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Minutes of the Meeting of Hanslope Parish Council on Monday 8th June 2026, 7pm at
Hanslope Pavilion, MK19 7LG.

MINUTES

Present:

D Courtman (Chair)
H Needham
A Havill

A Geary
R Wallond

Ward Cllr: A Andrew

Clerk: G Merry

1 member of the public

26.64 Ann Havill was proposed as a Cllr by co-option, PROPOSED by Cllr Wallond, SECONDED by Cllr Geary and AGREED

26.65 Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Simpkins and Price

26.66 Minutes from previous meeting held 11/5/26

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

26.67 Declarations of Interest: None

26.68 Public Participation: No items.

26.69 Council

- i. **Clerk's report:** At 31/05/26, income stood at £87,230 (53% of budget) and expenditure was at £27,869 (17% of budget), with £255 spent from EMRs. Meetings have been held for the Community Centre WG as well as an advisory meeting with VAT experts PSTAX, for which Cllrs have had the minutes. Complaints were received regarding pavement parking in Gold St and the encroachment of the hedge at 3 Gold St. The owners have stated they will cut it back, as it got to the point where pedestrians were having to go into the road. Parking enforcement at MKCC have confirmed that it is not illegal to park on the pavement and is a matter for the police and local PCSOs have been informed. There was anti-social behaviour in the Rec. this weekend, with cricket posts and the roped-off section being vandalised. The Cricket Club were able to identify at least one of the vandals and have spoken to a parent. It is very common to have anti-social behaviour in public parks in the summer. The 'Go fund me' campaign for the new community centre has been launched and the 'buy-a- brick' promotion to local businesses will be launched this week. Many thanks to Cllrs Simpkins, Wallond and Mr Gregory for making this happen. Additionally, the line dancing group who rent the hall, are offering to do a sponsored dance over a full day, to raise funds for the new centre.
- ii. **Highways/Speeding:** Cllr Wallond reported that the Sentinel camera, borrowed from Stoke Goldington PC and had been used twice. The results were disappointing, as the camera was very slow to register approaching cars. It will be tried one more time and Cllr Wallond will ask Haversham PC if they have one which may be lent out. The sessions had taken place at Tathall End and the residents felt that speeding has been reduced, due to CSW and the new SIDs. Cllr Andrew had circulated a letter of complaint to West

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Northants council, as they keep delaying repairs to Station Rd, now scheduled for the 24/26. The letter was discussed and it was agreed that all Cllrs will put their name to it. Cllr Andrew will prepare the letter including all names and deliver by hand to WNC.

- iii. **Tathall End SID:** The clerk reported that although the CIF money had been agreed, PC's are expected to make purchases first and then submit invoices for reimbursement. It was agreed to purchase the Evolis from Elan City. Highway's contractors will install the pole at Tathall End, however there is no timeframe for this.
- iv. **Any additional reports from Cllrs:** Cllr Andrew reported as follows:
- Hartwell Rd: the 30-40-30 section signage will change to 40 MPH. The 50 MPH painted on the road is incorrect and Highways will redo this.
 - AA will organise for the 3 parish councils in this ward, to meet regarding to road safety and speeding.
 - TVP now have a rural team for this area who are being trained to issue fixed penalty notices for speeding.
 - On the 17/6/26, AA is bringing a motion to Milton Keynes City Council, to support withdrawal of the MK North option, from the list of new city sites. She has started a petition which she urged all to sign, as there needs to be overwhelming support to be successful.
 - Cllr Wallond will attend the parishes forum 18/6. Counsellor Havill invited all to the Hanslope Open Gardens event this month.

26.70 Planning

- i. **New planning applications: June 2026 and updates.** The clerk circulated the planning log containing 2 new applications and one appeal: -

PLN/2026/0991	23A CASTLETHORPE ROAD, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7HQ	Approval of details required by condition 3 (External Materials) of permission ref. PLN/2025/2558	05/06/2026	No Comments	
PLN/2026/0243	23A Castlethorpe Road, Hanslope, Milton Keynes, MK19 7HQ	Proposed demolition of existing garage and construction of two semi-detached dwellings with associated access	25/06/2026	E.M. to be held 22/6/26	
Appeal Ref: 6009673 Original Ref: 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 (originally refused 18/12/25)		Original objections to be submitted to Inspectorate	Planning Appeal AP-3788. METHOD CONFIRMED AS WRITTEN REPS.

