



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 05 February 2024 at 7.00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place on Glovers Lane in Heelands, MK13 7LW.**

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

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

**Members of the public:** 1

**F120/24 Apologies:** An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Evans. This was voted on and met with unanimous approval. It was resolved therefore to accept the apologies.

**FC121/24 Declaration of interests:** Cllrs Exon and Kendrick declared an interest in that they were on Planning Committees at MKCC.

**FC122/24 Public participation:** It was on the agenda for any resident of the Parish to raise any issue, petition, question or concern. A member of the public raised the following matter:

- There was a request for Parish Council support in mitigation of unauthorized vehicular use across a private driveway at the end of Stainton Drive in Heelands. The resident had communicated with MKCC officers and had come up against resistance to any measures suggested, for example bollards or ascot railing.

Councillors considered the request reasonable and it was agreed the Clerk would work to support the resident in trying to achieve bollards or some other measure to restrict vehicles crossing the drive to the grassy knoll.

**FC123/24 Minutes of the January Full Council Meeting:**

After a minor amendment, a vote was held to adopt the minutes as an accurate record of the proceedings of the Meeting held on 15 January 2024:

Those who voted in favour: 8

Those who abstained from voting: 1

**Action:** It was resolved to approve as an accurate record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 January 2024, and these were signed by the Chair for the Council's records.

**FC124/24 Payments:** The monthly payment schedule was noted, as well as the bank balance of £53,699 (on 24 January), and instant access account balance of £14,973.

**FC125/24 Bradwell Memorial Hall centenary celebrations:**

It was on the agenda to consider an event to celebrate the Memorial Hall's centenary. A motion was proposed to hold an exhibit in the autumn of 2024, with a focus on the history of the building, a plaque to go on the wall, and possible bell-ringing at the nearby church (pending logistics), with an expenditure of up to £1,000.

**Action:** The motion met with unanimous approval and the Clerk would enact this.

**FC126/24 Coach trip 2024:**

A motion was proposed for Cllr Godfrey to work with the Assistant to the Clerk in choosing a location, with residents contributing £10 per person. The motion met with unanimous approval.

**Action:** The motion carried and Cllr Godfrey would liaise with the Assistant to the Clerk to select a location and attend the coach trip for 2024, with cost to the residents attending of £10 per person.

**FC127/23 Basketball:**

**Action:** A motion was proposed and met with unanimous approval, to pay for basketball provision by 5onit at cost of £835 and use of facilities an extra £300.

**FC128/24 football sessions:**

Two quotes were considered and a motion was proposed to proceed with MKDonsset.

**Action:** The motion met with unanimous approval and therefore MKDonsset would be instructed to provide the football training for the current summer season.

**FC129/24 Accessibility Fund:** It was on the agenda to consider any application for dropped kerbs, bollards or handrails in the Parish.

The following locations were suggested:

- Repainting the parking spaces at the Heelands shops area.
- Bollards at the top of Abbey Road
- Bollards at the end of Stainton Drive
- Improvement of the walkway to Flintergill in Heelands.

**Action:** The Clerk would seek to see if any of these were possible and implement if they were.

**FC130/24 Suffolk Punch Community Hall:** It was on the agenda to consider formally discontinuing the project to build a community hall at the site given:

- (i) The September 2022 decision by Milton Keynes City Council Leisure Board not to release the Section 106 monies earmarked for the project.

- (ii) The significant increase in estimated construction costs and interest rates since 2022 making the project no longer viable for the Parish Council given the lack of funding.

The motion was proposed and the vote recorded:

Those in favour: 2, Cllrs Brant and Exon.

Those against: 4, Cllrs Alexander, Davy, Gilpin and Godfrey.

Those who abstained from voting: 3, Cllrs Bradburn, Kendrick and Stuchbury.

**Action:** The motion failed.

**FC131/24 Request to MKCC to build Community hall at site of Suffolk Punch:** It was on the agenda to formally request that Milton Keynes City Council fulfils the commitments it made in the Section 106 agreement for the Suffolk Punch development, which Bradwell Parish Council was not a party to, to construct a community hall at the site.

No motion was proposed and so the item was withdrawn.

**FC132/24 Planning Applications:** Councillors considered making representation to MKCC on the following planning applications:

- a) Application no: 24/00042/PRIOR Proposal: Prior Approval of single storey rear extension, with eaves of 2.17 metres and maximum height of 3.12 metres, extending 4.5 metres from the original rear wall At: 44 Walgrave Drive Bradwell Milton Keynes MK13 9BG

**Action:** Councillors did not object to this application.

- b) Application no: 24/00059/HOU Proposal: The erection of a two-storey side extension At: 40 Hasgill Court Heelands Milton Keynes MK13 7LR

**Action:** Councillors did not object to this application.

- c) Application no: 24/00096/HOU Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension with roof lights and side extension over existing garage plus addition of solar panels to front roof slope. At: 50 Booker Avenue Bradwell Common Milton Keynes MK13 8EF

**Action:** Councillors did not object to this application.

**Date and time of next meeting:** Monday 04 March 2024 at 7:00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place.

The Meeting was declared closed at 8:35pm