

HANSLOPE PARISH COUNCIL

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

MINUTES

Present:

D Courtman (Chair)
A Flatley
H Needham
A Geary

R Simpkins
R Wallond
T Tivey

Ward Cllr: A Andrew

Clerk: G Merry

1 member of public

26.01 Apologies: Received and accepted from Cllr Price.

26.02 Minutes from previous meeting held 8/12/25

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

26.03 Declarations of Interest: No declarations.

26.04 Public Participation:

The Hanslope podcast producer reported on the success of the first 2 episodes and advised that costs are approx. £300/month. He is seeking sponsorship/funding and the clerk will put this matter on the next PC agenda.

26.05 Council

- i. **Clerk's report:** At 31/12/25 income stood at £192,665 (133% of budget) and expenditure at £181,803 (89% of budget), with £37,988 of expenditure from earmarked reserves. There is likely to be an underspend from EMRs at year-end, meaning an amount will carry forward to next year. A year-end projection will be circulated for next month's meeting. There had been one expression of interest in the current vacancy. Over Christmas the Hanslope Herald went to all homes except Forest Road, as there was no volunteer to deliver. Copies were left in the Club, the church and the village hall, as well as at the Pavilion and a copy was linked on the village Facebook group.
- ii. **Correspondence for consideration:** The clerk circulated a letter from 2 residents of St James Close, requesting installation of a retractable net, to prevent footballs entering their gardens. This matter had been discussed and voted against at the July 2025 meeting, so the conversation focused on whether or not to bring this back to the agenda. It was discussed and agreed that the original grounds for refusal still applied, i.e. that 2 complainants are not sufficient justification for spending over £4000 of taxpayers' money. The clerk will ask the football club to monitor and feedback on the issue.
- iii. **Highways/Speeding and SID Operation:** Cllr Wallond reported there had not been any CSW sessions over Christmas. He is resolving the data download issue with one of the SIDs. The clerk will follow up on the request for extending the 40mph limit towards the northern end of Forest Road.

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iv. Any additional reports from Cllrs:

Ward Cllr Andrew reported as follows: -

- Highways should advise of their plan for new signage on the approaches to Devil's Dip, around Feb/March. AA will chase up on the CIF application for funding for a SID for Tathall End.
- Hayfield Homes are in breach of planning as they have not installed the LEAP on the new estate, as specified. AA is chasing enforcement on this.
- Compulsory purchase of sites is possible in some circumstances but a very drawn-out legal process and AA advised the clerk to check the legislation first.
- There will be a community meeting with the local policing team at The Club on 19/1/26.
- Potholes had worsened due to winter weather and excessive rain. Highways have strict criteria for fixing potholes but urged everyone to keep reporting them on the MKCC website.
- Station Road will close for major bridge repairs from February 23rd, for a number of weeks.

26.06 Planning

- i. **New planning applications – Jan. 2026 and updates.** The clerk circulated the applications as below and advised that only current, undecided applications should be discussed : -

Reference	Address	Description	Date	Comments
PLN/2025/2585	36 ST JAMES CLOSE, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7LF	Erection of a two-storey side extension and alterations to existing windows	09/01/2026	No Comments
PLN/2025/2521	ST JAMES CHURCH, CHURCH END, HANSLOPE	Proposed erection of shed for equipment storage at CEMETERY	19/01/2026	To support
PLN/2025/2668	30 High Street, Hanslope, Milton Keynes, MK19 7LQ	Change of Use from (Class C3) dwellinghouse to working men's club (Sui Generis)	03/02/2026	To Support

Decisions as per the final column above.

