Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 05 October 2026 at 7.00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place on Glovers Lane, MK13 7PN.

Councillors Present: Gilpin (in the Chair) Alexander, Brant, Godfrey, Muchmore and Stuchbury.
Staff Present: Philip Farquharson (Clerk)
Members of the public: 2

FC65/26 Apologies: Councillors Best, Bradburn and Exon had provided apologies for absence. The reasons for the absences were voted upon which met with unanimous approval.

FC66/26 Declaration of interests: There were no interests declared.

FC67/26 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:

- Regarding agenda item FC75/26, the grant request from the Stop Mental Illness Foundation. The representative from the Charity made a presentation and answered questions Councillors had about use of grant money.
- A member of the public was present to inform the Council about the plans of the Bradwell Church at St Lawrence for a summer fete, in August 2027. Assistance, both financial and administrative, would be sought from the Parish Council, who would discuss the requests formally at the next Parish Council Meeting, and the Clerk would put this on the agenda.

FC68/26 Minutes of the September 2026 Full Council Meeting:

Action: Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 September 2026 were approved by resolution as an accurate record of the Proceedings of that Meeting. All were in favour of approving the draft minutes barring one Councillor who was not at that meeting, who abstained from voting. These were signed by the Chair for the Council's records.

FC69/26 Minutes of the July Finance and Staffing Committee Meeting: It was on the agenda to note the draft Minutes and resolutions contained in the Minutes of the Committee.

Action: The Minutes and Actions contained were noted by the Council.

FC70/26 Bowls Club Boiler: It was on the agenda to consider contributing to the Bradwell Bowls Club for an electric boiler replacement, which had cost £3,000.

A motion was proposed to contribute £1,500 for the new boiler:

Those in favour: 4
Against: 2
Abstain: 0

Action: The motion Carried and the Clerk would enact the transfer.

FC71/26 Terrace outside BSSC: It was on the agenda to consider giving consent for the BSSC to construct a terrace at the front of the building.

A motion was proposed to permit the terrace, pending a pre-application enquiry being made by the BSSC, and provided to the Clerk of the Parish Council, which must show no issues arising.

Those in favour: 4
Against: 1
Those who abstained from voting: 1

Action: The motion passed and the Clerk would relay this information to the BSSC Committee.

FC72/26 Payments: The current bank balance of £138,724 and savings account balance of £15,316 (as at 23 Sept 2026), with £180,000 in the CCLA fund, was noted. The Council approved the October monthly schedule of payments made. The Clerk drew to the Council's attention receipt of the £117,289 precept instalment, payment of £15,566 for the Bowls Club roof repair, and that a grant request had been made for section 106 money from MKCC for this work. The Clerk also highlighted discussions being held between the Bowls Club and the Tennis Club as to a possible shared-use and new facility, pending grant funding.

FC73/26 Exclusion of the Press and Public: In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, and in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public were temporarily excluded for agenda item FC73/26 below.

FC74/26 Hall Hire rent report:

Action: A level of rent was agreed (see separate and confidential Minutes), for the two pre-schools occupying the Bradwell Memorial Hall and Heelands Meeting Place.

FC75/26 Abbey Field Community Consultation: It was on the agenda to consider feedback and resolve which option to pursue.

Noting the highest number of respondents wished the wildflower meadow to remain as such, a motion was proposed to retain it as a wildflower meadow, with annual flailing and re-seeding, at cost of £1,300:

Those in favour: 4
Against: 0

Abstain: 2

Action: The motion Carried and the Clerk would enact the wildflower meadow annual management.

FC76/26 Grant application Stop Mental Illness Foundation: It was on the agenda to consider the application for £1,000 (the request was at pages 14-36 in the paperwork).

A motion was proposed to approve a grant of £500 and offer the Heelands Meeting Place for use, rent-free, for a maximum of 5 times, upon the condition that the events are publicised broadly and the bookings for the hall made before the end of November 2026:

Those in favour: 4
Against: 1
Abstain: 1

Action: The motion Carried and the Clerk would enact the transfer and inform the Charity.

FC77/26 Planning Applications: Councillors considered making representation to MKCC on planning application:

PLN/2026/1896 Proposal: Prior Approval of single storey rear extension, with eaves of 3 metres and maximum height of 3 metres, extending 6 metres from the original rear wall and demolition of existing single storey rear extension at 5 THE CLOSE, BRADWELL, MILTON KEYNES, MK13 9AD

Action: No objections were raised.

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 02 November 2026 at 7:00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place.

The Meeting was declared **closed** at 8:30pm.