



**Minutes of the Meeting of Bradwell Parish Council held on Thursday 21 July 2022 at 7.00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place, Glovers Lane, MK13 7LW.**

**Councillors Present:** Councillors Gilpin (in the Chair), Alexander, Brant, Davy, Exon (from item FC65/22) and Godfrey.

**Staff:** Philip Farquharson (Clerk).

**Members of the public:** 25

**FC63/22 Apologies:** Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Bradburn and Evans, and these were approved.

**FC64/22 Declaration of interests:** Upon his arrival at agenda item FC64/22 Cllr Exon declared an interest in that he worked in his capacity as Ward Councillor for MKC in Planning and would therefore recuse himself from voting on all planning related matters, including whether or not to grant permission to Bradwell United Football Club to apply to Milton Keynes Council for planning permission.

**FC65/22 Public participation:** It was on the agenda for any resident of the parish to raise any issue, petition, question or concern on matters which concern the Parish Council. It was noted all 25 members of the public were present in respect of item FC67/22, the Bradwell United Football Club proposal to build a stand and fence with floodlighting.

Members of the public raised the following points:

- Parking issues, in that the new plans proposed parking bays for ten cars and yet the stands proposed necessitated capacity for over a hundred people.
- Parking down adjacent streets was currently bad during footballing matches and this would get worse with the proposed plans.
- The benefit would be mainly to footballers, very few of whom lived close to the football pitches, and not many of whom lived in the Parish.
- Leading on from this there was concern that this proposal would prejudice against females compared to males, disabled people and parents with children (on account of the fences and other landscaping changes).
- The proposals were not detailed enough and therefore were insufficient evidence to support the required amendments (since the matter was last discussed back in November 2021).
- Lack of public consultation, in that residents considered the meeting and advertisement for the meeting (the current FC meeting), was not given with sufficient time and no letterdrop or survey had happened.
- The aesthetic appeal of the entire area would be negatively impacted by the proposed development of sporting facilities.
- The floodlights would detract from the ambience of the area.
- The provision of the 'escape gate' was not a good idea, in terms of safety of walkers and passers-by.

- The distance between the path and the fence as shown on the amended plans was not clear.
- It was mentioned that perhaps the Bradwell United Football Club could move to Bradville, which offered excellent facilities.

There were three members of the public present who supported the proposal, and who wished it to go to MKC to decide on planning validity, and who considered the amended plans had taken into consideration the concerns raised at the November 2021 meeting.

There was also raised a query into the possibility of registering the area as a village green.

The Chair moved to consider item FC67/22 whilst members of the public were present.

**FC67/22 Bradwell sports and social club request to apply for planning permission:**

Councillors noted this was the primary reason for the Meeting. Councillors considered, in terms of community consultation, that many members of the public were present, which demonstrated in itself that the community were being consulted. This demonstrated also the efficacy of posting on facebook, the Parish Council website and in hard copy on all the Parish Council noticeboards an advertisement for the meeting. Councillors noted also many other members of the public had written in to the Clerk or Chair of the Parish Council, who had forwarded on all emails with comments relative to the agenda item to all Council members.

After discussion a motion was tabled to refuse permission for the Bradwell United Football Club to apply for planning permission at Milton Keynes Council for proposed works:

Those in favour: 3  
Against: 2  
Abstain: 1

**Action: The motion passed and permission therefore was not granted and the club would not apply for planning permission to Milton Keynes Council.**

24 members of the public left the meeting at this time (8:15pm).

**FC66/22 Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting:**

**Action:** A vote was held and it was unanimously agreed to resolve to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 04 July 2022 as an accurate record of the proceedings of that Meeting and the Chair signed the Minutes.

**FC68/22 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 Thursday 14 June 2022.

**Action:** The Chair of the Finance and Staffing Committee provided a brief summary and the Minutes were noted.

**FC69/22 Payments:**

**Action:** Councillors approved the payment schedule for the month of July, and noted the current account bank balance of £101k and the savings account balance of £114k.

### **FC70/22 Finance Report:**

**Action:** Councillors noted the Clerk's report on income and expenditure relative to budget for the year to date. Upon request the Clerk led this item and explained any significant variances to budget, which resulted in forecast variances to budget at year end, explaining the net movement from reserves was forecast at approximately £35k, £35k under budget movement from reserves. The Clerk cautioned this was early forecasting, as only three months of the year had passed, but that forecasting and budget-setting would be more accurate in September and October. The Chair of the Finance and Staffing Committee, Cllr Brant, confirmed his intent to compile draft budgets in the early autumn to include expenditure forthcoming to service the public works loan which had been applied for, plus make up any shortfall in funding the Suffolk Punch Community Centre newbuild.

**FC71/22 Grant application King George's Field (KGF):** It was on the agenda to consider grant application for the KFG trustees to pay for costs of maintaining the land for the current financial year.

**Action:** It was resolved to agree to authorize the Clerk to pay the cost of running the KGF land and assets, up to £5,000 as budgeted for in the current financial year.

### **FC72 Twinkletots annual terms and conditions review:**

Under Standing Order 10(a) xi, a motion was tabled to hold this item in confidence and exclude the press and public as the topic under consideration was not in the public interest but concerned a private contract between the Parish Council and the Twinkletots pre-school. The motion was passed and remaining members of the public left the Meeting for this item.

**Action:** A level of rent was agreed and the Clerk would communicate with Twinkletots accordingly.

**FC73/22 Planning Applications:** Councillors to consider making representation to MKC on planning applications:

- A) Application no: 22/01205/HOU Proposal: The erection of a two storey side and rear extension, a single storey rear extension and garage conversion (resubmission of 22/00156/FUL) At: 11 Booker Avenue Bradwell Common Milton Keynes MK13 8AY

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

- B) Application no: 22/01604/NMA Proposal: Non-material amendment to permission ref. 16/01475/FUL seeking revisions to the landscaping proposals between Block C and Plot 19 to address the presence of an existing water main and its easement relating to Demolition of existing public house and erection of 27 dwellings and single storey D1 use building for a community hall with associated new/alterations to vehicle accesses and car parking to east of St Augustines Church (AMENDED PLANS AND DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT) At: Site At The Suffolk Punch Inn Langcliffe Drive Heelands Milton Keynes

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

- C) Application no: 22/01605/CLU Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for the existing replacement of existing boundary enclosure fencing and gateway with face brick wall and gateway pillars. At: 1 Whetstone Close Heelands Milton Keynes MK13 7PP

A vote was held as to whether to object to this application based on the design principles in PlanMK 2016-2031.

Those in favour: 5

Abstain: 1

**Action:** It was resolved to object to this application and the Clerk would write to the relevant planning officer at MKC and upload a letter of objection on the MKC planning portal.

- D) APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL FOR The erection of a proposed detached bungalow with rear dormer loft conversion and front roof light AT 103 Langcliffe Drive, Heelands, Milton Keynes, MK13 7LB.

A vote was held as to whether to object to this appeal and support the comments and actions of the planning authority (Milton Keynes Council).

Those in favour: 5

Abstain: 1

**Action:** It was resolved to object to this application and the Clerk would write to the relevant planning officer at MKC.

**Date and time of next meeting:** Monday 12 September 2022 at 7:30pm at the Heelands Meeting Place.

The Meeting was declared **closed** at 8:55pm.