Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 02 November 2026 at 7.00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place, Heelands, Glovers Lane, MK13 7LW

Councillors Present: Gilpin (in the Chair), Alexander, Best, Brant, Bradburn, Exon, Kendrick, Muchmore and Stuchbury.
Staff Present: Philip Farquharson (Clerk).
Members of the public: 6

FC78/26 Apologies: Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Godfrey. It was resolved to approve the reason for the apology of Councillor Godfrey.

FC79/26 Declaration of interests: Councillors Kendrick and Exon declared an interest in that they were on planning committees at MKCC and would refrain from voting on planning matters. Councillors Brant and Gilpin declared an interest in that they were governors at schools within the Parish.

FC80/26 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:

- Hazard Alley, for the grant application at agenda item FC87/26. A representative of the organisation provided a presentation, which was at pages 12-50 in the paperwork.
- Bradwell Common Pre-School Playgroup regarding the agenda item FC88/26. Two members of the organisation were present to answer any questions Councillors had on the grant application.

FC81/25 Minutes of the October 2025 Council Meeting:

Action: It was resolved to approve as an accurate record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 05 October 2026, including the Confidential Minutes. These were signed by the Chair for the Council's records.

FC82/26 Minutes of the 12 October 2026 Finance and Staffing Committee Meeting:

Action: The Council noted resolutions contained in the Minutes.

FC83/26 Complaints Policy: It was on the agenda to consider for adoption the draft policy, after amendments had been made by the Clerk and Chair of the Council and which had been included in the Meeting Paperwork

Those in favour: 8

Those against: 0
Those who abstained from voting: 1

Action: It was agreed to adopt the policy.

FC84/26 St Lawrence Church Summer Fete 2027 and Bradwell Chapel Restoration: It was on the agenda to consider assisting administratively with the fete and to consider a financial contribution.

A motion was proposed to contribute £1,000 to support the fete, and to assist in its' organisation (administratively and using social media to advertise):

Those in favour: 6
Those against: 0
Those who abstained from voting: 3

Action: The motion Carried and the Clerk would inform the Assistants to the Clerk (who would assist in the administration of the fete), and make the transfer of £1,000 in the next financial year.

Action: A motion was proposed for Councillor Muchmore to be the nominated Parish Council representative on the Church Fete Committee. This met with unanimous approval.

FC85/25 Payments:

Action: Councillors noted by formal resolution the October monthly payments, and the bank balance of £118,030 and savings account balance of £15,234 (as at 22 October 2026), with £180,000 in the CCLA fund. The Clerk drew to the Council's attention the high water bills at the allotments, of over £700 per site for the quarter, and the low electricity bills on account of the effectiveness of the Air Source Heat Pumps at the Heelands Meeting Place.

FC86/26 Budget and Precept Requirement for 2026-27: It was on the agenda to consider for approval the recommended draft budget from the Finance and Staffing Committee, with precept requirement.

Action: After amendments, a vote was held to approve the budget as below.

Those in favour: 7
Against: 1
Abstain: 1

Action: The budget was approved and the Clerk would submit the precept requirement of **£236,820,** or **£82.98 per Band D Household**, a 4.09% increase on last year's precept. In real terms, this was only a £5,026 increase on last year's precept. The number of Band D properties had reduced by over 50 households, on account of less people paying Council Tax (more people becoming eligible for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme). The Council were reminded by the Clerk that the

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2026-27 national average for Band D households across the nation was £99 and so Bradwell Parish Council was significantly under the national average.

The Council noted that the budget included; £10,000 provision for solar panels, to be match funded by the Carbon Offset Fund, for the Bradwell Sports and Social Club, and £5,000 for ad-hoc, in-year projects, as well as £4,000 for SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices) in Bradwell Village and Heelands. The reserve of £110,000 was held by the CCLA (Churches, Charities and Local Authorities) in funds, with the aim of generating income to help reduce the amount needed by precept every year.

FC87/26 Grant application:

Action: a motion was proposed and seconded following the Parish Council's Standing Orders to award the grant request of £1,500 to the charity 'Safety Centre Hazard Alley'.

Those in favour: 7
Those against: 0
Those who abstained from voting: 2

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

FC88/26 Grant application Bradwell Common Pre-school:

A motion was proposed and seconded in the usual way to award the grant of £959, as requested, to the Bradwell Common Pre-school (the application had been included in the meeting paperwork pages 51-52).

Those in favour: 8
Those against: 0
Those who abstained from voting: 1

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

FC89/26 Planning: To consider the planning application as below:

Application Ref: PLN/2026/1764 Proposal: Erection of a side extension between existing dwelling and garage and rear garage extension at 18 BRILL PLACE, BRADWELL COMMON, MILTON KEYNES, MK13 8LP

Action: There were no objections to the application.

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 07 December 2026 at 7:00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place

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

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