

HANSLOPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Hanslope Parish Council on Monday 13th October 2025, 7pm at
Hanslope Pavilion, MK19 7LG.

MINUTES

Present:

Dorothy Courtman (Chair)
E Price
H Needham

R Simpkins
R Wallond
T Tivey

CLlr A Andrew (Ward)
Clerk: G Merry

1 member of public

25.99 Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Geary and Flatley.

25.100 Minutes from previous meeting held 08/09/25

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

25.101 Declarations of Interest: No declarations

25.102 Public Participation:

A resident pitched the idea of a podcast to the council. This would be a way for the council to engage the public in an informative manner re. what is going on the parish. This was discussed further on in the meeting.

25.103 Council

- i. **Clerk's report:** At 30/09/25 income stood at £188,233 (130% of budget) and Expenditure at £130,719 (64% of budget) with £15,894 of expenditure from earmarked reserves. The contractor had removed the surround and woodchip from the picnic bench in the playground, carried out line marking for the football pitches and removed the hazardous trees at the allotments. Cllrs Tivey and Needham had attended a councilor's induction course. No incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour had been reported to the clerk. However, the crime statistics had listed both ASB and drugs in the Rec. The council was saddened by the news of the passing of former chairman, Mr. Martin Palmer.
- ii. **6-month rule:** The clerk advised that a consecutive 6 months had passed since Cllr Pacheco had attended and it was agreed, he had permanently stepped back from the council. The clerk will now advertise the vacancy accordingly.
- iii. **Request to take part in a podcast:** A discussion took place re. the offer of a monthly podcast. Concerns were expressed re. potential inaccurate reporting and the PC would need to retain editorial control, along with the power to veto. Generally, it was felt this could be a good form of engagement and will take up the offer of a 10-minute demo. video, to begin with.
- iv. **Remembrance Sunday:** The Act of Remembrance at the memorial tree will be on 11/11/25 and will be attended by Cllr Courtman. The Service of Remembrance will on 9/11/25 and will be attended by Cllr Wallond. The clerk had ordered the wreaths.
- v. **Highways:**
 - **Speeding:** Cllr Wallond reported that 3 out of 4 CSW signs, had been installed at

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entrances to the village and the 4th will happen shortly. 1 Speedwatch session had taken place at Tathall End and had showed a reduction in speeding.

- **Western Drive:** The clerk had written to houses in the cul-de-sac (14-36) and circulated the responses. However, with 4 yes's, 4 no's and 4 non-responses, this would not meet the threshold to approach Highways with regard to removal of the semi-circular verge of grass.
- **Support for extension of 40mph on Forest Road:** This would entail reducing a section of 60mph to 40mph, closer to Salcey Forest. This was discussed and supported on safety grounds. Cllr Andrew will progress this with MKCC.

MOTION: To agree to progress this matter to Highways, PROPOSED by Cllr Courtman, SECONDED by Cllr Simpkins and AGREED

vi. Any additional reports from Cllrs:

Cllr Andrew reported as follows re. Highway's visit 24, Sept 2025: -

- *Bus Stop by Globe – resident queried why it was not replaced with a stone one (like for like). Highways to check agreement with developer.*
- *Long Street 40mph – has work order and will be done shortly.*
- *Forest Road – warned that the PC may look at supporting lowering the speed, Council officers indicated that they would be supportive.*
- *Castlethorpe Road – by the Watts – huge road defects reported, were turned down. I appealed, was turned down, now Highways will fix. As this is at the main crossroads in the village it is causing serious concern and damage to vehicles.*
- *Devils Dip – Highways to look at better signage along the road, to warn of blind bends etc. Also, we will look at implementing a HGV advisement notice for the road to prevent our roads being a cut-through for large vehicles. This would be for Park Road – Haversham to Hanslope.*
- *Tathall End – will reassess the give way/stop sign options (but latter may require Sec. of State, so may take time). Speed reduction issue will be done again, looking at speeds into and out of T.E. rather than the middle. Will look at appropriate signage on all approaches too. Entire area to be assessed to look at what can be done to mitigate the incidents and speeding issues.*
- *Eastfield Drive – request for slow signs had been rejected – this will be reassessed as poles already in place. Casework sent to Head of Highways 25th Sept where this was turned down despite there already being poles and signs simply needing to be replaced. As this road also has Lincoln Court sheltered housing, 'elderly people' signs may be appropriate.*
- *Station Road – explained about the erroneous closure notification. Have requested that signage for 7.5 T restriction is also replaced and HGV advisory is checked and (re)instated. Also highlighted the issues around the road surface and how vital it is for them to be repaired as the narrow width prevents you having anywhere to avoid oncoming traffic. Highways to advise on what can be done on repairing road and signage. **UPDATE:** Structural work on the West Northants side will be done from 23rd Feb – confirmed by Kier. This may require some coordination.*
- *Went through the volume of traffic (thanks to Richard Wallond) and number of incidents. Requested that they speak to planning as a reason not to grant LDO at Hanslope Park and that all development should include careful analysis of traffic issues. Also pointed out the issues around the main entrance and give way area, where incidents have occurred. Additional signage requested.*
- *MKCC to have delegated traffic enforcement powers from November. This will allow enforcement of speeding and weight of vehicles too. AA asked for our area to be considered for any measures they wish to install or trial as soon as possible.*