- ii. It was agreed to send the original objection for the PLN/2025/2239, to the inspectorate. Cllr Andrew advised looking at the plans for PLN/2026/0243, as these may not be in keeping with the area. It was agreed that Cllr Geary would look into this and an extraordinary meeting was scheduled for 22/6 at 7:00pm to agree comments.

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

- iii. **Compulsory purchase of sites:** The clerk circulated a response from the Head of Planning and this was discussed. MKCC are not willing to take this action but have advised that a Section 215 notice may be applied for, to enforce a clean-up of the site at 2 Long St Road. It was agreed that the Clerk will pursue this option.

26.71 Finance

- i. **Reconciliations & financial situation report to May. 31st 2026:** The clerk had circulated

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the May accounts and Cllr Price had checked the reconciliation reports. There were no further questions.

- ii. **Option to tax-to agree to implement option to tax, in light of the cost of the new building:** The clerk and Cllr Simpkins had met with VAT experts from PSTAX consultants and details had been circulated. The scouts, sports clubs and the allotments were all exempt and would not need to be charged VAT. It was agreed that hall hirers for the time being, would not be charged any rent increase and the PC will absorb the VAT, until such time as the new community centre is up and running. It was agreed it is essential the PC becomes VAT registered and opts to tax, so that VAT can be recovered on what will be significant costs of the forthcoming build. The option to pay for PSTAX's expertise in preparing/submitting the application, was discussed. The clerk advised that this is a complex process however the cost of the expertise was significant. It was discussed and agreed to pay for this support, as HMRC will take a dim view of any errors.
- MOTION** To agree to 'opt to tax', following expert VAT advice recommendation, PROPOSED by Cllr Needham SECONDED by Cllr Geary and agreed
- MOTION:** To agree to engage expert assistance with preparing and submitting the application @ £880, PROPOSED by Cllr Wallond, SECONDED by Cllr Havill and AGREED

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

09/05/2026	Anglian Water Business	Premises & Rec. Feb-June	£ 152.99	£ -	£ 152.99
10/05/2026	Anglian Water Business	Allotments Feb-May	£ 84.40		£ 84.40
21/05/2026	BES Geomatics Ltd	Surveys - Comm Hall/Pavilion	£ 2,450.00	£ 490.00	£ 2,940.00
26/05/2026	ROSPA	Play inspections	£ 249.00	£ 49.80	£ 298.80
26/05/2026	Hugo Hardy	Principal Architect/Designed - Stage 1 RIBA	£ 3,150.00		£ 3,150.00
29/05/2026	Suez	May empties - wheely bins	£ 71.27	£ 14.25	£ 85.52
29/05/2026	Anne Washington	May Caretaking + reimbursement of expenses	£ 607.65		£ 607.65
29/05/2026	Tove Landscapes	Football pitch overmarking - May	£ 175.00	£ 35.01	£ 210.01
29/05/2026	Tove Landscapes	Wildflower seeding - Rec. Car Park	£ 250.00	£ 50.00	£ 300.00
29/05/2026	Tove Landscapes	Landscape Maintenance Contract - May	£ 2,522.91	£ 504.59	£ 3,027.50
29/05/2026	Tove Landscapes	Pitch Remedial Works (Football Fdn Grant)	£ 800.00	£ 160.00	£ 960.00
29/05/2026	Tove Landscapes	Supply and water hanging baskets	£ 1,040.00	£ 208.00	£ 1,248.00
29/05/2026	Tove Landscapes	Overseeding as per Qu14271	£ 3,419.00	£ 683.80	£ 4,102.80
29/05/2026	Tove Landscapes	Replace bench by Pond	£ 180.00	£ 36.00	£ 216.00
31/05/2026	Tara Davies	Cleaning - May	£ 225.00		£ 225.00
31/05/2026	Suez	May empties - wheely bins	£ 71.86	£ 14.37	£ 86.23
01/06/2026	Marcus Young Ltd	Bins and dog bins - May	£ 794.75	£ 158.95	£ 953.70
02/06/2026	Pidge's Poop Scoop	5 x scoops - May	£ 150.00		£ 150.00
Expected	MKPA	3 x baby group - May	£ 586.14		£ 586.14
03/06/2026	Trevor Marshall (Red Marshall Ltd)	Support for production of Hanslope Podcast	£ 100.00	£ 20.00	£ 120.00
06/06/2026	Sport for Good Consultancy	4.5 days fundraising work @ £399	£ 1,795.50		£ 1,795.50
08/06/2026	G Merry	PC Expenses - May	£ 58.30		£ 58.30

