

## HANSLOPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Hanslope Parish Council on Monday 8th December 2025, 7pm at  
Hanslope Pavilion, MK19 7LG.

### MINUTES

#### **Present:**

D Courtman (Chair)  
E Price  
H Needham  
A Geary

R Simpkins  
R Wallond  
T Tivey

Clerk: G Merry

0 members of public

**25.124 Apologies:** Received and accepted from Ward Cllr Andrew.

#### **25.125 Minutes from previous meeting held 10/11/25**

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

#### **25.126 Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr Tivey advised that he owns a property neighbouring one of the current planning applications (PLN/2025/2239) and will abstain from voting..

**25.127 Public Participation:** No items

#### **25.128 Council**

- i. **Clerk's report:** At 30/11/25 income stood at £190,808 (132% of budget) and expenditure was at £167,678 (82% of budget) with £22,214 of expenditure from earmarked reserves. Meetings were held with the S106 Working Group, and with the Rec. Ground Liaison group. The clerk attended a GDPR webinar and an online presentation on MKCC's new creative and cultural strategy. A lantern parade was held through the village, culminating in a countdown and light's switch-on. This was very last minute and the clerk thanked the Community Speedwatch Volunteers for marshalling the event. She reminded all of the budget line for 'Chairman's Allowance', allowing for gifts etc to volunteers. It was agreed that the clerk will arrange cards for the volunteers and a gift for the main organiser.
- ii. **Cllr Vacancy:** The clerk advised there had been 3 enquiries but no applications yet.
- iii. **Podcast update:** Cllr Wallond had circulated the link to the pilot episode and those who heard it were supportive of continuing. It was agreed the PC will support publishing of the pilot, so that further interest can be gauged.
- iv. **Hanslope Herald.** The clerk reported that £700 in advertising has been sold but the printing costs total £923 as a new printer had to be found. It was agreed the magazine is an important communication tool for the village and will continue to be supported.
- v. **Highways:**
  - **Speeding:** Cllr Wallond reported there had been 2 CSW sessions this month but more volunteers were needed.
  - **Highway's Request:** A parent had requested that the PC supports applying for further speed bumps, on the approach to the zebra crossing on Long Street

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Road, coming toward the school. It was discussed and agreed that the village has sufficient speed bumps but the idea of a 20mph limit around the school zone only, would be supported and the clerk will enquire with Highways on this.

vi. **Any additional reports from Cllrs:**

Cllr Wallond attended the Parishes Forum and found the item on A.I. to be particularly helpful

Ward Cllr Andrew reported as follows: -

- The Hanslope Herald will be delivered from 11/12/25. Areas currently without volunteers to deliver are Forest Road, Higham Cross, Newport Road. Cllr Andrew will still aim to get those covered.
- She will be away until January 2026.
- She has put in an objection to the Cuckoo Hill Farm latest planning application.
- She has filed a report about the house with scaffolding, as a number of people raised concerns.
- There is a delegated decision on the 33 bus at MKCC w/c 15/12/25. She is hoping they agree to fund it as is. If not, one of the other Cllrs will be in touch as some representations may have to be made on behalf of the village.
- She asked the PC to keep an eye on the refilling of grit bins (and replacement one for Lincoln Court).

### 25.129 Planning

i. **New planning applications – Dec. 2025 and updates.** The clerk circulated the applications for this month – as below: -

PLN/2025/2239	CUCKOO HILL FARM, CASTLETHORPE ROAD, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7HQ	Construction of 2x commercial buildings (use class E(g)(iii)) with landscaping, parking, drainage and associated works	09/12/2025	<b>Objection agreed (submitted 9/12/25)</b>
PLN/2025/2403	30 Hartwell Road, Hanslope, Milton Keynes, MK19 7BZ	Approval of details required by conditions 6 (Footway details) & 9 (Materials schedule) of permission ref. 21/01922/FUL	27/11/2025	<b>No comments</b>
PLN/2025/1871	at 14 HIGH STREET, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7LQ	Listed building consent for the repairs and replacement of windows	16/12/2025	<b>No Comments</b>
PLN/2025/2343	Hanslope Community Orchard, Newport Road, Hanslope	Erection of gazebo	18/12/2025	<b>To Support</b>
PLN/2025/2442	23a Castlethorpe Road, Hanslope, Milton Keynes, MK19 7HQ	Demolition of garage and the erection of two dwellings at Land adjacent to	22/12/2025	<b>Objection agreed</b>

The planning working group circulated and discussed in detail, proposed grounds for objection, re. the above 2 applications and these were agreed, as per the final column above.

