

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 13 January 2025 at 7.00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place on Glovers Lane in Heelands, MK13 7LW.

Councillors Present: Brant (in the Chair), Alexander, Best, Bradburn, Exon, Gilpin,

Godfrey, Kendrick and Stuchbury

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

Members of the public: 0

**FC119/25 Apologies:** An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Evans. The reason for this apology was voted upon and it was unanimously in favour and approved.

**FC120/25 Declaration of interests:** Councillors Exon and Kendrick declared interests in that they were on planning committees at MKCC and would refrain from voting on planning matters. Councillor Bradburn declared an interest at agenda item FC124/25, and abstained from voting on that item.

**FC121/25 Public participation:** It was on the agenda for any resident of the parish to raise any issue, petition, question or concern. There were no members of the public present.

#### FC122/25 Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting:

**Action:** A motion was proposed to accept the Minutes and the Confidential Minutes as accurate records and the vote was in favour, barring abstentions from one Councillor who was not present at the Meeting. These were signed by the Chair for the Council's records.

### FC123/25 Payments:

**Action:** The bank balance of £73,192 and savings account balance of £15,136 (as at 06 January 2025), were approved alongside the monthly schedule of payments. The Clerk drew to the Council's attention the utility bills, in particular the £519 gas bill for the Heelands Meeting Place, for the last month. Councillors noted the cost of gas had increased and the Clerk would check usage between this last December and the December of the year before. It was noted the provider had recently changed from Total Energies to British Gas, which had a lower standing charge, but the price of gas had increased.

FC124/25 To consider a memorial to Robin Bradburn by way of three copper beech trees on Abbey Field:

A motion was proposed for the Clerk to liaise with the Bradburn family over a memorial to Robin Bradburn (to spend up to £1,000), in recognition of his service to the Community.

Those in favour: 8

Those who abstained from voting: 1

Action: The motion Carried and the Clerk would facilitate.

**FC125/25 Tarmac report:** It was on the agenda to note the report as compiled by the Clerk, showing two revised quotes.

A motion was proposed to instruct the cheaper of the two tenderers, based on the quote provided, but only after pursuing the existing tenderer (whose quote had been approved in the winter of 2024), until the end of February.

Those in favour: 7 Those against: 2

Those who abstained from voting: 0

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

**FC126/25 Heelands Meeting Place (HMP) Saturday parties:** It was on the agenda to consider letting the hall to a regular group. The Clerk cautioned this would mean the cessation of a community service to the residents of Heelands in particular.

A motion was proposed not to hire the hall to a regular group on the Saturday afternoons, and thereby retain the hall free for ad-hoc parties.

Those in favour: 9

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

#### FC127/25 Finance Report:

The Clerk provided his written report showing income and expenditure for the year to date relative to budget, with a year-end forecast. The Clerk also provided a printout from the Rialtas software system, for Councillors to check the figures against the software. Income for the year to date, as at end of December 2024, so three quarters through the year, was: £358,779, and expenditure was: £316,742. It was noted there was a year-end forecast movement to reserve of £630,. There was also a forecast movement to reserve held in the Barclays bank account of another £5,000.

A motion was proposed to note income and expenditure relative to budget for the year to date.

Those in favour: 9

**Action:** The motion passed and the finance report was formally noted.

**FC128/25 S106 moneys from the Suffolk Punch site:** It was on the agenda to note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 December 2024 at Civic.

**Action:** The Minutes of the Meeting and content therein were noted.

FC129/25 To consider work to Heelands South Play Area as a s106 funded project and design cost: Design cost of under £2,000.

A motion was proposed to proceed with this stage of the play area, to instruct the relevant MKCC personnel to create the designs which would revert to Full Council for approval prior to a s106 application.

Those in favour: 6 Those against: 2

Those who abstained from voting: 1

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

FC130/25 Grant of hedge from Woodlands Trust at Heelands South Fields: It was on the agenda to note successful grant and receipt of a young hedge, and that it had been planted.

**Action:** The Council noted the hedge had been planted and the cost associated.

FC131/25 Boundary Review Correction for submission: It was on the agenda to consider erroneous comments and aim to rectify.

**Action:** A motion was proposed for this to be done and the Clerk would action this once the Chair had provided the amendment as proposed. The Motion was unanimous.

**FC132/25 Movement of mobile CCTV to Bradwell Common:** It was on the agenda to consider moving the camera to Arbrook/Mitcham on Bradwell Common for crime prevention in general, at the request of TVP (Thames Valley Police).

A motion was proposed to facilitate this request.

**Action:** The motion Carried with unanimous agreement and the Clerk would facilitate.

**FC133/25 Planning Applications:** Councillors considered making representation to MKCC on the following planning applications:

a) Application ref: PLN/2024/2627 Proposal: demolition of conservatory & erection of single storey side & rear extensions at 5 MAIDENHEAD AVENUE, BRADWELL COMMON, MILTON KEYNES, MK13 8NA

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

b) Application Ref: PLN/2024/2614 Proposal: The erection of an additional storey with front & rear roof dormer windows & replacement conservatory

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A motion was proposed as to whether to object.

Those in favour: 5 Those against: 0

Those who abstained from voting: 4

**Action:** It was resolved to object to this application based on the grounds that it was an 'overdevelopment of the site, and out of character with the surrounding properties'.

**Date and time of next meeting:** Monday 03 February 2025 at 7:00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place.

The Meeting was declared **closed** at 08:35pm.