



HANSLOPE PARK CONSULTATIVE AREA FORUM

Thursday 24th October 2013

7.30pm

**Hanslope Recreation Ground
Pavilion
Hanslope**

MINUTES

Attendees:

Cllr Andrew Geary	Ward Councillor Hanslope Park
Cllr Ken Reynolds	Hanslope Parish Council
Cllr Don Cook	Hanslope Parish Council
Cllr Jeannette Green	Hanslope Parish Council
Cllr Geraldine Sweetland	Castlethorpe Parish Council
Cllr Pam Furniss	Castlethorpe Parish Council
Mike Morris	Haversham Parish Council

Also in Attendance:

Rob Ward	MKC Interim Lead for Neighbourhood Engagement
Heather Baker	MKC Neighbourhood Engagement Officer
Maggie Bovair	MKC Head of Delivery: North, Children and Families Practice
Mike Hughes	Community First Responder for the NHS

Actions

1. Apologies

Cllr Andrew Geary	MKC Ward Councillor Hanslope
Cllr Phil Ayles	Castlethorpe Parish Council
Cllr Sheila Mobley	Hanslope Parish Council

Cllr Andrew Geary sent apologies saying he would be late as he had another meeting.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting (previously Circulated)

Minutes of 18th July 2013 were agreed as a correct record

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Introducing Children & Families Practices in Milton Keynes

Maggie Bovair introduced herself and explained what Child and Families Practices are.

- Children and Families Practices (CFPs) are part of MKCs Children and Families Services.
- Aim to make sure children up to 19 years old and their families receive the right level of support when they need it most.
- Work with families to provide short term support which will be tailored to meet individual family needs.
- Key worker will act as single point of contact for any other agency identified to provide support and develop a plan of support to suit the individual families

Children and Families practices will

- Work with families to ensure children do well at school and maintain good attendance
- Provide practical advice and support and access to parenting groups.

- Work with families to develop and maintain positive family relationships.
- Make sure children and young people's views are listened to.
- Signpost families to suitable support services including job and training opportunities, budgeting and debt advice.

CFP's are made up of teams of experienced staff with a range of knowledge and skills in early help and family based support and advice. They have effective links with partner organisations, which will ensure families receive the best coordinated support. These include

- Schools, children's centres, nurseries
- Health services
- Housing
- Children's Social Care
- Youth Services and Connexions
- Police
- Youth offending and probation service
- Community and voluntary groups
- MK Dons have family support workers, outreach support workers and run courses

The Specialist Teaching Team in Children's and Families – North work in partnership with schools, day nurseries, and children's centres, parents / carers, and other agencies to meet the diverse needs of children and young people aged 0-19 with special educational needs and disabilities.

The aim of the Specialist Teaching Team is to support inclusion of children with SEN and disabilities and facilitate the partnership between schools, early years providers, parents / carers and children in assessing and understanding how best to achieve their aspirations and raise attainment.

There is a strict criterion – allocated within 24 hours of contact.

Most referrals come from schools.

The North Team are based at Greenleys Centre, Ardwell Lane.

Questions asked were

What if a family refused to work with you

MB replied that they are very persuasive we go in with someone that has a good relationship with the family i.e. health visitor. If they are at risk it is flagged up to children social care. 2 workers go together explaining that they are there to help. Each family is different so different strategies are needed.

For children excluded from school for 5 days it is the teacher's that usually ring up and we work with the teachers.

For children permanently excluded we work with the children in a Primary Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) for a while then find them another school.

The Youth Team work with children who have left school but not found employment.

We work with all children and all schools.

5. NHS Community First Response

Mike Hughes introduced himself saying he was a volunteer Community First Responder.

- When the control centre receives a 999 call we are alerted and sent to any

patient that has life threatening issues –i.e. Comatose, cardiac arrest.