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

ii. **New City Plan and New Towns Taskforce:** Cllr Tivey had attended the New Town's Taskforce presentation – NOTES APPENDED. Although Milton Keynes is not in the Govt's top 3 choices. There is some concern that the MK North option may be

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advanced, as funding and investment would be forthcoming and this may incentivize MKCC to work with the Govt. The proposed area would cover north MK, as close as Devil's Dip, although not Hanslope itself. Implementation of this would likely override the planning process. A new M1 junction – 14A – may also be implemented.

- iii. **Potential for Compulsory Purchase of undeveloped Sites:** The clerk will follow this up with Cllr Andrew.

### 25.130 Finance

- i. **Reconciliations & financial situation report to Nov 30th 2025:** The clerk had circulated the accounts to 30/11/25, and Cllr Price had checked the reconciliation reports. The interim internal audit report had taken place the clerk circulated the report which found no issues. There were no questions.
- ii. **Budget 2026-27:** The clerk circulated a second draft of the budget, advising as follows:
- Expenditure is projected @£180,814 and income projected at £25,456, assuming a planned grant is received from the Football Foundation.
  - It was previously agreed that no earmarking of reserves would go towards any projects, other than the new community centre build.
  - This would indicate a precept around £155,358, an increase on last year's £128,194. The tax base has increased, however, to 1365 homes (average Band D), meaning the increase will be spread further.
  - The amount could mean a 21% increase to average Band D households.

The level of increase was discussed and it was agreed this was too high, even though local consultation had indicated that residents did want the new building. It was agreed to increase by approx. half this amount and then half again next year, to spread the cost while still allocating reserves towards the new building. The clerk agreed to rework the figures and advised the amounts must be agreed at the January meeting.

**MOTION:** To approve the budget as presented, or with amendments, **DEFERRED**

**MOTION:** To approve the precept, **DEFERRED**

- iii. **Approval of payments December 2025:** The list of payments was circulated (below): -

DATE	Invoice from	For	Net	Vat	Total
14/11/2025	Greenbarnes Ltd	New noticeboard for Rec.	£ 703.67	£ 140.73	£ 844.40
15/11/2025	MKCC	Install commando boxes and structural testing x 16 lampposts	£ 3,440.45	£ 688.09	£ 4,128.54
20/11/2025	BMKALC	GDPR course (GM)	£ 50.00		£ 50.00
26/11/2025	MKCC	Installation of 'Long Street' sign	£ 767.69	£ 153.54	£ 921.23
30/11/2025	Suez	Nov. empties - wheely bins	£ 61.14	£ 12.23	£ 73.37
30/11/2025	Anne Washington	Caretaking - Nov - 38 hours	£ 570.00		£ 570.00
01/12/2025	Tove Landscapes	Football pitch overmarking – Nov	£ 175.00	£ 35.01	£ 210.01
01/12/2025	Tove Landscapes	Monthly maintenance contract – Nov	£ 2,289.58	£ 457.92	£ 2,747.50
01/12/2025	Marcus Young Landscapes	Nov bins and dog bins (inc. extra Saturday collection - shop)	£ 660.55	£ 132.11	£ 792.66
02/12/2025	Tina Charteress	Interim Audit & report	£ 200.00		£ 200.00
03/12/2025	Pidge's Poop Scoop	5 x Rec. scoops	£ 150.00		£ 150.00
05/12/2025	Ace Machines	Service of allotment machinery	£ 575.00	£ 115.00	£ 690.00
08/12/2025	G Merry	PC Expenses – Nov	£ 87.79		£ 87.79

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Due	Sport 4 Good Consultancy	Project development/fundraising 5 extra days to January 2026	£ 1,995.00		£ 1,995.00
Due	Tara Davies	Nov. cleaning			£ -
Due	MKPA	4 baby/toddler play sessions - Nov @£195/session	£ 975.00		£ 975.00

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

### 25.131 Recreation Ground

i. **Community Centre:** The clerk had circulated the minutes from the last working group and an updated fundraising report. The application to the National Lottery had been unsuccessful but other funding options were still being explored. It was agreed the clerk would enquire whether S106 agreements could be renegotiated with the developer, in order to better allocate funding unlikely to be used for Hanslope.

ii. **MKPA Summer Play Events:** The 2026 prices had been received and circulated. The clerk advised that the teen events, although well attended, were not sustained for 3 hours and it was agreed to reduce these to 2 x 2-hour sessions, saving around £1000.

