



Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 15 January 2024 at 7.00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place on Glovers Lane in Heelands, MK13 7LW.

Councillors Present: Brant (in the Chair), Alexander, Bradburn, Davy, Evans, Exon (from item FC116/24), Godfrey and Kendrick (from item FC113/24).

Staff Present: Philip Farquharson (Clerk)

Members of the public: 4

F110/24 Apologies: Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Gilpin and Stuchbury. These were voted on and met with unanimous approval. It was resolved therefore to accept the apologies. Peter Brant, in his position as Vice Chair, Chaired the Meeting. Apologies for anticipated late arrival had been received from Cllr Exon.

FC111/24 Declaration of interests: Councillor Godfrey declared an interest in item FC118/24 and abstained from voting at that item.

FC112/24 Public participation: It was on the agenda for any resident of the parish to raise any issue, petition, question or concern. Members of the public raised the following matters:

- There was a request for a bench in Bradwell Common, near Hadley Place.
- At the prior meeting of the trustees of the Bradwell Memorial Hall there was a request for some consideration as to how to celebrate the Bradwell Memorial Hall's centenary of when it was formally opened in 1924. This would also be an agenda item at the next FC meeting.
- A representative of the Precedent Drive development was present to inform the Council that having received an objection based on the grounds of height and a lack of parking, the developer had amended their plans to include more parking provision and had graded (by having various shades of green) the colour of the larger building. The representative also pointed out there was a bank separating the proposed development and the residential properties across the main road, thereby obscuring the sightline. The size of the two buildings had not been altered, and the larger one would remain at 18.3 metres, about the size of the Ingram building adjacent.

FC113/24 Minutes of the December Full Council Meeting:

Cllr Kendrick arrived at this point. A vote was held to adopt the minutes as an accurate record of the proceedings of the Meeting held on 06 November 2023:

Those who voted in favour: 6
Those who abstained from voting: 1

Action: It was resolved to approve as an accurate record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 04 December 2023, and these were signed by the Chair for the Council's records.

FC114/24 Payments: The monthly payment schedule was noted, as well as the bank balance of £72,328 (at 09 Jan 23), and instant access account balance of £14,958. The Clerk was requested to clarify in future payment schedules which deposit returns were relating to the Memorial Hall in Bradwell and which the Heelands Meeting Place.

FC115/24 Finance report: It was on the agenda to note the finance report as compiled by the Clerk, showing income and expenditure to the end of December against budget. Forecast expenditure was 1.94% off budgeted expenditure. There was forecast £31k of unbudgeted income (comprised mainly of interest from the CCLA account of £7k, movement from the KGF bank account of £6k, and grant income of £11k for the Warm Spaces hosting).

Action: The report was noted.

FC116/24 Interim internal audit:

Cllr Exon arrived at this point in the meeting.

Action: A vote was held to formally note the audit report, which met with unanimous approval. Councillors noted the audit was clean, with no recommendations and the Clerk was thanked for his diligent work in financial management.

FC117/24 Biodiversity Policy: It was on the agenda to consider for approval the draft policy.

After minor amendments a vote was taken to consider the policy for adoption and this met with unanimous approval.

Action: The policy was adopted.

FC118/24 MKPA sessions:

The increased cost was noted, from £440/session to £495 and a motion was tabled to approve 18 sessions, one of which (per grid square), would be for the slightly older children and at higher cost of £990 per session, and the total cost would be £10,395. The Clerk cautioned this would be circa £2k over budget for that accounting line, but that the Parish Council had a sufficient reserve.

Those who voted in favour: 5
Those who abstained from voting: 3

Action: The motion passed and the Clerk would book in the sessions.

FC119/24 Planning Applications: Councillors to considered making representation to MKCC on the following planning applications:

- a) Application no: 23/02818/FUL Proposal: The installation of a mezzanine floor within use class e and installation of 9 air conditioning units At: Unit A Central Retail Park Patriot Drive Rooksley Milton Keynes

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

- b) Application no: 23/02591/HOU Proposal: Erection of a first and second floor floor extension to garage at: 11 Whetstone Close Heelands MK13 7PP

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

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 05 February 2024 at 7:00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place.

The Meeting was declared closed at 8:15pm