



Minutes of the Meeting of Bradwell Parish Council held on Monday 04 July 2022 at 7.30pm at the Heelands Meeting Place, Glovers Lane, MK13 7LW.

Councillors Present: Councillors Davy (in the Chair until item FC45/22), Gilpin (in the Chair from item FC45/22), Alexander, Bradburn (M), Bradburn (R), Brant, Evans, Exon and Godfrey.

Staff: Philip Farquharson (Clerk).

Members of the public: 6

FC43/22 Apologies: Apologies for anticipated late arrival were received from Cllrs Bradburn (R), and Gilpin.

FC44/22 Declaration of interests: Cllr Exon declared an interest in agenda item FC58/22 in that he was in Planning at MKC.

FC45/22 Public participation: It was on the agenda for any resident of the parish to raise any issue, petition, question or concern for matters which concern the Parish Council.

One member of the public raised her concern over the amount of litter in Heelands, in particular the need for a new bin by the Redway at the far end of the allotments on Common Lane, where there was a bench.

Councillors noted this concern and the Clerk advised that if there was Councillor desire to have a bin there, Councillors must request this as an agenda item for consideration.

Cllr Gilpin arrived at 7:33pm and resumed the post of Chair.

Cllr Bradburn (R) arrived at 7:35pm.

A second member of the public was present in respect of item FC61/22, and she provided a brief presentation. Councillors asked questions and informed her that they would consider the application to become a Co-opted Councillor towards the end of the meeting.

Two members of the public were present to provide information pertinent to agenda item FC51/22, and they provided a summary of the work of the Bowls Club, noting there were 57 members, 27 of whom were residents of the Parish.

One other member of the public was present in respect of item FC49/22, regarding the BSSC request for approval prior to submission of a planning application. Questions were asked and the Chair moved to discuss the item after the Bowls Club application.

The Chair moved to discuss item FC51/22 whilst members of the public were present.

FC51/22 funding request for a new lawn mower for Bradwell Bowls Club:

A motion was proposed to provide financial assistance up to £3,500, subject to the Bowls Club looking elsewhere for funding first. This was seconded and a vote was held:

Those in favour of the £3,500 contribution: 6

Those against: 1

Those who abstained from voting: 2

Action: The motion passed and the funding would be provided, subject to the Bowls Club firstly trying to find funding elsewhere and secondly to report back on use of the money (to buy the mower).

FC49/22 Bradwell sports and social club request to apply for planning permission:

Action: After discussion it was agreed to hold the next FC meeting on Thursday 21 July at 7pm, in order for residents to raise their concerns about the proposals, and in the meantime the Clerk would publish notice of the request to apply for planning permission on the Parish noticeboards, as well as on social media and to email from a list of interested parties (from when the last time the matter was considered).

All six members of the public left the meeting at this time (8:20pm).

FC46/22 Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting:

Action: Minutes of the Meeting held on 06 June 2022 were approved as an accurate record of the proceedings of that Meeting, and would be signed by the Chair after the Meeting.

FC47/22 Payments:

Action: The current bank balance (£121k) and savings account balance (£114k) were noted and the monthly payment schedule of payments made since the last meeting was approved. Councillors noted there were some high, out of budget costs, mainly the £3.5k payment to HMRC for employer national insurance from the previous year, as well as an unbudgeted redundancy payment cost. Both these costs had been approved by the Finance and Staffing Committee. Councillors noted the forecast general reserve had reduced from £96k at the beginning of the year to £50k at the end of the current financial year.

FC48/22 To note actions and resolutions of Committee and Working Party Meetings since the last Full Council Meeting:

- a) Finance and Staffing Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 June 2022.

Action: The Chair of the Committee summarised resolutions made at the last Committee Meeting, and these were noted by the Full Council. A business re-structure had happened and this had resulted in the redundancy of one office-based role.

FC50/22 New litter bins around cricket pitch in Bradwell: It was on the agenda for Councillors to consider replacing two litter bins at indicative cost of £480/bin (plus installation cost), around the cricket pitch in Bradwell. An image of what the bins would look like had been provided, and Councillors noted this was out of budget (which was why it was on the agenda).

A vote was held:

Those in favour of installing and purchasing the bins: 7

Those against: 0

Those who abstained from voting: 2

Action: The motion passed and it was resolved to replace the bins with new ones, with tops, in a bid to reduce litter overflowing.

