HANSLOPE PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Meeting of Hanslope Parish Council on Monday 12th October 2026, 7pm at Hanslope Pavilion, MK19 7LG.

MINUTES

Present:

R Simpkins (Chair)
A Flatley
H Needham
E Price

Ward Cllr: A Andrew
Clerk: G Merry (remotely)
0 members of the public

MOTION: Cllr Simpkins was proposed to chair the meeting, PROPOSED by Cllr Needham, SECONDED by Cllr Price and AGREED
MOTION: To exclude the public for item 26.120, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, PROPOSED by Cllr Price SECONDED by Cllr Needham and AGREED

26.109 Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Wallond, Courtman, Havill & Peddle

26.110 Minutes from previous meetings held 14/9/26
MOTION: to approve the minutes of the last 2 meetings, PROPOSED by Cllr Needham SECONDED by Cllr Price and AGREED

26.111 Declarations of Interest: None

26.112 Public Participation: None

26.113 Council

i. **Clerk's report:** At 30/09/26, income was £162,242 (98% of budget) and expenditure £111,546 (67% of budget), with £21,852 from EMRs. Meetings were held by the Community Centre WG and the clerk and ground's contractor attended a grass pitch maintenance evening hosted by the Football Foundation. There has been an increase reports of antisocial behaviour, necessitating police reports. The 'GoFundMe' for the new centre now has £1625 and the WG are continuing to apply for funding/grants - now looking at a budget of around £700-£800K. Planning obligations at MKCC offered some historic funds, which were rapidly running out of time,for public art but only projects held between 2013-2023 qualified. Hanslope Entertainments Group's productions were the only projects compliant with the criteria and going forward, will enjoy over £16,000 funding for new productions, scenery etc.

ii. **Data audit:** the clerk reminded all, that Assertion 10 of the external audit requires Cllrs and staff to assert that GDPR rules have been adhered to throughout the year and that the auditors do read the minutes. She advised the GDPR policy states emails to be deleted after one year and reminded everyone to go through any paperwork, destroying any personal information held.

iii. **Neighbourhood watch, crime and ASB:** Cllr Needham reported on her meeting with the chairman of MK Neighbourhood Watch who had checked Hanslope's NW signage and removed those out of date. He will advise on updating signs however, it is advisable to consolidate the 3 current NW schemes in the village and Cllr Needham will ask Cllr Wallond to work with her on this. The clerk reported an increased use of electric scooters in the Rec.

and it was agreed she will install signage stating these are forbidden. Cllr Andrew added her concerns regarding increasing evidence of scooters catching fire in the home. The clerk will contact TVP again with regard to scooters being confiscated.

iv. **Highways/Speeding**: The Highway's officer has advised that the PC will not receive the CIF grant until the pole (that MKCC is installing) is in place. They have given no timeframe for this. The clerk has invoiced for payment nonetheless without response. There was no update from Highways regarding the Forest Rd speed reduction scheme.

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

- **Ward Cllr Report:**
  - From 19/10/26, Station Road will be closed for repairs for 4 weeks by WNC. Cllr Andrew has requested sturdier barriers that cannot be moved.
  - Doctor's surgery: there are still issues with Northants ICB and Cllr Andrew is trying to arrange a meeting between herself, MK ICB and Northants ICB because there are £000s of unused S106 funds available for medical provision.
  - Cllr Andrew is now on the Adult Social Care Board but reported that MKCC hold incorrect data on current needs in the borough and she is investigating
  - Cllr Andrew joined TVP for a 'ride along' with the rural teams, with particular regard to fly tipping. She will also arrange a meeting with the farming community, to progress cooperation on rural crime.
  - Cllr Andrew has resigned from the conservative party and will continue representing the ward as an independent councillor. The chairman wished her well on behalf of the PC.

