

HANSLOPE PARISH COUNCIL

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

MINUTES

Present:

D Courtman (Chair)

R Simpkins

A Geary

T Tivey

E Price

H Needham

Ward Cllr: A Andrew

Clerk: G Merry

0 members of the public

26.28 Apologies: Received and accepted from Cllr Wallond.

26.29 Minutes from previous meetings held 09/02/26 and 16/02/26

MOTION: to approve the minutes of the last 2 meetings, PROPOSED by Cllr Price SECONDED by Cllr Needham and AGREED

26.30 Declarations of Interest: No declarations

26.31 Public Participation: No items

26.32 Council

- i. **Clerk's report:** At 28/02/26 income stood at £194,019 (134% of budget) and expenditure at £205,405 (100% of budget). The last month had been characterised by continuous rain and the resultant cancelling of football for 3 weekends running. This decision is taken only on advice from the groundsman, in case Cllrs get complaints about the decisions. Having only ever cancelled once in 6 years, 3 times this year has been an issue for the teams. The clerk had attended training webinars on preparation of the AGAR and the requirements of Assertion 10, use of Chat GPT and 2 x S106 working group meetings, plus a meeting with the lawyer. There is a meeting on 16/3/26, of the Rec. Liaison group. The clerk reminded members to check their emails regularly and respond, as she does require answers to enable her work.

- ii. **Highways/Speeding:**

Statutory consultation on speed limit reduction - Park Rd/Tathall End/Haversham: MKCC are proposing to introduce 40mph on parts of Park Road & Newport Rd, consolidate 50mph Haversham-Bullington End & Tathall End, and instigate 30mph Wolverton Road-to Haversham Rd. Consultation comments had to be submitted by 12/3. This was as a result of Cllr Andrew's work in getting Highways officers out to the area, to site visit and her reporting of the many accidents. It was commendable that Highways had looked at this area holistically and it was agreed the clerk would send a supporting comment.

Consultation update - Forest Rd: only 5 out of 12 responses had been received. However comments from those 5 had been robust in their support for the change. It was agreed to make the proposal to Highways, for re-siting the speed limit change to 60 mph, further north towards the motorway bridge.

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iii. **Transport:**

MK bus user group: Cllr Andrew had only recently discovered this group who had put forward proposals regarding bus routes 33 & 33X. The clerk circulated the proposals and it was agreed that Cllr Andrew will contact them for more information and request Hanslope’s involvement, in decisions regarding bus routes to Hanslope.

MKCC Transport Plan: Cllr Andrew fed back regarding the consultation. There had been no mention of the villages to the north & northwest and no mention of cross-border connectivity with Northants. Travel into Milton Keynes will be by car from the rurals, as there is no bus or train connection to the proposed transit system. This will be isolating for residents, increasing car dependency. Cllr Andrew has put in objections on these grounds.

iv. **Podcast:** There had been no takers for the request for a Cllr to go on the podcast, so the clerk had done it. Everyone agreed to consider future involvement.

v. **Format for the APM:** The clerk asked what format the annual parish meeting should take, and reminded all that it normally starts at 7:30 and finishes at 8:30, with the regular parish council agenda 6:30 to 7:30, then reconvening at 8:30. She advised that this should not be a forum for complaining and it is not even compulsory to have an APM, nor for Cllrs to attend. It was discussed and agreed that this year it will take the usual format as above, with a strict finishing time of 8.30pm.

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

- The consultation on Furtho Pitts has an April the 3rd deadline.
- Regarding S106 funding, there is a trend towards not consulting with PC's but using up funds for the city. Cllr Andrew has requested that projects to use library funds intended for Hanslope, to be paused while a consultation with Hanslope can take place.
- The rundown house on Gold St seems to have further deteriorated and Cllr Andrews has requested an update from MKCC.
- Station Rd resurfacing will take place from the 11th to the 29th of May and closure will be 24/7. There will therefore be 2 1/2 weeks of inconvenience.
- Potholes are now being reported more widely meaning that resources are being directed towards repairs in our area.
- Cllr Andrew will be submitting a motion for changes at Highway’s level but also at national level, for better coordination of works.