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

- ii. **Potential for Compulsory Purchase of undeveloped Sites:** Covered at 26.05 iv. above

26.07 Finance

- i. **Reconciliations & financial situation report to Dec. 31st 2025:** The clerk had circulated the Q3 accounts to 31/12/25, and Cllr Price had checked the reconciliation reports. There were no questions.
- ii. **Budget 2026-27:** It was agreed to discuss 26.09 iv, - churchyard mowing – as part of the budget discussion (see 26.09 iv). The clerk circulated a 3rd draft of the budget, advising as follows:
- Budget assumes receipt of £9,600 grant for grass pitch maintenance
 - Small reduction in play events of approximately £1000
 - Pause all grants except village hall and Santa run
 - Pause the Christmas lights expansion

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- Remove £2,015 cost for new bins/dog bins. Will come from commuted sum for Hanslope Fields instead.
- Churchyard mowing at £2,800 agreed.
- Unknown cost of adopting Davidsons estate, due to non-adoption of SUDS
- Reserves at year-end est. £160,000 with £80,000 to general reserve and £80,000 to EMRs.

The levels were discussed and it was agreed not to cut the grants budget as much and add back in an amount for community projects e.g. the podcast.

MOTION: To approve the budget @ £181,599 expenditure, less £41,256 income (inc. EMRs), PROPOSED by Cllr Simpkins SECONDED by Cllr Needham and AGREED

MOTION: To approve the precept @ £181,599, less £41,256 = **£140,343**, PROPOSED by Cllr Needham SECONDED by Cllr Simpkins and AGREED

iii. **Approval of payments January 2026:** The list of payments was circulated (below): -

30/11/2025	MKPA	4 baby/toddler play sessions - Nov @£195.38/session	£ 781.52		£ 781.52
13/12/2025	Anglian Water	Rec. Ground Sept-Dec	£ 94.90		£ 94.90
20/12/2025	Propertycare bucks	Install Xmas lights + 4 new timers and a remote control for tree	£ 1,941.00	£ 315.80	£ 2,256.80
30/12/2025	Suez	Dec. empties - wheely bins	£ 61.13	£ 12.23	£ 73.36
30/12/2025	Anne Washington	Caretaking - Dec	£ 570.00		£ 570.00
31/12/2025	Barbara Osborne Business Services	Payroll Oct-Dec	£ 90.00		£ 90.00
31/12/2025	MKPA	3 baby/toddler play sessions - Dec @£195.38/session	£ 586.14		£ 586.14
01/01/2026	IDNET	Renewal of domain name	£ 75.00	£ 15.00	£ 90.00
01/01/2026	Marcus Young Landscapes	Dec bins and dog bins (inc. extra Saturday collection - shop)	£ 685.30	£ 137.06	£ 822.36
02/01/2026	SLCC	2026 membership renewal	£ 316.00		£ 316.00
02/01/2026	Pidge's Poop Scoop	Dec. Rec. scoops	£ 120.00		£ 120.00
05/01/2026	Tove Landscapes	Football pitch overmarking – Dec	£ 175.00	£ 35.01	£ 210.01
05/01/2026	Tove Landscapes	Monthly maintenance contract - Dec	£ 2,289.58	£ 457.92	£ 2,747.50
08/01/2026	G Merry	PC Expenses – Dec	£ 20.78		£ 20.78
07/01/2025	Tara Davies	Dec. cleaning	£ 135.00		£ 135.00

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

26.08 Recreation Ground

- i. **New community centre:** The project fundraiser reported he had applied to the Lottery Heritage Fund for £150,000 and will be meeting with the architect to discuss other

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potential sources of funds. He has some paid days left to use this month. The clerk circulated advice from MKCC's Planning Obligations Dept. re. applying to reallocate funding within S106 agreements, via a Deed of Variation. This is convoluted but is possible and legal costs are likely to be around £1000. It was discussed and agreed that the clerk will apply for DoVs for Public Art Funds to be reallocated to the new build instead. An amount will be held back for Public Art, for already-identified projects which can then be implemented once the centre is built.

MOTION: To agree any decisions re. the new centre as above PROPOSED by Cllr Wallond, SECONDED by Cllr Geary and AGREED

- ii. **Football Foundation Grant:** This remains stalled and has been escalated to their I.T. dept.
- iii. **Annual wildflower seeding around Rec. car park:** This was agreed @ £250/year.
- iv. **Cricket net carpet issue:** The cricket net carpet was buckling and the clerk circulated the response from the installer, along with images. It was agreed that the explanation of ground contraction due to cold weather, was plausible and this would be monitored in the spring when the ground expands.

