



Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 03 February 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, Gilpin, Kendrick and Stuchbury

Staff Present: Philip Farquharson (Clerk)

Members of the public: 0

FC134/25 Apologies: Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Evans and Godfrey. The reasons for these apologies were voted upon and were unanimously in favour and approved.

FC135/25 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.

FC136/25 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.

FC137/25 Minutes of the January 2025 Full Council Meeting:

Action: A motion was proposed to approve the Minutes as an accurate record of the proceedings of that Meeting. The vote was unanimously in favour, and the Minutes were signed by the Chair for the Council's records.

FC138/25 Payments:

Action: The bank balance of £53,555 and savings account balance of £15,149 (as at 22 January 2025), was noted and the monthly schedule of payments was approved. The Clerk drew to the Council's attention the £519 gas bill for the Heelands Meeting Place, for the last month and explained that the cost of gas had increased and he had checked usage between this last December and the December of the year before. The standing charge had reduced on account of a change of provider from Total Energies to British Gas, but the price of gas had increased. There had been 14% increased usage from December 2023 to December 2024, as the month had been colder.

FC139/25 To consider MKPA (Milton Keynes Play Association) costs and proposed play sessions for summer 2025: The Assistant to the Clerk had submitted her report, with proposals for 15 sessions to be held by MKPA at cost of £7,800, the

sessions had increased by nearly 5% since summer of 2025, and other sports activities, basketball and football, were included in the proposal.

Action: A motion was proposed, seconded and voted upon to proceed with the number of sessions as outlined in the report by the Assistant to the Clerk. This met with unanimous approval and the motion Carried and this would be facilitated over the summer months, at cost total cost of £11,400.

FC140/25 Interim internal audit: It was on the agenda to note content and recommendations. There were no recommendations, the audit was clean.

Action: The Parish Council formally noted the content of the audit, and the Clerk was thanked for managing diligent systems of internal control and financial management.

FC141/25 Replacement bench on Providence Place in Bradwell: It was on the agenda to consider petitioning MKCC to permit the Parish Council to replace the bench at Parish Council expense of under £1,200.

Action: The item was deferred to the next Meeting.

FC142/25 Apple and Pear trees at the Orchard: It was on the agenda to consider purchasing and planting of 5 trees at cost of £450 at the Orchard in Bradwell Village.

A motion was proposed and seconded to purchase 5 bare root trees (3x pear and 2x apple), and have them planted in the Orchard in Bradwell Village.

Action: The Council were unanimously in favour and the Clerk would enact this.

FC143/25 Community Bus Service: It was on the agenda to consider in principle participating in a joint project with MKCC of provision of a bus service.

A motion was proposed to express an interest in this project and await further information by way of costs and logistics:

Those who voted in favour: 5

Those against: 2

Action: The motion Carried and the Clerk would feed back to the other Clerks (at Wolverton, Stony Stratford, Haversham, New Bradwell, Fairfield and Whitehouse), that Bradwell Parish Council had expressed an interest.

FC144/25 Heelands Information Board: It was on the agenda to consider costs of having a plinth on Heelands South Field where an information board could be mounted, and four quotes had been provided. The Clerk explained he had contacted the Parks Trust and requested the Parish Council use their plinth, but this request had been refused.

Action: A motion was proposed and seconded to approve the construction of a plinth at the lowest price in the selection provided (£580, including installation, of a granite brick built plinth). The vote was unanimously in favour and the Clerk would enact this.

FC145/25 Community Governance Review (CGR): It was on the agenda to consider the informal consultation on the MKCC website into community governance. Councillors noted this was an opportunity to provide feedback on Parish size, make-up and name. No amendments to the current formation of Bradwell Parish Council were put forward.

FC146/25 Planning Applications: Councillors considered making representation to MKCC on planning applications:

- a) Application: PLN/2024/2754 Proposal: The erection of single storey rear extension, installation of new garage doors, and relocation of side access gate at 6 HUNTERS REACH, BRADWELL, MILTON KEYNES, MK13 9BT Make any comments by:17/02/2025
- b) Application: PLN/2024/2136 Proposal: Cut back of T1 (Cherry Tree) by 1.5m to clear space on village hall for the installation of solar panels at MEMORIAL HALL, VICARAGE ROAD, BRADWELL, MILTON KEYNES, MK13 9AG Make any comments by: 21/02/2025

Action: It was resolved not to object to the above two applications.

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

The Meeting was declared **closed** at 08:00pm.