26.33 Planning

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

PLN/2026/0275	SPINNEY LODGE FARM, FOREST ROAD, HANSLOPE	Prior notification for the erection of a fertiliser storage lagoon.	No Comments or Objections
PLN/2026/0268	Land adj 2 Manor Close, Hanslope, Milton Keynes, MK19 7PE	Permission in Principle for the construction of a detached 2-storey dwelling	No Comments or Objections
PLN/2026/0307	RUSTICO, FOREST ROAD, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7DE	Proposed garage loft conversion & internal renovation	No Comments or Objections
PLN/2026/0311	Land to rear of No. 4-7 Munday’s Meadow, Hanslope, Milton Keynes, MK19 7FE	Change of use from agricultural land to residential rear garden split between 4 domestic properties enclosed by 1.8m high close board fence	No Comments or Objections

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Decisions agreed as per final column above.

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

- ii. **Any enforcement Concerns:** Cllr Tivey expressed concerns regarding the appeal for 1 Higham Cross Rd (APP/Y0435/C/26/3378031), as the new structures had already been installed. The appellant's action is therefore re. the time limit, as the appeal has already been lost, regarding the installations. Cllr Andrew confirmed she has been chasing enforcement on this and it is now part of an enforcement action.

26.34 Finance

- i. **Reconciliations & financial situation report to Feb. 28th 2026:** The clerk had circulated the February accounts and Cllr Price had checked the reconciliation reports. There were no questions.
- ii. **Approval of payments March 2026:** The list of payments was circulated (below): -

DATE	Invoice from	For	Net	Vat	Total
10/02/2026	Wave (Anglian Water Business)	Allotments water - Nov-Feb	27.01		£ 27.01
10/02/2026	Wave (Anglian Water Business)	Rec. Ground water - Nov-Feb	93.87		£ 93.87
10/02/2026	Trevor Marshall (Red Marshall Ltd)	Support for production of Hanslope Podcast 2026	£ 100.00	£ 20.00	£ 120.00
13/02/2026	MKCC	Play equipment hire x days	£ 75.00		£ 75.00
27/02/2026	Tove Landscapes	Football pitch overmarking – Feb	£ 175.00	£ 35.01	£ 210.01
27/02/2026	Tove Landscapes	Monthly maintenance contract – Feb	£ 2,289.58	£ 457.92	£ 2,747.50
27/02/2026	Tove Landscapes	Sanding waterlogged pitches	£ 150.00	£ 30.00	£ 180.00
28/02/2026	Pidge's Poop Scoop	Feb. Rec. scoops	£ 120.00		£ 120.00
28/02/2026	Suez	Feb. empties - wheely bins	£ 69.18	£ 13.84	£ 83.02
28/02/2026	Better Roofing Ltd	Reset 6 x ceiling panels in hall	£ 80.00	£ 16.00	£ 96.00
01/03/2026	Marcus Young Landscapes	Feb. bins and dog bins (inc. extra Saturday collection - shop)	£ 657.80	£ 131.56	£ 789.36
02/03/2026	Tara Davies	Feb. cleaning	£ 180.00		£ 180.00
02/03/2026	Sport4Good Consultancy (James Gregory)	4 days consultancy/fundraising and strategy	£ 1,596.00		£ 1,596.00
09/03/2026	G Merry	PC Expenses - Jan/Feb	£ 7.80		£ 7.80
09/03/2026	Anne Washington	Caretaking - Feb.	£ 585.00		£ 585.00
DUE	MKPA	4 baby/toddler play sessions - March @£195.38/session	£ 781.52		£ 781.52
DUE	M&J Electrical	Replacement of solar panel on roof	£ 562.00	£ 112.40	£ 674.40
GRANT APPLICATIONS					
March	Hanslope and Castlethorpe Scouts	Grant towards new tents	£ 500.00		
March	Ravenstone W.I.	Grant toward transport for Hanslope members to attend outings	£ 245.00		

The 2 grant applications were discussed and it was agreed the Scout's grant will be awarded. The grant to the W.I. however, could not be awarded, as it was not clear whether residents of Hanslope would be supported by this, and as such did not meet council's criteria.

