

Minutes of Hanslope Parish Council Monthly Meeting held in the Village Hall, Newport Road, Hanslope on Monday 16th December 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: - Councillors: Martin Palmer – Chairman
Richard Green
Simon Proctor
Dorothy Courtman
Ben Wheeler

Also Present: - Ward Councillor Andrew Geary.

The meeting started at 19:40.

17.382 To receive **Apologies of Absence:** Cllr Eileen Price and Juliet Lewis sent apologies ahead of the meeting which were accepted by all.

17.383 To receive **Members' Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Proctor declared an interest in 17.390

17.384 To approve the **Minutes of the Meetings Monday 13th November 2017.** It was **resolved** to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting which took place on Monday 13th November 2017.

17.367 To discuss **Matters arising** from these minutes only:
It was noted that the Christmas tree had been erected but there has been a problem with the street lights due to vandalism. It was resolved to form a working group from the PC to help re-erect the lights on or before Saturday 16 Dec.

17.386 Public Time: Bill Green raised questions about potential Section 106 money with regard to the Castlethorpe Rd development and the proposed one in Long Street.

17.387 Ward Councillor update

Cllr Geary informed the PC about the ongoing discussions with the developers, the police and the highways and building control department at MK Council, about the ongoing traffic problems with regard to contractors to the Long Street housing development parking vehicles along Long Street Rd that created a single carriage way bottleneck during rush hour . Unfortunately the discussions have resulted in no solution (e.g. with the developers and MK council refusing to pay for traffic control measures and highways and police agreeing that the current parking although causing problems is not illegal). It would seem that unless the developers can arrange to accommodate more of the contractors vehicles on their site, this problem could blight the village until the middle of 2018.

17.388 Planning: (a)To discuss planning applications received since the last meeting:

17/03155/FUL | Proposed front extension | 86 Western Drive Hanslope

17/03157/FUL | Single storey side and rear extensions | 1 Watts Close Hanslope

The PC had no comment to make about either of these developments.

17.389 Finance: (a) To approve monthly Receipts & Payments – detailed in the minutes Proposed by Cllr Courtman, seconded by Cllr Procter

List payments:

| Date | Chq No | Payee | Details | ££ |
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| 11/12/2017 | 2779 | J Lewis | Salary & Expenses | £1,015.31 |
| 11/12/2017 | 2780 | J D Sharpe | Caretaking | £485.79 |
| 11/12/2017 | 2781 | Marcus Young | Rec Ground maintenance (Inv 2344) | £715.00 |
| 11/12/2017 | 2782 | A H Contracts | Dog & litter bin emptying | £408.00 |
| 11/12/2017 | 2783 | rCOH Ltd | NDP Consultancy | £2,520.00 |
| 11/12/2017 | 2784 | J Clunie | Newsletter delivery | £300.00 |
| 11/12/2017 | 2785 | Murrays | Newsletter printing | £436.00 |
| 11/12/2017 | 2786 | E-on | Rec Ground Electric | £1,511.57 |
| 11/12/2017 | 2787 | DG Mobile Welding | Post repair | £80.00 |
| 11/12/2017 | 2788 | Anglian water | | £102.09 |
| | | | Total | £7,573.76 |

It was resolved that these payments be accepted in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 and subsequent amendments.

Comment: The payment for the delivery of the newsletter was caused by extraordinary circumstances. It was resolved that in 2018 resources from the PC and the village would be used to do this and we will not pay a delivery company. In the first instance the PC resolved to approach the Scout and Guide associations in the village to explore if they would be interested in helping the PC (with the PC willing to make a donation for their services).

17.390 Long Street Road appeal. The final day of the appeal was now believed to be set for 19th December, when the inspectors would also be making a site visit early that morning.

17.391 Bus Route 33/33A PC response

After some discussion and taking into account three responses received from residents to date, the PC resolved to send a response to Stuart Simmonds at MK Council, to the effect that -

‘It was believed that if a reduced service was necessary because of budgetary cuts by Northampton CC, then a reduced two hourly service from MK to Northampton, was the preferred option (rather than a service that finished at Roade). With the proviso that the service ran buses at critical periods (e.g to meet school and work requirements) and also travelled to Northampton via Roade. Stops in other villages in Northamptonshire could be organised if the villages made contributions towards maintaining the service.’

Individuals can still make their views known to MK Council about this issue until 22 December 2017; please contact Stuart.Simmonds@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

17.392 Councillor areas of responsibility (sub-committee members, reps on other bodies)

It was agreed to put this off until the next meeting.

17.393 Recreation ground redevelopment – award of contract

A company has been chosen to carry out the work and the PC will now send them a formal contract. Cllr Green has agreed to oversee the work and liaise with the chosen contractor for the works to commence as early as possible in January. When we have an agreed starting date the user groups will be contacted by the PC to fully brief them on the renovation schedule. User groups will be asked to remove all the fixtures and equipment that belongs to them while the renovation is underway.

17.394 NAG Update

Cllr Courtman had nothing substantial to report on the neighbourhood Action Group.

17.395 NDP update

The NDP group is currently preparing supporting documents to accompany our pre-submission plan, which is the next stage in putting our NDP together.

17.396 Website & Facebook page

The PC now has its own web site – www.hanslopeparishcouncil.org

This will include a latest news feature, but in addition the Clerk will continue to put urgent issues onto the Village Facebook when necessary.

17.397 Councillor vacancies

The PC currently has three vacancies for co-opted members and hopes to be interviewing candidates who have put their names forward in January. In addition, Cllr Geary has requested to join the PC in addition to his Ward Cllr duties and if accepted would take u one of these places. Following the death of Cllr Jeannette Green there will be a Ward Council by election on 18th January 2018. Any wishing to stand should contact MK Council to put their names forward.

17.398 Village maintenance issues

Discussion about the refurbishment of the bus shelters was put off until the January meeting.

17.399 Correspondence received by the clerk not covered above.

Representation was made by Mrs Eason of Hartwell Rd, about the speed of traffic entering the village at the sharp bend at the bottom of Hartwell Rd. This is an issue that has been raised by the PC with MK Highways and the Police, who maintain that there are clear 30mph restrictions which are periodically enforced using speed cameras, but that due to the location further traffic calming measures are not practical.

Meeting concluded at 21.15

Next Meeting will be Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.30pm