

HANSLOPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Hanslope Parish Council on Monday 10th November 2025, 7pm at
Hanslope Pavilion, MK19 7LG.

MINUTES

Present:

D Courtman (Chair)
E Price
H Needham

R Simpkins
R Wallond

CLlr A Andrew (Ward)
Clerk: G Merry

0 members of public

MOTION: To exclude the public for item 25.123, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. Item taken at end of meeting - AGREED.

25.111 Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Geary, Tivey and Flatley.

25.112 Minutes from previous meeting held 13/10/25

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

25.113 Declarations of Interest: No declarations

25.114 Public Participation: No items

25.115 Council

- i. **Clerk's report:** At 31/10/25 income stood at £189,228 (130% of budget) and Expenditure was at £153,346 (75% of budget) with £19,959 of expenditure from earmarked reserves. Meetings were held with the S106 Working Group, and with the MKCC public art officer. The clerk attended a public sector procurement skills one-day course and there was a flood in one of the showers at the Pavilion, which has been dealt with. A kebab van had pitched up in Coopers Croft (leading to the school drop off zone). The PC had tried last year to get permission from Bloors for a trade van and were turned down. For this reason it seems unlikely the van had permission from Bloors. They have currently stopped trading at that site.
- ii. **Cllr Vacancy:** The clerk advised that no election had been called to fill the vacancy, so it will now be advertised for cooption.
- iii. **Podcast update:** Cllr Wallond had taken up the offer of participating in a 10-minute demo. and is making arrangements with the producer. Cllr Simpkins expressed concern about the potential cost and it was agreed to pilot the demo first and then discuss cost/benefits with the producer, before bringing it back to council
- iv. **Highways:**
 - **Speeding:** Cllr Wallond reported that there are currently no volunteers available for CSW in Tattle End but he has trained up 3 new people and 2 sessions are now planned. One session was run this month and found 17/120 cars were exceeding the speed limit.

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- **SID Operation:** The 3 permanent SIDs are now operational and Cllr Wallond can download the data. The movable SID will need new operators as Cllr and Mr. Courtman have stood down. The clerk asked if anyone would be interested in doing this or whether it should go out to tender. Cllr Courtman advised this will require a van to transport the SID, health and safety evaluation of sites which can be very uneven and attendance on a short H&S course. Cllr Wallond may be interested and will discuss with the clerk.

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

Ward Cllr Andrew reported as follows: -

- *The MK New City Plan is now open for comments but mostly to do with the legalities. AA is concerned re. the Hanslope Park designation as a Local Development Site and will be commenting on this at council level. Cllr Price asked AA to request a meeting with Hanslope Park to discuss this.*
- *Hanslope area was not in the Government's top 3 areas listed for designation as a new town. If this changes and MK becomes designated, the site will be either MK north (towards Linford Lakes) or MK East.*
- *Hayfield Homes had not yet responded re. the lack of play area on the new estate.*
- *AA would like to produce the Christmas edition of the Hanslope Herald and asked for help. The clerk agreed to write the PC news article and source advertising sales. She will also source printing quotes.*

Cllr Courtman thanked Cllr Andrew for her continued work for the village.

25.116 Planning

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

PLN/2025/1783	25 HARTWELL ROAD, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7BY	Proposed construction of detached two storey dwelling and vehicle crossover	12/11/2025	No objection. Comments agreed re. the vehicle crossover, as close to the junction with Higham Cross Road, poor visibility when turning, vehicle access to houses opposite and accidents at the junction with Hartwell Road.
PLN/2025/0626	at HUNGATE END FARM, HIGHAM CROSS ROAD, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7HL	Proposed construction of new stables. Amended red line location plan to revert back to proposing BNG through purchasing units and updated ecological and drainage information with correct plans within the appendices	05/11/2025	No Comments
PLN/2025/2148	Bramblestead Farm, Forest Road, Hanslope, Milton Keynes, MK19 7DE	Outline application (matters of access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping reserved) for the demolition of redundant barns/outbuildings and erection of 1no self-build dwelling	21/11/2025	Objection Agreed: Site is outside the Hanslope NP development boundary and therefore in Open Countryside, NPPF S84 applies, Biodiversity & environmental concerns, design sensitivity and location of site.

