



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 23 September 2024  
at 7.00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place on Glovers Lane in Heelands,  
MK13 7LW.**

**Councillors Present:** Brant (in the Chair), Alexander, Evans, Exon (from item FC53/24 onwards), Gilpin and Stuchbury (until item FC55/24).

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

**Members of the public:** 3

One minute of silence was held to remember Councillor Robin Bradburn, who had died whilst in office on 14 September 2024.

**FC45/24 Apologies:** Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Bradburn (Marie) and Godfrey. The reasons for the apologies were voted on and were unanimously in favour and it was therefore resolved to accept the apologies.

**FC46/24 Declaration of interests:** There was a rolling declaration of interest in that Councillor Exon was on planning committees at MKCC and would refrain from voting on planning matters.

**FC47/24 Public participation:** It was on the agenda for any resident of the parish to raise any issue, petition, question or concern. The following matter was raised:

- residents were present in support of grant application under FC63/24, the Flintergill Social Club grant request.

**FC48/24 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 01 July 2024. These were signed by the Chair for the Council's records.

**FC49/24 Committee Meeting:**

**Action:** The Minutes of the last Finance and Staffing Committee Meeting in July and resolutions which passed at the Meeting were noted.

**FC50/24 Payments:**

**Action:** The current bank balance of £124,324 and savings account balance of £15,099 (as at 23 September), was noted and the July and August monthly schedule

of payments were approved. The second instalment of the precept had been received (of £111,934), and the King George's Field Play Area had been paid for (£120,000), all on 16 September, and the FCC Communities Foundation grant of £60,000 had been received, alongside the £25,528 section 106 moneys from MKCC.

**FC51/24 External Audit Report and Certificate for 2023-2024:**

**Action:** The external audit and certificate from PKF Littlejohn was received and the Clerk was congratulated on satisfying the external assessor's requirements so that no matters of concern were arising.

The Chair moved to discuss item FC63/24 next.

**FC63/24 Grant application from Flintergill Social Club:** To consider whether to approve the requested £592.74 for new window blinds.

**Action:** A vote was held and it was unanimously agreed to approve the grant of £592.74 for items as requested by the Flintergill Social Club and the Clerk would make the transfer.

**FC52/24 Allotment rent review:**

Councillor Exon arrived at this time (7:25pm).

A motion was proposed to increase the rent to £37/annum for a full plot at the St Lawrence site, £26/annum for a full plot at the other two sites, and discounts of 15% for those eligible.

Those in favour: 5

Those against: 0

Those who abstained from voting: 1

**Action:** The motion carried.

**FC53/24 Twinkle Tots rent review:**

A motion was proposed to increase the rent by 3%

Those in favour: 5

Those against: 1

Those who abstained from voting: 0

**Action:** A level of rent was set, for the 2025-26 financial year.

**FC54/24 Citizen's advice for Bradwell Common residents:**

A motion was proposed to consider the hosting the CAB in Bradwell Common, at the Conniburrow Community Centre, at cost of £3,327 per annum, to begin on 01 January 2025:

Those in favour: 5  
Those against: 1  
Those who abstained from voting: 0

**Action:** The motion carried and the Clerk would instigate this.

Councillor Stuchbury left the meeting at this time (7:40pm).

**FC55/24 King George's Field play area:** to note completion of project and receipt of s106 grant from MKCC of £25,528.85.

**Action:** The Parish Council formally noted the completion of the project, and that benches had been requested by residents (see below).

**FC56/24 Bench within KGF play area:**

It was on the agenda to consider a bench within the new play area, at cost of: bench £630, installation, delivery and wetpour remedial work: £1,506.

A motion was proposed as above:  
Those in favour: 5 (unanimous).

**Action:** The Clerk would instigate this over the autumn.

**FC57/24 Picnic bench at KGF play area:**

A motion was proposed to consider the installation of a picnic bench near the new play area at cost of £870+ vat.

Those in favour: 4  
Those against: 1  
Those who abstained from voting: 0

**Action:** The motion carried and the Clerk would facilitate this.

**FC58/24 Solar panels Carbon Offset Fund (COF) successful application:**

**Action:** the Parish Council formally noted successful application to the MK COF of £5,134 for solar panels at the Bradwell Memorial Hall. Four solar panels providers had submitted quotes and the most cost-effective (barring Eon's quote which was not to a significantly appropriate level of detail and not tailored to the premises) was selected. This was GlowGreen. 18 solar panels and an 8kw inverter seemed more appropriate for the site than a 6kw inverter and 16 panels as included in the next most cost-efficient quote. The Clerk cautioned that there were still two main hurdles to successful completion; the national grid supply and whether planning permission would be achieved, and both these hurdles were time consuming.

**FC59/24 Bradwell Common MKCC work to green spaces and play areas:**

It was on the agenda to consider a response to the MKCC works plan to play areas in Bradwell Common.

**Action:** The Full Council considered the works to Bradwell Common play areas and arrived at feedback to be passed to the relevant MKCC officer. In summary the Parish Council were supportive of any investment into play areas in the Parish, the main concern was the location of new play equipment at the Mayditch Close play area (to the back of Summerfield School), where the Parish Council wished for play equipment to be placed close to the Redway and not towards the back of the play area, and for the area not to be converted to a nature reserve but kept as a play area.

**FC60/24 Coach trip feedback to note and proposals for 2025-26:**

**Action:** The item was deferred to next Parish Council Meeting on 07 October 2024.

**FC61/24 Pre-fabricated unit in Heelands:**

It was on the agenda to investigate the viability of installing a pre-fabricated unit on the Suffolk Punch site and to see if this would meet the criteria for s106 funding.

A motion was proposed to seek a fee estimate from a QS (quantity surveyor) as to how much their fee would be in this matter.

Those in favour: 3

Those against: 1

Those who abstained from voting: 1

**FC62/24 Draft City Plan to 2050:** To note sites included for development and consider a response.

**Action:** The item was deferred to next Parish Council Meeting on 07 October 2024.

**FC64/24 Planning Applications:** Councillors to considered making representation to MKCC on the following planning applications:

- a) Application no: 24/01802/AD Proposal: Advertisement consent for 2 replacement illuminated fascia signs and 1 replacement non illuminated sign  
At: Unit F Central Retail Park Patriot Drive Rooksley Milton Keynes

**Action:** It was resolved the Council held no objections.

- b) 24/01947/DISCON Proposal: Approval of details required by conditions 4 (Stonework Sample Panel), 5 (Repointing Sample Panel) and 6 (Mortar Mix Details) of permission ref. 24/01085/LBC At: Wardens Accommodation Bradwell Village Youth Hostel Vicarage Road Bradwell Milton Keynes

**Action:** It was resolved the Council held no objections.

**Date and time of next meeting:** Monday 07 October 2024 at 7:00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place.

The Meeting was declared **closed** at 09:10pm.