- We hope to be on site in 5 minutes as we are local. We carry bags containing equipment including oxygen and defibrillator.
- There are only 2 bags available at the moment and we are recruiting for more packages for the rural area. A package is the bag, volunteer and training. Funding is urgently needed .
- It costs £4,000 for a package.
- There are no other sources of funding.
- Usually use our own cars and all is purely voluntary. There are no expenses for fuel, clothing etc.
- CFR is sent from the NHS Centre at the same time as an ambulance but we get there first because we are local. It is who can get there the quickest.
- Ambulance Service provides the training and training is 4 days every 6 months.

Questions asked if the three parishes put together can we specify that it will be used for this area.

MH replied that it would be used for the rural area. Everything gets allocated locally and this includes a defibrillator.

Is this a better option than just having a defibrillator in a village? MH replied that you have a volunteer who is trained and a bag of equipment not just a defibrillator that gets notified as soon as a call comes in.

If you wish to make a contribution or would like to pay for a package please contact Mike Hughes mikehughes10@me.com

6. Neighbourhood Management

R Ward notified the forum that Neighbourhood Management had gone through significant change and was no more.

Financial savings had to be met and services are being contracted out. i.e. like waste services by Serco.

It is anticipated that by the end of next month the contract for highways will be awarded and announced and will start in April 2014. This will be a contract for 7 years with the option of another 3 years.

The landscape contract has gone out for initial offers and we will shortly be inviting companies to bid.

Some Parishes have the option to carry out their own landscaping – Andy Hudson dealing.

Officers have been recruited into inspector or engagement posts.

RW and managers at his level are still going through the recruitment process.

Changes are ongoing leading to a much leaner structure – see structure chart attached.

Please use the helpdesk to report any issues on 01908 252570 or email environmentalserviceshelpline@milton-keynes.gov.uk

The forum noted that the new website is not up to standard and find it very frustrating and asked what has gone wrong.

Public Access should resolve many issues and if you set up an account you will be able to track enquiries that you have raised.

If a new highways contractor is being appointed will we have to start the process again with what we have already reported? Extra money is being spent on the highways

some of which is being spent in the rural area. It was asked if information on where the money is being spent could be sent to parishes.

RW

7. Updates

Highways

MKC have recognised the need to bring roads up to standard and an additional £50 Million has been borrowed so improvements will be seen over the coming years.

There are currently 13 maintenance gangs working on the highways compared to the usual 5.

Haversham Bridge

Work should be completed by the end of the month. Other issues were found once work started which have been addressed.

Flood Alleviation Tathall End and Devils Dip

A secondary study as a result of the recommendation of the planning committee to install no3 bund has been produced and carried out by WSP Consultants. The report has been received by MKC and is currently in the process of reviewing.

MKC will then be in a position to either return to planning with the original application on the bridleway or look at any alternatives and implications.

8. Items Raised relating to the Forum Area

There was a near accident on the Hanslope to Castlethorpe Road by the 30MPH sign as you enter Castlethorpe, this is not the 1st incident could this please be looked at.

HB

Post meeting note

A safety audit has taken place and changes made, Highways will contact the Parish.

It was reported that there are traffic signs being covered by overhanging vegetation in Newport Road Hanslope.

HB

Overhanging vegetation was reported at the junction of Higham Cross Road and Hartwell Road. HB is aware and an OHV notice has been given.

Castlethorpe do not seem to be getting notification from planning about TPO works.

Potholes that were filled on Park Road Hanslope are now beginning to crack.

9. Any Other Business

Minerals Local Plan -see information attached.

Consultation from 30th October until 22nd January.2014. It was suggested that the January area forum date be brought forward to discuss this as a one item agenda so that the forum can put in a response. Mike Morris is checking when the room is available as the next meeting is due to be held in Haversham.

Post Meeting Note

Date has been confirmed as 8th January 2014 being held at Haversham Social and Community Centre 7.30pm

10. Date Venue and Topics of next meeting

The forum noted the suggested dates of future meetings as follows:

Wednesday 8th January 2014 7.30pm Haversham Social & Community Centre

Thursday 10th April 2014 7.30pm Castlethorpe Village Hall

The forum is invited to suggest topics for future meetings, please contact HB with any issues that you would like to raise

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