26.09 Village Projects

- i. **Updates on Hanslope Fields transfer of car park and Public Open Spaces:** The Land Registry Transfer document had been received from the lawyers and was discussed and agreed. Cllrs Courtman and Simpkins signed this and the clerk will submit it to the lawyers. Contracts will not be exchanged until Bloors have confirmed and paid the commuted sum but it is hoped this will happen in time to implement the maintenance contract in March. The clerk will ask the contractor for quotes.
- ii. **Update on transfer of Wheatfields Public Open Spaces:** There was no progress but it was agreed that the comparatively smooth transfer of the Bloor estate thus far, set a precedent for how the Wheatfields transition may be managed.
- iii. **Diversion of Footpath Hanslope 53:** The map and plan were circulated and discussed. There was general agreement not to take this any further (*amended minute agreed - 9/2/26*)
- iv. **Churchyard Mowing update:** This discussion took place as part of the budget discussion at 26.07 ii. The church had sent their requirements and the contractor provided a quote @ £2,800. Cllr Simpkins advised that the law changed in Dec 2023 to allow parish councils to financially assist churchyards with maintenance. This is at the discretion of the council, who decide by transparent vote. Feedback from the BBKV judging, showed the churchyard reduced scores for Hanslope but the PC had no control over this. The initiative came from the PC rather than the church approaching the PC. Cllr Courtman asked how this could affect applications from other places of worship and the clerk advised that the power does not have to be applied equally and each one will be evaluated on its own merit at the time. Cllr Geary pointed out that St. James the Great provides burial services for the whole village, regardless of faith held.

MOTION: To agree to fund churchyard maintenance as part of the main annual landscaping contract @ £2,800/year PROPOSED by Cllr Simpkins SECONDED by Cllr Geary and AGREED

26.10 S106 Projects:

Potential for Deed of Variation for S106 agreements: This matter was covered under 26.08 i.

Public Art: This matter was covered under 26.08 i. There were no other updates

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26.11 Allotments: It was discussed and agreed that the allotment committee will discuss solutions to filling the pond on plot 75, at their next meeting.

MOTION: Not required

26.12 Date of Next Meeting: 9th February 2026 at 7pm

..... **Signed**

..... **Date**

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Hanslope PC - Budget 2025-26 FINAL	FINAL	
Expenditure	2026-27	
Salary, Tax/NI, LGPS	£ 42,301.00	
(Expenses) Now chairman's allowance	£ 200.00	
Insurance	£ 4,000.00	
Stationery/postage/printing	£ 2,050.00	
Computer	£ 3,396.00	
Phone & Broadband	£ 902.00	
General admin & Office	£ 1,340.00	
Bank Charges	£ 51.00	
Payroll & Professional Fees	£ 2,380.00	
Training	£ 600.00	
Audit and Accounts	£ 2,160.00	
Subs	£ 1,080.00	
Contractors	£ 59,904.00	
Allotments	£ 4,350.00	
SID Operation	0	
Premises	£ 8,075.00	
- Grounds - ad hoc		<i>Now all in 'village Projects'</i>
Projects - village	£ 32,960.00	
S137	£ 5,850.00	
Planning and Neighbourhood Plan	£ 10,000.00	
Total	£ 181,599.00	
<i>Community Centre rebuild - from EMRs</i>	<i>£ 64,200.00</i>	
Income		
Misc. Income	£ 200.00	
Rents (Comm Hall)	£ 2,000.00	
Permits (Football/cricket etc)	£ 2,500.00	
Advertising sales	£ 600.00	
Grants	£ 17,656.00	
Allotments	£ 2,500.00	
Movement from EMRs	£ 15,800.00	
Total projected income (non-precept)	£ 41,256.00	
Precept	£ 140,343.00	