



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 06 March 2023 at 7.30pm at the Heelands Meeting Place on Glovers Lane in Heelands, MK13 7LW.**

**Councillors Present:** Gilpin (in the Chair), Alexander, Bradburn, Brant, Davy, Exon and Godfrey

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

**Members of the public:** 2

**FC151/23 Apologies:** Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Evans. This was voted on and met with approval. It was resolved therefore to accept the apology.

**FC152/23 Declaration of interests:** Cllr Brant declared an interest in agenda item FC167/23 and abstained from taking part in discussion or voting.

**FC153/23 Public participation:** It was on the agenda for any resident of the parish to raise any issue, petition, question or concern. The following matters were raised:

- The grit bin on Stainton Drive in Heelands.
- A request from the police for the Parish Council to implement CCTV around the Parish Offices and around the Heelands Local Centre.

Regarding the latter point the Clerk was requested to communicate with the relevant police officer and compile costs for implementation of CCTV at the two locations, and associated practicalities (monitoring, recording, and maintenance of CCTVs).

**FC154/23 Minutes of the last (January 2023) Full Council Meeting:**

A motion was proposed and seconded to adopt the Minutes:

Those in favour of adopting the Minutes: 9

**Action:** It was resolved to approve as an accurate record the proceedings of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 January 2023, and these were signed by the Chair for the Council's records.

**FC155/23 Payments:**

**Action:** Councillors noted the current bank balance (£72,070) and savings account balance (£114,694), as at 01 March 2023 and approved the February monthly payment schedule.

**FC156/23 Grant application for 'Warm Spaces':**

**Action:** Councillors noted approval of the grant application, receipt of £12,000 and £1,950, for running the weekly 'warm spaces' coffee morning at the Bradwell Memorial Hall.

**FC157/23 Committee and Working Party Meetings:**

**Actin:** Resolutions and recommendations of the Finance and Staffing Committee meeting of 13 February 2023 were noted.

**FC158/23 Investment of Parish Council reserves to a CCLA fund:**

It was on the agenda to consider the recommendation of the Finance and Staffing Committee to invest £150,000 into the public sector deposit fund, noting cash flow over the next 12 months. The CCLA key investor information and cash flow forecast for 2023-24 had been provided to Councillors prior to the Meeting, for their consideration.

**Action:** A vote was held as to whether to proceed with the recommendation of the Finance and Staffing Committee to move the funds (£150,000) to the CCLA public sector deposit fund. The vote met with unanimous assent and it was resolved therefore to move the funds at the end of April.

**FC159/23 Grit bin on Stainton Drive:**

A motion was tabled to consider placing a salt grit bin at cost of approx. £500 at the end of Stainton Drive in Heelands:

Those in favour: 3

Those against: 3

Those who abstained from voting: 1

**Action:** The Chair used his casting vote in favour of having a salt grit bin at the end of Stainton Drive, and the Clerk would liaise with Cllr Bradburn and the member of the public present on the exact location to be requested of MKCC.

**FC160/23 Parish Council as Sole Managing Trustee of the Bradwell Memorial Hall:**

The Clerk explained that following the Parish Council's Standing Orders execution of legal deeds happens after a resolution and signing by any two Councillors.

**Action:** A vote was held and Councillors unanimously voted in favour of the Parish Council becoming sole managing trustee of the Bradwell Memorial Hall.

**FC161/23 Milton Keynes New City Plan Ambition & Objectives and Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report Consultation:**

**Action:** The consultation was noted. Cllr Brant and the Clerk would compile a letter to MKCC stating the Parish Council's concerns, which were:

- 1) A five-fold increase in the population in CMK without a linked drive to improve infrastructure and amenities, which would result in a reduction in quality of life for existing residents.
- 2) Proposed major increase in student population which could be used by enterprising landlords to fuel a rise in HMO's.
- 3) Residential intensification would result in the loss of green spaces in surrounding estates.

**FC162/23 Section 137 per Parish Council:**

**Action:** The Council noted it held the GPC (General Power of Competence), but that if it were to lose the GPC then the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) notified the appropriate sum for section 137(4)(a) 2023/24 was £9.93, per elector in the Parish, for 2023-24.

**FC163/23 Exclusion of the Press and Public:** In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted over the next two agenda items, and in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it was resolved to temporarily exclude members of the public.

**FC164/23 Bradwell Bowls Club tri-annual rent review:**

**Action:** A level of rent was agreed, to which confidential minutes refer.

**FC165/23 Bradwell Sports and Social Club finances:**

**Action:** A level of rent was agreed, and the Clerk would communicate this to the Chair and Treasurer of the BSSC. Confidential minutes refer.

**FC166/23 Coach Trip 2023 and costs:**

**Action:** A motion was tabled to implement this to be subsidized by the Parish Council up to £5 per person, destination being the seaside. The vote was unanimously in favour and Cllr Godfrey volunteered to accompany the Assistant to the Clerk on the expedition.

**FC167/23 Community Award:**

A motion was tabled in favour of the covid-snake organizer:

Those in favour: 4

Those who abstained from voting: 3

**Action:** The motion passed and it was resolved to award the money in May at the Parish Meeting to the covid-snake organizer.

An amendment to the motion was made, to propose a second prize-winner. This was voted on as follows:

Those in favour: 4

Those who abstained from voting: 3

**Action:** It was resolved therefore to award a second prize to Michelle Scott in May.

**FC168/23 Photographic Competition 2023:**

**Action:** Photograph number 17 in the paperwork was chosen as the winner for 2023 and the award would be made at the Parish Meeting in May.

**FC169/23 Children's Prize money:**

**Action:** A motion was tabled to resolve to approve a poster competition for the newsletter with a prize of £10, applicants being from within the Parish and aged 8-11. This met with unanimous approval.

**FC170/23 Replacement of vinyl on floor of Heelands Meeting Place (HMP):**

**Action:** A motion was tabled to resolve to replace the vinyl flooring in the HMP and delegate the task of choosing the design to the Clerk, with MKFlooring at cost of £2,091 (ex vat) as the chosen contractor. This met with unanimous approval and the motion was passed.

**FC171/23 Planning Applications:** Councillors considered making representation to MKC on the following planning application:

- a) Application no: 23/00407/TCA Proposal: The pruning of dead or failed limbs overhanging garden to source or suitable growth point and coppice heavily clothed ivy stems which lean over path and lamp column of Common Hawthorn, Crab Apple, Elm and Elder trees in group (G4) At: The Barn Primrose Road Bradwell Milton Keynes MK13 9AT

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

**Date and time of next meeting:** Monday 24 April 2023 at 7:30pm at the Heelands Meeting Place.

The Meeting was declared **closed** at 9:50pm.