The planning working group circulated proposed comments, re. the above 2 applications and it was agreed the clerk should submit these, as per the final column above. The clerk advised that speaking to occupants of properties neighbouring new planning applicants, was acceptable, providing there was no coercion or bias and this was approached as a friendly chat, in order to gain more insight. Every effort is made to speak to the applicants where possible.

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

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- ii. **New City Plan:** The PC can now submit feedback re. Regulation 19 consultation, by 22/12/25.
- iii. **Potential for Compulsory Purchase of undeveloped Sites:** The clerk advised that there is a mechanism for this through the LPA but it may be costly for the PC, who are likely to have to pay legal costs. The scaffolded house on Gold Street was discussed and it was advised that this is still occupied. The clerk agreed to report it as potential risk to the public in the adjacent alley. No. 2 Long Street Road was discussed and Cllr Andrew agreed to find out more about the process.

25.117 Finance

- i. **Reconciliations & financial situation report to Oct 31st 2025:** The clerk had circulated the accounts to 31/10/25, and Cllr Price had checked the reconciliation reports. There were no questions.
- ii. **Budget 2026-27:** The clerk circulated a first draft of the budget, advising as follows:
 - Expenditure is projected @£194,726 and income projected at £24,756, assuming a planned grant is received from the Football Foundation.
 - It was assumed that this year, no earmarking of reserves would go towards any projects other than the new community centre build and this was agreed.
 - This would indicate a precept around £169,970, 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 increase could mean a cost of £29/year more to households and this was discussed.

It was agreed to pause the Christmas lights expansion, for one year, saving approx. £8000. It was agreed most, if not all EMRs, should go towards the new building.

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

DATE	Invoice from	For	Net	Vat	Total
28/10/2025	Plumb Drain & Maintain	Jetting blocked shower drain and camera survey	£ 150.00	£ 30.00	£ 180.00
28/10/2025	Pidge's Poop Scoop	4 x Rec. scoops (1 @ £30 extra for play area)	£ 105.00		£ 105.00
30/10/2025	Simon Bates	Village weed spray	£ 860.00		£ 860.00
30/10/2025	Suez	Oct. empties - wheely bins	£ 63.12	£ 12.62	£ 75.74
31/10/2025	BMKALC	Procurement skills course	£ 90.00		£ 90.00
31/10/2025	Tove Landscapes	Football pitch overmarking – Nov	£ 175.00	£ 35.01	£ 210.01
31/10/2025	Tove Landscapes	Monthly maintenance contract - Nov	£ 2,289.58	£ 457.92	£ 2,747.50
31/10/2025	Tove Landscapes	Tree work and removal - Rec. ground	£ 1,400.00	£ 280.00	£ 1,680.00
30/09/2025	Anne Washington	Caretaking - Oct - hours	£ 630.00		£ 630.00
30/09/2025	MKPA	4 baby/toddler play sessions - Oct @£195/session			£ -
01/10/2025	Marcus Young Landscapes	Oct bins and dog bins (inc. extra Saturday collection - shop)	£ 805.75	£ 161.15	£ 966.90
08/09/2025	G Merry	PC Expenses – Oct	£ 16.40		£ 16.40
10/10/2025	Sport 4 Good Consultancy	4.5 day's work/fundraising	£ 1,795.50		£ 1,795.50
Expected	Tara Davies	Oct. cleaning			£ -

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Sport 4 Good had submitted their fundraising report for the 2nd month and this was discussed. The list of receipts & payments for October is published on the PC website.