26.114 Planning

i. **New planning applications: Sept 2026 and updates**. The list of this month's planning applications was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that no comments or objections were needed, except for potentially PLN/2026/1648. The Planning working group will look at this and an extraordinary meeting may be needed. Cllr Andrew reported that the MK Plan is now before the inspectorate. Regulation 19 consultations had closed without ward councillors included in public meetings. Cllr Andrew advised the planning working group to push ahead with a new neighbourhood plan: -

PLN/2026/1874	MULBERRY MANOR, 81 HARTWELL ROAD, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7BY	Proposed conversion of the detached annex from a two-storey structure (basement and ground floor) into a single-storey basement, reducing the overall height from 4 meters to ground level.	**No objections**
PLN/2026/1943	2 SAXON CLOSE, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7AX	The removal to ground level of Copper Beech Tree protected by Milton Keynes Council Tree Preservation Order no. PS/540/15/117	**No objections**
PLN/2026/1873	67 WESTERN DRIVE, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7LB	Prior Approval of single storey rear extension, with eaves of 3 metres and maximum height of 4 metres, extending 5 metres from the original rear wall	**No objections**
PLN/2026/1648	HUNGATE END FARM, HIGHAM CROSS ROAD, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7HL	Construction of replacement 5-bedroom self-build dwellinghouse and associated works including demolition of existing dwelling	**To be advsied**
PLN/2026/1909	21 Lime trees at CEMETERY AT, ST JAMES CHURCH, CHURCH END, HANSLOPE	The repollarding to the historic head at 2.3-2.4 metres from the ground level (1.4-1.7 metres to be removed from the crown and trunk) of	**No objections**

MOTION: No objections – motion not required

ii. **Update S215 Notice – 2 Long Street Road:** Planning enforcement have found no breach of planning conditions and have dismissed the case.

26.115 Finance

i. **Reconciliations & financial situation report to Sept 30th 2026:** The clerk circulated the Sept accounts along with the Q2 balance sheet. Cllr Price Has checked 3 months' worth of reconciliation reports. There were no questions.

ii. **Budget 2027 to 28-priorities and plans:** The clerk asked Cllrs for any proposed expenditure or projects for next year which should be included.

iii. **Village hall grant:** The clerk advised that the grant agreed, had been based on flawed advice and that £5000 was given for the last 2 years not £4000. It was discussed and agreed that the PC will still donate with an increase and 5% was agreed, making £5250 to the village hall

iv. **Approval of payments Oct 2026:** The list of payments was circulated as follows: -

13/09/2026	Anglian Water (Wave)	Rec. Supply June-Sept	£ 71.11		£ 71.11
15/09/2026	Butlers Transport Ltd	Storage of documents & equipment	£ 336.00		£ 336.00
24/09/2026	Anne Washington	Sept Caretaking	£ 540.00		£ 540.00
28/09/2026	Pidge's Poop Scoop	4x cleans – Sept	£ 120.00		£ 120.00
29/09/2026	PropertyCare Bucks	Call to fix door to Hall	£ 95.00	£ 19.00	£ 114.00
30/09/2026	Suez	Sept empties - wheely bins	£ 83.75	£ 16.75	£ 100.50
30/09/2026	Barbara Osborn Business Services	Payroll July-Sept	£ 96.00		£ 96.00
30/09/2026	PCP Surveyors	Cost planning revisions for new building	1533.33	£ 306.67	£ 1,840.00
01/10/2026	Marcus Young Ltd	Sept bins and dog bins	£ 671.55	£ 134.31	£ 805.86
01/10/2026	Tove Landscapes	Line marking	£ 175.00	£ 35.01	£ 210.01
01/10/2026	Tove Landscapes	Watering of 'dugout' areas 2 x daily x 2 weeks 1-9 Sept	£ 510.00	£ 102.00	£ 612.00
01/10/2026	Tove Landscapes	Landscape Maintenance Contract - Sept	£ 2,522.91	£ 504.59	£ 3,027.50
01/10/2026	Tove Landscapes	Pitch Remedial Works (Football Fdn Grant)	£ 800.00	£ 160.00	£ 960.00
01/10/2026	Tove Landscapes	Branch removal Cuckoo Hill Rise	£ 150.00	£ 30.00	£ 180.00
02/10/2026	MKPA	5 x baby/toddler sessions in Hall	£ 976.90		£ 976.90
02/10/2026	Glasdon UK Ltd	Bin for community orchard + fixings	£ 439.39	£ 87.88	£ 527.27
04/10/2026	Tara Davies	Cleaning – Sept	£ 200.00		£ 200.00
07/10/2026	Red Marshall	Podcast – Sept	£ 120.00		£ 120.00
07/10/2026	G Merry	PC Expenses - Sept	£ 34.30		£ 34.30
GRANT APPLICATIONS					£ -
01/10/2026	Diane Kent	Santa Run	£ 600.00		£ 600.00