The Clerk brought to council's attention, an invoice submitted by the Sport4Good consultancy, for 4.5 days of work fundraising for the new building. Whilst the work had

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undoubtedly taken place, the 4 1/2 days had been outside of the contract term, which had come to an end earlier in the year and the Clerk advised that payments not agreed in advance should not be made. This was discussed at length and it was agreed how invaluable the consultant had been and the amount of work that had been put in, weighed against the invoice. It was agreed that the contract for this work would be extended by 4.5 days and the consultant would need to re-invoice by the July meeting for this to be paid lawfully. No further payments could be made and this would be made clear to the consultant.

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

26.72 Recreation Ground

- i. **New Community Centre:** The clerk circulated the minutes from the recent working group meeting and these are all now published. The clerk circulated a list of PWLB repayment amounts and highlighted the line for a £200K loan. £200K if taken over 25 years, would entail repayments of £8089 twice yearly, or £7689 twice yearly if taken over 30 years. It was agreed that the project could continue to assume the amount of 200K. The clerk advised that it may be necessary to consult residents, on a gradual long-term precept increase, to cover repayments. The Clerk had also circulated a summary of quotes obtained by the architect, from various expert consultants. The WG had discussed these and the recommendations were agreed as follows:

- Seabrook Groves - Structural Engineer @ £9750
- BSEC Design Ltd. Mechanical & Electrical Engineers @ £29,050 (up to RIBA stage 11)
- PCP Surveyors - Quantity Surveyors @ £16,400 (up to RIBA stage 4)
- Biodiversity Net Gain (required) reporting & implementation @ £2,900

MOTION: To agree to the appointments as recommended by the WG as above, PROPOSED by Cllr Geary SECONDED by Cllr Wallond and AGREED

- ii. **Hall hire charges/increases or PC absorbing the VAT:** It had been agreed that for hall hire charges, the PC will absorb the VAT until the new community centre is built.
- iii. **ROSPA inspection report recommendations and actions:** ROSPA had carried out inspections of the MUGA, outdoor gym, and cricket nets. The clerk had circulated the reports and a summary of her recommendations, which included essential repairs i.e. those that presented a risk to the public and these were agreed.
- iv. **Grass pitch maintenance update:** The Grass Pitch Maintenance grant had been received and any invoices for work related to the conditions of the grant, needed to be submitted to the FF in due course. The clerk is keeping them separate.
- v. **Summer events:** The clerk circulated a list of dates for all summer events and will attend all of the MKPA play events. Cllr Needham offered to attend a couple of these. A picnic and rounders match is being organised by a few residents on the 1/8. The Clerk explained that it was better for this to have parish council backing, which would produce a risk assessment, toilets being available etc, although the residents would run this themselves and this was agreed.

26.73 Village Projects

- i. **Updates on Hanslope Fields transfer of car park and Public Open Spaces:** The PC's solicitor had sent the revised transfer agreement and the clerk had circulated this. It was

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discussed and agreed to defer the motion, pending the return of Cllr Simpkins.

MOTION: To agree the contents of the transfer report from the legal team and the next steps – DEFERRED

- ii. **Update on transfer of Wheatfields Public Open Spaces:** No progress.
- iii. **Community library update:** The clerk had ordered the mini library from Men in Sheds MK, and this will be the £695 option as only 2 villages were taking part. Everyone was asked to consider where this will be sited, in time for the next meeting.
- iv. **Bucks Best Kept village:** The annual village litter pick had not been well supported this year. However the hanging baskets and planters were all installed. Cllr Courtman expressed concern that the planter outside the shop had not been watered and the plants had died. The clerk explained that watering was not agreed in the contract and asked that she is informed of any issues going forward. Cllr Havill suggested a different selection of plants may help to avoid this and she would give this some consideration.

26.74 **S106 Projects:** The working group are focusing on the new community centre build.

26.75 Allotments: MKCC's Planning Obligations team had advised that £13,139 available in S106 for the allotments. The committee are putting together an improvement plan and the clerk is obtaining prices. Cllr Havill had agreed to join the allotment committee and will be co-opted at the next meeting

26.76 **Date of Next Meeting:** 13th July 2026 at 7pm

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