wheatfields Public Open Spaces:** No progress.
- iii. **Landscape maintenance contracts times 2- village and ponds, rec and allotments:** The clerk explained that the current contracts would end in March 2027, so the tender process would need to be started now. MKCC’s devolved service’s rules, allow the current contract to run until 2028 and this was AGREED, providing costs did not increase
MOTION: To agree to extend the current contract to 2028, PROPOSED by Cllr Geary SECONDED by Cllr Simpkins and AGREED

- iv. **Bucks best kept village - hanging baskets:** A quote for x13 hanging baskets including watering at £1040 +VAT had been circulated.
MOTION: To agree the quote for extension of the scheme at £1040, PROPOSED by Cllr Simpkins SECONDED by Cllr Wallond and AGREED

26.48 S106 Projects: No further updates.

26.49 Allotments: Cllr Simpkins advised there are now no vacant plots. Cllr Needham is actively promoting the summer competition and prize giving

26.50 Date of Next Meeting (AMPC): 11th May 2026 at 7pm

..... **Signed**

..... **Date**