MOTION: To approve invoices as presented PROPOSED by Cllr Flatley, SECONDED by Cllr Needham and AGREED

26.116 Recreation Ground

i. **New Community Centre:** Cllr Simpkins advised there will now be revised designs, costed to a reduced budget of £700-800K and the WG will discuss the new proposal. The clerk advised that year-end projections indicate a higher level of reserves than previously thought.

ii. **MKPA play sessions 2027:** MKPA had advised a proposed 5% increase in prices and the clerk enquired whether council still wished to run 5 children's sessions and 2 teen sessions, as the teen sessions are not as well attended. She advised that 7 sessions at a 5% increase will total around £4395, £210 more than 2026.

iii. **MUGA servicing/cleaning:** Users had requested a service and the clerk presented quotes from £995 one-off service including 'carpet' repairs, £695 for repairs only and £300 for brushing, cleaning and moss removal. It was agreed to engage Tove landscapes at £300 for a basic clean and herbicide.

MOTION: To agree the quote as above PROPOSED by Cllr Flatley SECONDED by Cllr Needham and AGREED.

26.117 Village Projects

i. **Updates on Hanslope Fields transfer of car park and Public Open Spaces:** No response from Bloor's or the solicitor and the clerk will chase this. She is still receiving complaints from residents regarding the maintenance company and Cllr Andrew advised informing MP Chris Curtis who is monitoring this.

ii. **Crisis resilience fund offer - £500:** This had previously been used for warm spaces both at the Rec. and at the church, and last year had been used to subsidise the free baby/toddler group at the Rec. The clerk asked where to direct this year's grant and it was agreed to donate half to the church for the warm hub and half to the Club for the air-conditioned summer provision.

iii. **Sign for the pond:** The clerk had circulated different options ranging from interpretation boards @ over £1000, to simple signs from Amazon round £12. It was discussed and agreed to defer this to the November meeting
MOTION: deferred

iv. **Community library update and installation:** Highways had granted permission for installation on the verge, to the right of the PC noticeboard on Gold Street. However the structure could not be attached to the stone wall and a quote had been received, proposing a weighted frame & base @ £468.75. This was discussed and agreed
MOTION: To agree the installation PROPOSED by Cllr Havill, SECONDED Cllr Needham and AGREED

v. **Events:**
Acts of Remembrance: The clerk has bought the wreaths and asked who can attend the 2 Remembrance events. It was agreed she would follow this up with the chair and vice chair.
Christmas lights and Lantern parade 5/12/26: The clerk had circulated a risk assessment for the parade, including details of 12 people who had agreed to marshal the event. The clerk stressed the importance of all to attend, as part of the council's risk assessment.

26.118 Allotments: Cllr Havill had sent an update which the clerk read out. Plots are being prepared to be following 3 evictions. The S106 money has been approved by the MKCC board and the improvements will be implemented ASAP.

26.119 Date of Next Meeting: 9th November 2026 at 7pm

The clerk left the meeting at 8.15pm

26.120 Local Government National Joint Council pay award, staff salary increase: In the light of the NJC increase awarded, it was agreed the clerk would move on to the new hourly rate, backdated to April 2026, as per their contract.
MOTION: To increase the clerk's hourly rate, in line with the NJC agreement, PROPOSED by Cllr Price SECONDED by Cllr Simpkins and AGREED

…… **Signed**

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