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- *Road surfacing – Cllr Andrew reiterated that when our narrow roads have defects, this increases the prioritisation, as there is often no ability to avoid. Requested that when defects are assessed the contractor is aware of this, specifically Station Road to NWC border, Park Road to Hanslope to Haversham.*
- *Hayfield Homes may be in breach of planning permission, as no play area has been installed. Planning Enforcement are chasing this. Cllr Simpkins confirmed Hayfield does not wish to transfer landscaping maintenance to the PC.*
- *The MK New City Plan will be going ahead, with Hanslope Park looking set to be designated a Local Development Site. Residents can still object, as there will be one more consultation.*
- *MK's new hospital is going ahead on the existing site.*
- *Hanslope area was not in the Government's top 3 areas listed for designation as a new town.*

Cllr Courtman thanked Cllr Andrew for her continued hard work for the village. (Cllr Andrew left at 8.05pm). Cllr Tivey advised that himself and the resident had cleared the foliage on the Market Square side of Green Manor, ready for the Christmas Lights.

25.92 Planning

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

PLN/2025/1829	14 HIGH STREET, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7LQ	Proposed repairs and replacement of windows	29/10/2025	No Comments
PLN/2025/1830	Globe House, 50 Hartwell Road, Hanslope, Milton Keynes, MK19 7BZ	Proposed conversion of vacant public house (sui generis) including extensions to form 2no. Dwellings & erection of detached double garage to the rear of the site and associated car parking and landscaping	22/10/2025	No Comments
PLN/2025/2065	HUNGATE END FARM, HIGHAM CROSS ROAD, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7HL	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed single storey side extensions including a roof light, single and two storey rear extensions and new windows and door to front elevation and new window to side elevation	17/10/2025	No Comments
PLN/2025/1904	HIGH BARN, HUNGATE END FARM, HIGHAM CROSS ROAD, HANSLOPE, MILTON KEYNES, MK19 7HL	The erection of a single storey side extension, to include an indoor swimming pool, gym and associated facilities and works	04/11/2025	No Comments

Cllr Courtman advised that a farm in Hartwell, near the parish border was for sale and this should be monitored, although in Northants.

MOTION: To agree the parish council's responses as above right-hand column, PROPOSED by Cllr Courtman, SECONDED by Cllr Tivey and AGREED.

25.105 Finance

- i. **Reconciliations & financial situation report to Sept 30th 2025:** The clerk had circulated the accounts to 30/09/25, and Cllr Price had checked the reconciliation reports. There were no questions.
- ii. **AGAR - External Auditor's Report 2025:** The auditor's report had been received and the PC had passed all areas except that when agreeing the AGAR, the Governance Statement should have been agreed before the Accounting Statement and this was noted.
- iii. **Budget 2026-27:** The clerk advised that she will present a first draft budget at the

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November meeting, with a view to agreeing this at the December meeting. Cllrs were asked to consider expenditure for the following year and projects were discussed. It was noted that with inflation at 3.8%, increased costs were inevitable and with grants no longer available for Neighbourhood Planning, £10K should be allocated for this.

iv. **Approval of payments October 2025:** The list of payments was circulated (below): -

