



Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 07 October 2024 at 7.00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place on Glovers Lane in Heelands, MK13 7LW.

Councillors Present: Brant (in the Chair), Alexander, Gilpin, Godfrey and Kendrick.
Staff Present: Philip Farquharson (Clerk)
Members of the public: 6

FC65/24 Apologies: Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Evans and Stuchbury. The reasons for the apology were voted on and were unanimously in favour and it was therefore resolved to accept the apologies.

FC66/24 Declaration of interests: Councillor Kendrick declared an interest in that he was on planning committees at MKCC and would refrain from voting on planning matters. During the Meeting Councillor Gilpin declared an interest in that he was a governor of Summerfields School and would refrain from voting on that agenda item (FC71/24).

FC67/24 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:

- A resident was present to bring to the Council's attention the importance of the gates at Bradwell Memorial Hall, in that they were designed by the artist (renowned for stained-glass windows), Harry Stammers, who lived in Bradwell 1962-69. The Council requested this be put on the November Full Council agenda, for consideration to apply for the gates to be formally registered as a heritage item with the relevant body.
- A resident was present to answer any questions Councillors had on the agenda item FC77/24, the request to have astro-turf nets with two wickets, as funded by Bucks Cricket CIO.
- A resident was present to provide feedback from those houses which look onto the location for the proposed new tarmac parking bays at the top of Abbey Road. The resident considered new parking bays would encourage people to come and stay to watch the sports at match days, rather than drop-off and pick-up. Also this would encourage people to drive rather than walk or bike, it was bad for the environment and detrimental to the views over the cricket pitches.
- A resident was present to request a sycamore tree to be planted in memory of Robin Bradburn on Abbey Field, the application would be to the National Trust as they were offering free trees to community organisations which were derived from the Sycamore Gap tree on Hadrian's Wall, which featured in the 1990's version of Robin Hood starring Kevin Kostner. The Council requested and the

Clerk **agreed** to try and facilitate this, noting the deadline for applications for trees was before the next Full Council meeting and it could not be considered therefore at the next Full Council meeting.

- A resident was present to provide to the Parish Council information regarding the scheduled improvements at the Heelands Rangers Pavilion, noting the Parish Council would be eligible to apply for section 106 moneys in the event the Suffolk Punch Community Centre weren't to proceed.
- A resident presented a case to the Council on the issues he was having with his neighbours, on Mitcham Place in Bradwell Common.

FC68/24 Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting:

Action: A motion was proposed to approve the draft Minutes as accurate and the vote was unanimously in favour. It was resolved therefore to approve the Minutes as an accurate record of the proceedings of the Meeting held on 23 September 2024. These were signed by the Chair for the Council's records.

FC69/24 Payments: The current bank balance of £124,324 and savings account balance of £15,099 (as at 25 September), was noted and the September monthly schedule of payments was approved.

FC70/24 Bowls Club draft lease and financial support for 2025-26: It was on the agenda to consider the draft lease and a contribution of £4,000 towards Green Maintenance (a draft lease and accounts had been submitted to Councillors in the meeting paperwork pages 9-28).

Councillors did not wish the lease to include a financial contribution to the Green, and the item was deferred to the November meeting.

FC71/24 Defibrillator in Bradwell Common: It was on the agenda to note the defibrillator in Summerfields School could not be moved and to consider paying for the pads (£406.80) and for one to be installed on the Bradwell Common Boulevard side of the school (at cost of under £1,000).

A motion was proposed to request of Summerfields School, at the Parish Council's own cost (of up to £1,000) new publicly accessible defibrillator pads, and failing assent there would try MKCC at the neighbouring Bradwell Common Community Centre.

Those in favour: 4

Those against: 0

Those who abstained from voting: 1

Action: The Clerk would communicate with Summerfield School, and would request the installation of a defibrillator pack on the outside of the school, and failing that MKCC with regard to the Bradwell Common Community Centre.

FC72/24 Car parking bays at Abbey Road: It was on the agenda to consider tarmacking cost and community feedback for the new bays.

Noting the pressure the Parish Council were under to ameliorate parking issues at the weekends, and the high tarmacking cost, and the detrimental effect tarmac would have on the visual amenity to the residents, as well as to the environment, a motion was proposed to proceed with the parking bays, but not to be made of tarmac but of 'grasscrete', a rubber matting which enables grass to grow through it.

The vote was recorded.

Those in favour: 3. Councillors Gilpin, Godfrey and Kendrick.

Those against: 2. Councillors Alexander and Brant.

Those who abstained from voting: 0

Action: The motion Carried and the Clerk would facilitate this.

All remaining members of the public left the room at this time.

The Chair moved to discuss item FC75/24 next.

FC75/24 Coach trip feedback to note and proposals for 2025-26:

A motion was proposed to provide one coach trip in the summer of 2025, the location to be agreed between Councillor Godfrey and the Assistant to the Clerk, Karen Evans.

Those in favour: 5

Action: The motion carried and the Assistant to the Clerk would instigate this, and Councillor Godfrey agreed to assist and attend the coach trip.

FC76/24 Draft City Plan to 2050: It was on the agenda to note sites included for development and consider a response.

A motion was proposed to approve the draft response and this was unanimously approved and the motion Carried.

Action: The Clerk would submit the draft response.

FC77/24 Cricket nets improvement: It was on the agenda to consider the request to improve the cricket nets through grant moneys from Bucks Cricket and plans were provided in the paperwork.

The Clerk was requested to facilitate a site meeting with representatives of the cricket club so the Councillors could see on the ground the location of the proposed new nets.

For decision-making the matter was deferred.

FC78/24 Footpath around King George's Field Play Area:

A motion was proposed to approve the lowest quote and proceed with the footpath.

Those in favour: 4

Those against: 1

Those who abstained from voting: 0

Action: The motion Carried and the Clerk would facilitate this.

FC79/24 Planning Applications: Councillors to consider making representation to MKCC on planning application:

- a) Application no: 24/01960/DISCON Proposal: Approval of details required by condition BNG1 (Biodiversity Gain Plan) of permission ref.24/01084/FUL At: Wardens Accommodation Bradwell Village Youth Hostel Vicarage Road Bradwell Milton Keynes

Action: It was resolved the Council held no objections.

- b) Application no: 24/01898/DISCON Proposal: Approval of details required by conditions 3 (noise insulation), 6 (bicycle storage), 7 (E provision), 8 (bin storage) of permission ref. 24/01378/COU At: 23 Wimbledon Place Bradwell Common Milton Keynes MK13 8BQ

Action: It was resolved the Council held no objections.

- c) Application no: 24/02005/DISCON Proposal: Approval of details required by condition 4 (Surface water drainage) of application ref. 21/02390/FUL At: Land South of Heelands Primary School Glovers Lane Heelands Milton Keynes MK13 7QL

Action: It was resolved the Council held no objections.

FC73/24 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, at the request of the Chair.

FC74/24 Ducklings rent level: It was on the agenda to consider a level of rent commensurate with the numbers of pupils, an email had been submitted to the Full Council from Ducklings in support.

A motion was proposed to offer a reduced level of rent, because of the very low pupil numbers, until the end of the Easter term 2025.

Those in favour: 4

Those against: 0

Those who abstained from voting: 1

Action: The Clerk would offer the reduced level of rent.

The Meeting was declared **closed** at 09:25pm.

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