



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 02 March 2026 at 7.00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place on Glovers Lane, MK13 7PN.**

**Councillors Present:** Brant (in the Chair), Best, Bradburn, Exon, Gilpin and Muchmore.

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

**Members of the public:** 6

**FC217/25 Apologies:** Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Alexander, Godfrey and Stuchbury. The reasons for the apologies were approved by unanimous assent.

**FC218/25 Declaration of interests:** Councillor Exon declared an interest in that he was on planning committees at MKCC and would refrain from voting on planning matters. Councillor Exon also declared an interest in that he was an Explorer Scout Leader and MKC representative for the Scout Trustee Board, with reference to agenda item FC234/26, and would abstain from voting on this item. With regard to item FC222/26 Councillor Gilpin declared he lived just outside the Church, on Langcliffe Drive.

**FC219/25 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:

- Parking issues on Langcliffe Drive by church-goers. The St Augustine's Church representative informed the Parish Council that fundraising had begun to build extra parking provision at the back of the Church, and in the intermediate period temporary bays were being used.
- An MKCC public consultation had happened on double-yellow lines on Langcliffe Drive which would likely be installed prior to Easter.
- Remaining members present were there in support of either grant applications, the GLPC collaboration or the HMP (Heelands Meeting Place) social group.

**FC220/25 Minutes of the January 2026 Council Meeting:**

**Action:** The Minutes were approved by resolution as an accurate record of the proceedings of the Meeting held on 12 January 2026. These were signed by the Chair for the Council's records.

**FC221/26 Minutes of the February 2026 Finance and Staffing Committee:**

Chair of the Committee, Councillor Gilpin, and the Clerk updated on the last meeting. In summary the Committee had received a report from the Clerk on income and

expenditure relative to budget, as at the end of January 2026, so 9 months into the year. The Bradwell Planters £21,000 cost would show in the budget and year-end accounts and although it was a reduction in the Parish Council's public sector deposit fund (by £20,000), there would be around £17,000 movement **from** reserve by the end of March 2026.

**Action:** The Minutes and actions contained therein were formally noted.

**FC222/26 Parking along Langcliffe Drive:**

This had been discussed with members of the public present, under that item (FC219/26), and to summarise the Church had been going to some lengths to mitigate against bad parking along Langcliffe Drive, in particular by constructing 15 temporary bays which, funding dependant, would be tarmacked in the future. There would also be double yellow lines along that part of the road also, which would be implemented over coming months, possibly by Easter.

**FC223/26 Heelands Meeting Place weekly social group:**

Councillors noted this would be by invitation only and several safeguarding and governance measures would need to be implemented before the Parish Council could support this. The HMP weekly social group was recommended to look into existing social groups who work along those lines, in particular; 'Befriending', and 'MK Pulse', form a constitution, adopt relevant policies and procedures and make sure they were compliant in terms of relevant skills and qualifications and open a bank account.

The Chair moved to discuss item FC231/26 next.

**FC231/26 Heelands Rangers:** To note update on Heelands Rangers FA Home Advantage Programme.

**Action:** Councillors were shown the plans and informed Heelands Rangers had acquired over £200,000 from the FA for this project. They had also signed a 25 year tenancy agreement from MKCC.

**FC224/26 Collaboration with Great Linford Parish Council (GLPC) in Conniburrow:** It was on the agenda to consider the request for financial support for the Community Fridge, Café, Youth Café and Arts for Health socials.

The Working Party had met at GLPC's Conniburrow offices and seen the Community Fridge. The Council were informed GLPC would consent to BPC using of their facilities for the summer basketball and football sessions, free of charge.

A motion was proposed to support the Social Spaces and Youth Café by contributing to their costs by 25% of the current year's expense (in the next financial year and for one year). This equated to £3,315.

Those in favour: 4

Those against: 2

Those who abstained from voting: 0

**Action:** The motion Carried and the Clerk would make the transfer and liaise with Tommy Hayes, the Deputy Clerk at GLPC.

**FC225/26 Interim internal audit:**

A motion was proposed to formally note the content of the interim internal audit, and consider for approval the independence of the internal auditor:

Those in favour: 6

Those to the contrary: 0

Those who abstained from voting: 0

**Action:** This met with unanimous assent and the Clerk was congratulated on managing excellent systems of internal control and financial jurisprudence.