DATE	Invoice from	For	Net	Vat	Total
07/05/2025	Rural Services Network	Annual Membership (Agreed to discontinue membership)	£ 52.50	£ 10.50	£ 63.00
05/09/2025	BMKALC	Councillor Course (HN)	£ 90.00		£ 90.00
05/09/2025	BMKALC	Councillor Course (TT)	£ 90.00		£ 90.00
12/09/2025	Premiership Lawn care	Season start line marking	£ 325.00	£ 65.00	£ 390.00
13/09/2025	Anglian Water	June-Sept - Rec Ground	£ 18.29		£ 18.29
22/09/2025	JTS Storage	Document storage x 33 weeks	£ 660.00	£ 132.00	£ 792.00
22/09/2025	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit fee	£ 840.00	£ 168.00	£ 1,008.00
23/09/2025	Terry Cordery	Clean solar panels, entrance glass and cameras	£ 250.00		£ 250.00
28/09/2025	Pidge's Poop Scoop	4 x Rec. scoops	£ 100.00		£ 100.00
30/09/2025	Anne Washington	Caretaking - Sept - 32 hours	£ 480.00		£ 480.00
30/09/2025	Barbara Osborne Business Services	Payroll July-Sept	90		£ 90.00
30/09/2025	Suez	Sept. empties - wheely bins	£ 66.00	£ 13.20	£ 79.20
30/09/2025	MKPA	5 x baby/toddler group – Sept	£ 976.90		£ 976.90
01/10/2025	Marcus Young Landscapes	Sept bins and dog bins (inc. extra Saturday collection - shop)	£ 805.75	£ 161.15	£ 966.90
03/10/2025	Tove Landscapes	Football pitch overmarking – Oct	£ 175.00	£ 35.01	£ 210.01
03/10/2025	Tove Landscapes	Monthly maintenance contract – Sept	£ 2,289.58	£ 457.92	£ 2,747.50
03/10/2025	Tove Landscapes	Remove picnic bench surround & woodchip, level & seed	£ 569.28	£ 113.86	£ 683.14
03/10/2025	Tove Landscapes	Tree removal allotments and stump grinding	£ 150.00	£ 230.00	£ 380.00
09/10/2025	Tanswell technology	Support x 2 - March & May	£ 75.00	£ 15.00	£ 90.00
09/10/2025	Tanswell technology	Pre-paid support - 3 hours	£ 195.00	£ 39.00	£ 234.00
09/10/2025	SLCC	VAT Course (GM) - (Feb 2026)	£ 90.00	£ 18.00	£ 108.00
08/09/2025	G Merry	PC Expenses – Aug	£ 7.80		£ 7.80
10/10/2025	Sport 4 Good Consultancy	5.5 days' work/fundraising	£ 2,194.50		£ 2,194.50
Expected	Tara Davies	Sept. cleaning			£ -
GRANT APPLICATIONS					
18/09/2025	Hanslope Village Hall Committee	Annual Grant (£5000 as per last year requested)	£ 5,000.00		£ 5,000.00
01/10/2025	Diane Kent	2025 Santa Run - £600 in budget. (Last year offered £800, paid £500 at DK's request)	£ 600.00		£ 600.00
09/10/2025	Hanslope Community Orchard	Support for expansion project/planning application expenses	£ 801.50		£ 801.50

Sport 4 Good had submitted their fundraising report for the first month and it was agreed it was too early to see actual monetary results yet. The grant applications were

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discussed and it was agreed to grant the amounts requested, and the clerk was asked to advise the village hall, that the amount should not be assumed every year. The PC's future relationship with the village hall was discussed and a complementary approach was discussed, as both organisations operate a hireable venue. The list of receipts and payments for September is published on the PC website.

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

25.106 Recreation Ground

- i. **Community Centre:** Cllr Wallond had updated the architect re. fundraising and advised that a monthly working group meeting should now be scheduled. The clerk agreed to organise this.
- ii. **Damaged Solar Panel:** The cricket club had progressed the claim to their insurers but had not heard back. It was agreed if this was unsuccessful, the matter would left, since the building may be demolished in the next couple of years.
- iii. **October Football Camp:** The applicant had submitted his risk assessment and Pavilion agreement, insurance cover and DBS. It was agreed the camp could take place.
- iv. **Request from Stony Stratford Cricket Club:** SSCC had requested use of the ground when Hanslope CC are playing away matches. It was discussed and agreed that providing Hanslope CC are comfortable with this, it may be offered and the clerk should work out the permit fee on a pro rata basis from what is currently charged

25.107 Village Projects

- i. **Updates on Hanslope Fields transfer of car park and Public Open Spaces:** The PC's lawyer had sent a proposed agreement with a view to completing later in November. Since this no longer included maintenance of the SUDs pond, it was broadly acceptable but Cllr Simpkins advised waiting until the lawyer returned from leave before actioning.
- ii. **Update on transfer of Wheatfields Public Open Spaces:** MKCC were still of the opinion that Hanslope would be willing to take on the SUDs and the clerk had passed the matter on to the lawyer. It was agreed the PC would hold firm on this and would also need details of sums payable.
- iii. **Churchyard Mowing update:** No progress as yet.

25.108 S106 Projects:

The community orchard committee had submitted their S106 application for expansion, to include a learning and engagement area.

25.109 Allotments: No update

25.110 Date of Next Meeting: 10th November 2025 at 7pm

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