



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 03 June 2024 at 7.00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place on Glovers Lane in Heelands, MK13 7LW.**

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

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

**Members of the public:** 1

**FC23/24 Apologies:** Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors: Alexander, Evans and Marie Bradburn. This was voted on which was unanimously in favour of accepting the apologies.

**FC24/24 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 David Stuchbury declared an interest at agenda item FC31/24(c), in that he lived extremely close, and abstained from commenting or voting on this item. Robin Bradburn and Robert Exon declared personal interests in the agenda item on ward boundaries, at agenda item FC30/24.

**FC25/24 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:

- the land at the back of Summerfield School, where MKCC had included it in their draft Local Development Plan, 'MK City Plan 2025: Emerging Growth Options'.
- the work by one resident to compile information in support of a move to have it registered as a village green.
- this would prevent the land being developed into residential property, as there were not many green spaces across the Bradwell Common grid square.

**FC26/24 Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting:**

**Action:** A motion was proposed to accept the Minutes and the vote was unanimously in favour, with the inclusion of the reason for the grant of £472 being added into the Minutes (the grant was to assist the charity in helping homeless people in MKC). It was resolved therefore to approve as an accurate record of the proceedings of that Meeting the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 May 2024. These were signed by the Chair for the Council's records.

**FC27/24 Payments:**

**Action:** The current bank balance of £96,498 and savings account balance of £15,038 as at 28 May 2024, screenshot of which had been included in the Meeting paperwork, were noted. The monthly schedule of payments made since the last meeting, which had been included in the Meeting paperwork, was approved. The Clerk updated on finances that the monthly expenditure was circa £20k, and that the KGF play area would be proceeding ahead of schedule, a rarity in local governance, and that £50k would be transferred from the deposit fund to the Lloyds current account in order to pay for the playground. The £50k would then be transferred back into the deposit fund after receipt of the second precept instalment in September.

**FC28/24 Financial support to assist in the requirements of conversion of land at back of Summerfield school to village green status:**

Councillors considered the cost of leaflets and fliers, at approximately £400/grid square, whilst noting that there was a presumption towards infill of brownfield sites in the borough, heavy resistance being received by MKCC on the proposals of developing greenfield sites on the periphery of the city.

A motion was proposed to aim to convert the land at the back of Summerfield School to Village Green status, and pay the required sum for a letter drop to residents in surrounding properties, whilst continuing to acquire the land from MKCC separately.

Those in favour: 6

**Action:** The vote was unanimous and the Clerk would communicate with the resident who had been working on the project and compile the letter with an aim to receive information justifying the land had been used by the community for the past twenty years. This was one of the requirements for submitting a request to register the land as a village green. See copied and pasted from the government guidance website on registering greens below:

*“Town and village greens developed under customary law as areas of land where local people indulged in lawful sports and pastimes. These might include organised or ad-hoc games, picnics, fetes and similar activities. Most greens were registered in the late 1960s under the Commons Registration Act 1965. Provided the right to apply has not been excluded [...], anyone can apply under section 15(1) of the Commons Act 2006 to register land as a green if it has been used by local people for lawful sports and pastimes ‘as of right’ (ie without permission, force or secrecy) for at least 20 years”*

**FC29/24 Parking spaces at edge of Bradwell Village sports pitches:** It was on the agenda to consider recommendations in the Clerk’s report, for hardcore (for £6,556) or grass mesh (for £2,616), to create 6 new parking bays off Abbey Road.

A motion was proposed to create the 6 new bays made of hardcore, pending community consultation to those residents along Abbey Road nearby, and pending communication with MKCC to confirm planning requirements:

Those in favour: 4

Those against: 1

Those who abstained from voting: 1

**Action:** The motion passed and the Clerk would facilitate.

**FC30/24 Consultation on ward boundaries in Milton Keynes:**

Rather than considering a response the matter was deferred to the July Meeting, and Peter Brant was nominated to compile a draft response for Councillors to consider prior to the next Meeting in July 2024.

**FC31/24 Planning Applications:** Councillors considered making representation to MKCC on the following planning applications:

- a) Application no: 24/01007/HOU Proposal: Installation of an air source heat pump (ASHP) to the ground floor level to the rear of the property At: 70 Eelbrook Avenue Bradwell Common Milton Keynes MK13 8RB.

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

- b) Application no: 24/01134/HOU Proposal: Proposed garage extension to provide internal stair and loft conversion At: 18 Whetstone Close Heelands Milton Keynes MK13 7PP.

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

- c) Application no: 24/01049/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:** Councillor David Stuchbury declared an interest in that he lived extremely close, and abstained from commenting or voting on this item. It was resolved not to object to this application.

- d) Application no: 24/01130/TCA Proposal: Fell to near ground level of Bird Cherry tree At: 1A Atterbrook Bradwell Milton Keynes MK13 9EY.

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

**Date and time of next meeting:** Monday 01 July 2024 at 7:00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place.

The Meeting was declared **closed** at 08:15pm.