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

26.35 Recreation Ground

i. **New community centre:** The freelance fundraiser had now concluded his work, submitting applications to the National Lottery 'building communities fund' and the 'Milton Keynes communities' fund. A working group meeting had been held with the architect attending. This had discussed the option for a phased building in some detail, i.e. building what could be afforded by the current total around 700,000 and then adding on in phases, if and when more funding became available. The architect had indicated that this was quite common and the working group will now consider the minimum requirements in order to get started and then the maximum requirements to keep in mind.

ii. **Football Club Lease:** The clerk reminded all 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 re. days/times etc, and the clerk had circulated examples of where this has been implemented elsewhere. Concern was expressed that this would give a leaseholder certain rights, resulting in loss of control to the council. It was discussed and agreed not to implement the idea.

MOTION: To agree in principle, to implement a lease agreement for the football club - NOT SUPPORTED - PROPOSED by Cllr Tivey SECONDED by Cllr Price and AGREED

iii. **White Lining the top car park:** The clerk had requested quotes from 3 companies but none had been received.

MOTION: Deferred

iv. **Update on nighttime lighting options for the car park and application to the TVP fund:** The clerk had submitted an application to the TVP fund, for £4,950, for lighting for the car park, as a crime reduction measure. This had been based on contractor quotes for 3 wall-mounted motion sensor lights, plus a new lamppost/lamp at the entrance to the Rec. While the outcome is awaited, she has also applied to Highways, for lights on Castlethorpe Road columns but facing into the car park and is meeting with an officer on 13/3/26.

v. **Approval of play park proposal from MKCC:** Plans for new play equipment had been received from MKCC's architect and these had been circulated. All items of equipment requested by children during the consultation had been included, except for the zip wire and it was agreed to feedback the council's agreement to MKCC.

26.36 Village Projects

i. **Updates on Hanslope Fields transfer of car park and Public Open Spaces:** A meeting had been held with the council's lawyer, in which Cllr Tivey raised concerns re. clauses in the TP1 Land Registry transfer document and the Transfer Report, detailing covenants which appeared to grant access rights to the original landowner. The meeting attended by the clerk and councillor Tivey, had been positive and the lawyer followed up with a comprehensive advisory, stating covenants originating from the landowner were restrictive on Bloors but not on any future landowner, as it pertains only to access regarding services. He reassured that the council would not be hindered by this covenant in the future. For example the council will still be able to object to any adjacent planning applications etc. The lawyer had picked up on references to remedial work to boundaries

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and advised it must be built into the wording, that the council will not be involved in reinstating boundaries and the references to fencing should be removed. The council has already committed to maintenance of hedges, as part of the landscape management plan. The lawyer pointed out ambiguity in Clause 9 and he is proposing to challenge this. Cllr Tivey felt that the council should request this happens before final completion and the clerk will chase this up. The lawyer is in the process of obtaining paper copies of Land Registry documents, which will give an idea of any potential future developments.

ii. **Update on transfer of Wheatfields Public Open Spaces:** No progress. MKCC’s public rights of way officer had contacted Cllr Courtman, regarding installation of a gate but there had been no response from Davidsons. Cllr Tivey advised that the balancing pond is bone dry, despite excessive rain and this was discussed. Cllr Simpkins advised that Anglian Water are now responsible for maintenance of the pond.

iii. **Bucks best kept village:** Cllr Simpkins advised that only infrastructure under the control of the council is assessed and it was agreed to enter again this year at approximately £25. Cllr Courtman suggested that the dog bins are cleaned.

iv. **Village entrance sleeper beds:** This had been agreed in the budget @ £700 per sleeper, to include planting and watering, x 5 beds. The project was agreed.

MOTION: To agree to install 5 x sleeper beds as above PROPOSED by Cllr Simpkins SECONDED by Cllr Needham and AGREED.

26.37 S106 Projects: No further updates.

26.38 Allotments: Cllr Needham has joined the allotment committee and is working with them on a project for summer competitions and prize giving. She reported on this, that there will be 7 categories, including children's and family prizes and the prize giving will include a gathering - picnic and/or BBQ. Cllr Needham agreed to appear on the next podcast and engender excitement for this summer event. Cllr Simpkins advised that out of 11 vacant plots at the start of the year, there was now only one. The allotments open day is on Sunday the 15th of March at 10am.

26.39 Date of Next Meeting: 13th April 2026 at 6.30pm

Cllrs are reminded as follows:

- April parish council meeting 6:30 to 7:30pm
- Annual parish meeting 7:30 to 8:30pm
- Return to parish council meeting 8:30pm onwards

..... **Signed**

..... **Date**