FC52/22 Fire Services Provider: It was on the agenda to consider three quotes and approve one provider.

A vote was held, as to whether to follow the Clerk's recommendation:

Those in favour: 9

Action: It was resolved to change fire services provider to FireandElectrical, and the Clerk would inform all relevant parties.

FC53/22 Internal Audit Provision: As part of due diligence and prudent financial management, the Clerk had compiled a report with three quotes for internal audit provision, which included an interim and an end of year audit.

A motion was proposed and seconded to follow the Clerk's recommendation:

Those in favour: 9

Action: It was resolved therefore to instruct Auditing Solutions and the Clerk would inform all relevant parties of the decision.

FC54/22 Special motion to reverse previous month's resolution: It was on the agenda for Councillors to consider reversal of resolution FC34/22 on the Suffolk Punch Project, in order to reconsider scale of project as outlined at FC55/22 below.

Upon request, the Clerk informed the Council that generally decisions of the Council could not be reconsidered within six months of a resolution having happened, unless 3 Councillors wrote to him requesting a special motion to be placed on the agenda to reverse the previous month's resolution. Three Councillors had written to him and therefore it was on the agenda to consider reversing the previous month's resolution. It was noted that the one-storey building would necessitate acquiring planning permission as it was an amendment, and this would take time and building costs were rising fast.

A vote was held:

Those in favour of reversing the previous month's resolution (FC34/22): 4

Those against: 4

Those who abstained from voting: 1

Action: The vote was tied and the Chair used his casting vote against reversing the previous month's resolution and the motion failed.

Cllr Bradburn (R) announced his resignation from the Parish Council and left the Meeting.

Cllr Bradburn (M) left the meeting at this point.

FC55/22 Suffolk Punch Project:

This item was not considered as the motion to reverse the previous month's resolution allowing the item to be considered had failed.

FC56/22 Procurement Providers for Suffolk Punch Community Centre: The Clerk had compiled a report with three procurement providers.

A motion was proposed and seconded to go with the Clerk's recommendation:

A vote was held:

Those in favour: 5

Those against: 0

Those who abstained from voting: 2

Action: It was resolved to instruct Mike Deegan Consulting to assist the Parish Council in going through the procurement process following the Parish Council's Standing Orders and uploading the relevant documents to the public contract finder portal.

FC57/22 Report on financing of the Suffolk Punch Community Centre: To note financing arrangements as agreed at previous meetings, as outlined in a report which had been provided in the meeting paperwork.

Action: The report was noted.

FC58/22 Planning Applications: The following planning applications were considered:

A) Application no: 22/01357/HOU Proposal: Erection of a two-storey front extension At: 5 Colley Hill Bradwell Milton Keynes MK13 9BL

Action: It was resolved not to object to this application. Cllr Exon abstained from discussion on this, noting he knew the occupants of 5 Colley Hill.

B) Application no: 22/01490/CLUP Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for a single storey rear extension At: 64 Booker Avenue Bradwell Common Milton Keynes MK13 8EF

Action: It was resolved not to object to this application.

C) Application no: 22/01450/CLUP Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed installation of a ground floor rear enclosed veranda/canopy At: 5 Maynard Close Bradwell Milton Keynes MK13 9HS

Action: It was resolved not to object to this application.

D) Application no: 22/01544/DISCON Proposal: Approval of details required by Condition 4 (Archaeological monitoring and recording) of permission ref. 19/01884/FUL At: 28 Vicarage Road Bradwell Milton Keynes MK13 9AQ

Action: It was resolved not to object to this application.

FC59/22 Confidential item: In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, and in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public were temporarily excluded for the agenda item below, at the request of the Chair.

FC60/22 Staff update: Councillors noted the business re-structure had happened.

FC61/22 Co-option of new Councillor: Councillors considered applicants to the role following the policy.

Those in favour of co-opting the applicant: 4
Against: 0
Those who abstained from voting: 3

Action: It was resolved to Co-opt Karthika Vigneswaran to the Parish Council and the Clerk would liaise accordingly and update Milton Keynes Council for their records.

FC62/22 Items for the Next Agenda: It was noted that members must notify the Clerk of any items for the agenda in accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders.

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 21 July 2022 at 7:00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place.

The Meeting was declared **closed** at 9:45pm.