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

25.118 Recreation Ground

- i. **Community Centre:** The clerk had circulated the meeting minutes from the last working group and Cllr Wallond reported that a monthly WG meeting was now scheduled. The Sport4Good report was discussed and it was agreed that further decisions re. the build, could not be made until the response from the National Lottery is received in January. It was agreed to extend Sport4Good's contract for a further 5 days, to be taken before the end of the year, as there were still funding avenues to explore.

MOTION: To agree to extend the fundraising contract for a further 5 days @ £399/day PROPOSED by Cllr Simpkins, SECONDED by Cllr Needham and AGREED.

- ii. **Addition to Poop Scoop contract:** The clerk advised that following complaints from members of the public re. dog fouling inside the children's play area, she had asked the contractor to add this area to the weekly clean up. This would be an additional £5/week and was agreed.
- iii. **Football Foundation Grant:** Earlier in the year, a report had been received from Pitch Power on behalf of the Football Foundation, identifying improvements needed to the football pitches. Receipt of the report entitled the PC to apply for a grant from the FF of £9,600/year for the first 2 years and then decreasing each year for a further 4 years, on a sliding scale. 2 people must attend an online pitch maintenance course and Cllr Simpkins agreed to do this, along with 1 other person TBA. The clerk agreed to prepare the application.
- iv. **Drain issues and work needed:** One of the showers in the changing rooms had flooded and the clerk had engaged a plumber with drain CCTV capability. The drain was cleared but this will likely recur, as roots are growing through into the pipework. The contractor had supplied a report and camera footage. However, it was agreed not to have the work carried out yet, as the building will be demolished if/when the new community centre is built.

25.119 Village Projects

- i. **Updates on Hanslope Fields transfer of car park and Public Open Spaces:** This has been slightly set back by the PC's lawyer handing over the work to a colleague who was not yet up-to speed. Completion is scheduled for 25/11/25 and the clerk agreed to bring the new lawyer up-to-speed from this end.
- ii. **Update on transfer of Wheatfields Public Open Spaces:** This had stalled as the MKCC officer stated he had not been contacted by the PC's lawyers. The clerk had held firm on non-adoption of the SUDs and will bring the new lawyer up-to-speed.
- iii. **Churchyard Mowing update:** Cllr Simpkins reported that the church is interested and will submit a proposal to the PC for further discussion. The clerk advised that with higher expenses going into next year's budget, it may not be the time to take on this expense. It was agreed to wait for the proposal and then discuss it again.

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25.120 S106 Projects:

Public Art: Hanslope currently has £213,506 available in S106 for Public Art, plus £45,867 due = £259,373 in total. HPC needs funds to build a new community pavilion/centre, as indicated by local engagement. A meeting was held with MKCC's Public Art officer. However, he confirmed that Public Art funding cannot be "used for bricks and mortar", therefore cannot go into building the new centre but can go towards engaging practitioners to practice within that building. A Hanslope-based practitioner had devised ideas for public art for Hanslope, with an emphasis on local distinctiveness. The clerk has forwarded these to MKCC.

25.121 Allotments: No update

25.122 Date of Next Meeting: 8th December 2025 at 7pm

Confidential Item

25.123 To discuss a contractual matter

The clerk advised that a SAR had been received, which involved finding and submitting emails from a councillor, during a certain period of time in 2024, including accessing that councillor's PC .gov.uk inbox. The clerk had dealt with this as per the ICO's 10-step process and advised there was nothing concerning in any of the emails. It did however, serve as a reminder to councillors to be wary of incorrect, anecdotal, personal or potentially biased statements in emails, (as well as verbally), as these will be requisitioned in the event of a SAR. She gave examples of where defamation cases had been brought against parish councillors in the past.

Separately, the clerk advised that a complaint about the PC had been lodged with MKCC's Monitoring Officer and she advised why the parish council had done nothing wrong. She will await the complaint and then issue an appropriate rebuttal.

..... Signed

..... Date