**MOTION:** To agree the budget for summer play events 2026 @ £546 = children's events x 5, £728 = teen events x 2, £4186 in total, PROPOSED by Cllr Simpkins SECONDED by Cllr Price and AGREED

iii. **Water bills:** The clerk advised that the summer water bills had been exceptionally high due to extra watering at the Rec. and the allotments. It was agreed these areas had needed this during the exceptionally dry summer.

iv. **Football Foundation Grant:** This had stalled awaiting the second applicant (Cllr Simpkins) to be verified. The clerk will chase this up.

### 25.132 Village Projects

i. **Updates on Hanslope Fields transfer of car park and Public Open Spaces:** This is in the final stages towards completion and is expected to complete by the end of the year. The commuted sum must be paid however, for the PC to undertake maintenance.

ii. **Update on transfer of Wheatfields Public Open Spaces:** The council's lawyer has been in contact with MKCC's Landscape Management. 2 agreements will be needed now, as the SUDs apparatus will be taken out and transferred to MKCC, with other POS transferred to the PC as planned. This will take some time to get in place. The clerk circulated quotes and designs for play equipment, prepared by Cllr Flatley and it was agreed these would form the basis of a specification for tendering, once the area has been transferred. The clerk will ask MKCC if the S106 funding can be allocated in advance for this.

iii. **Churchyard Mowing update:** To be removed from the agenda.

### 25.133 S106 Projects:

**Public Art:** Hanslope currently has £213,506 available in S106 for Public Art, plus £45,867 due = £259,373 in total, which cannot be used for the new building. Cllr Geary advised that there is a mechanism by which S106 Agreements may be renegotiated for allocation to go to more appropriate projects. The clerk will pursue this with MKCC.

**25.134 Allotments:** The plot with the pond has been taken back and the committee will discuss

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solutions to filling at their next meeting.

**25.135 Date of Next Meeting:** 13th January 2026 at 7pm

..... **Signed**

..... **Date**

**APPENDIX:**

**MK Council Update (Webinar)  
New Towns Task Force Report  
Hanslope PC Report (T Tivey attended 25/11/2025)**

The following text represents the notes taken by T Tivey (Hanslope Parish Councillor) during the attendance of the planning webinar that was organised by MK Council on the above date. The main part of the webinar was presented by Michael Bracey (MKC), supported by Paul Thomas (MK Director of Planning and Placemaking) and Peter Marland (Chairman MKC).

It was stated that the current population of MK was circa 300K and there was a general aspiration to see this expand significantly in the next few decades. There was also a view that MK would benefit from developers levies that could reach £300M over this period up to 2050 and that this funding stream would be used to create new infrastructure and social amenities. With respect to MK’s own planned development the proposals under Plan MK are ongoing and have just entered the Regulation 19 consultation process that will be completed later in 2026. These plans have a number of initiatives mainly comprising a new central MK urban development of 16K homes and areas east of the M1 comprising 5K homes.

The government set up the New Towns Task Force (NTTF) to examine nationally the viability of creating completely new towns, as opposed to the incremental development of existing areas. This study commenced in 2024 and has recently concluded its findings, which has identified the locations of 12 potential new towns.

There is now a new initiative that is outside the MK Plan and forms one of the twelve proposed new towns and is a separate “developer lead” initiative headed up by a venture capital group Urban and Civic. This group has lobbied the (NTTF) and proposed ideas that have now been included in the report. This development area is proposed to comprise circa 40K new homes and is designated as North of MK. The area is very large and comprises land to the north of Wolverton, Haversham and Linford extending to a point approaching “Devils Dip “ to the south of Castlethorpe.

It is my understanding that MKC are supportive of the proposal.

Peter Marland joined the meeting and gave a high-level view of the overarching aspects of the planning strategy and how potentially the new town would be integrated into Plan MK and that it will probably need a new M1 junction (14a) and an additional bridge over the motorway. It was suggested that such a scheme may also benefit from the creation of a new town Development Corporation with extensive powers granted under an Act of Parliament. It

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was noted that such powers could extend to compulsory purchase of land and property.

After the meeting the presentation materials were distributed by Paul Thomas

### **Conclusions**

It is my view that whilst the previous proposals under the Plan MK 2050 had the potential to indirectly impact on Hanslope, the new town's initiative is now the most significant proposal and due to the close proximity to Hanslope the next stages should be carefully monitored.

For information I enclose a link the Urban and Civic website which gives an indication of the significance of this major player in the residential housing development industry sector.

<https://www.urbanandcivic.com/>