**FC226/26 MKCC Local Transport Plan 5, Charge Hubs and Car Clubs consultation:**

A motion was proposed to enable the Clerk to submit a response, with the assistance of Councillor Exon, broadly in favour of EV rapid charging points in the parish, but in particular in community and focal areas rather than high density residential parking bays.

Those in favour: 4

Against: 2

Those who abstained from voting: 0

**Action:** The Clerk would submit the response.

A motion was proposed to submit a draft response to the MKCC Local Transport Plan 5 which had been written by Councillor Best and circulated prior to the meeting:

Those in favour: 3

Those to the contrary: 1

Those who abstained from voting: 2

**Action:** The motion Carried and the Clerk would submit the response.

**FC227/26 Payments:**

**Action:** Councillors noted by formal resolution the current bank balance of £57,713, savings account balance of £15,257, with £180,000 in the public sector deposit fund (reduced by £20,000 for payment of the Bradwell Common Planters) as at 23 February 2026, and approved the monthly schedule of payments for January and February 2026.

**FC228/26 Parish Ranger:** It was on the agenda to consider creating a new Parish Ranger service from April 2027 to maintain and improve the quality of the public realm in the parish.

The item was withdrawn.

**FC229/26 Temporary parking bays by the pitches:** It was noted that MKCC had forbade the Parish Council from building the parking bays out of MOT or hardcore, it being roadside, and on account of the extremely wet January and February, the area had become muddy and unusable.

A motion was proposed to return the area to grass, reinstating the bollards:

Those in favour: 5

Those to the contrary: 0

Those who abstained from voting: 1

**Action:** The motion Carried and the Clerk would enact the return to grass.

**FC230/26 Grit bins in Bradwell Village:** It was on the agenda to consider petitioning MKCC to instal one either along Vicarage Road or Abbey Road.

A motion was proposed to approve the policy:

Those in favour: 1

Those to the contrary: 4

Those who abstained from voting: 1

**Action:** The motion did not Carry.

**FC232/26 Community Award and Photographic Competition:** It was on the agenda to select winners from those shortlisted by the Newsletter Working Party.

Regarding the Community Award, the Parish Council resolved this should be awarded to; David Evans, Maria Galeanu and Susan George.

The Parish Council resolved the Winner of the Photographic Competition was Hanka Stanford.

**FC233/26 Grant application:** It was on the agenda to consider awarding the grant request of £1,000 to One Love Luncheon Club.

**Action:** It was a condition of the application that a representative was present to answer any questions the Councillors may have. No representative was present and so the item was not discussed.

**FC234/26 Grant application:**

The Parish Council noted the numbers of scouts had increased rapidly since the scouts had moved from Bradwell Abbey to Bradwell Common, using the Summerfields School as a premises. The Parish Council were requested for storage space as well as the grant moneys and the Clerk agreed to look into this, at the Container if logistically possible.

A motion was proposed to award a grant to the Scouts for £1,500.

Those in favour: 4

Those to the contrary: 0

Those who abstained from voting: 2

**Action:** The motion Carried and the Clerk would make the transfer.

**FC235/26 Grant application:**

A motion was proposed to award the grant as requested of £1,000 to Heelands Rangers.

Those in favour: 5

Those to the contrary: 1

Those who abstained from voting: 0

**Action:** The motion Carried and Clerk would make the transfer.

**FC236/26 Grant application:** It was on the agenda to consider awarding the grant request of up to £2,600 to Conniburrow Community Fridge.

**Action:** It was a condition of the application that a representative was present to answer any questions the Councillors may have. No representative was present and so the item was not discussed.

**FC237/26 Planning:** To consider planning applications as below (see pages 89-95):

- a) PLN/2025/2738 Proposal: Proposed wraparound front, side and rear extension with part garage conversion at 53 Booker Avenue, Bradwell Common, Milton Keynes, MK13 8EG

**Action:** There was no objection to this application.

- b) PLN/2026/0200 Application Continued use of the former dwellinghouse (Class C3) as a HMO (Class C4) with a proposed reduction from 5-beds to 4-beds at 30 Hasgill Court, Heelands, Milton Keynes, MK13 7LR

A motion was proposed to object to this application based on the lack of parking provision:

Those in favour: 2

Those to the contrary: 1

Those who abstained from voting: 3

**Action:** The motion Carried and the Clerk would submit the objection.

**Next meeting:** Monday 20 April 2026 at 7:00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place

The Meeting was declared **closed** at 9:30pm.