



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 15 September 2025
at 7.00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place on Glovers Lane, Heelands,
MK13 7PG.**

Councillors Present: Brant (in the Chair), Alexander, Best, Bradburn, Gilpin, Exon, Kendrick and Stuchbury.

Staff Present: Philip Farquharson (Clerk), Karen Evans (Assistant to the Clerk)

Members of the public: 10

FC47/25 Apologies: Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Godfrey. These were voted on which met with approval. It was resolved therefore to formally accept the apology.

The Chair moved to discuss item FC52/25 next, as the Assistant to the Clerk had stayed for the meeting to lead on this item.

FC52/25 Bradwell Common collaboration with Great Linford Parish Council (GLPC): It was on the agenda to consider options for partnering with GLPC in Conniburrow as outlined in the Assistant to the Clerk's report, on several projects; a community fridge, youth café, community fun day events, social spaces, arts drop-in sessions.

A motion was proposed to refer the matter to more in-depth scrutiny by the Finance and Staffing Committee, with more detailed financial information on each proposal, and if possible a breakdown of where the residents who benefit from the existing provisions live.

Those in favour: 4

Against: 0

Those who abstained from voting: 4

Action: The motion Carried and the matter would be discussed in more detail by the Finance and Staffing Committee, preferably with more information available on each project.

FC48/25 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 stated she was a member of the congregation of St Augustine's Church (which was on the agenda at FC63/25). During the meeting at agenda item FC62/25 Councillor Peter Brant, Chair of the Parish Council, declared

an interest at this time in that he was Vice-Chair of the Governing Board of Priory Common School.

FC49/25 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:

- Parking on Stainton Drive in Heelands, in particular on Saturdays when people were using the football pitches
- Parking on Hampstead Gate in Bradwell Common, where it meets Eelbrook Avenue. The residents requested the Parish Council apply to MKCC for yellow lines.
- Parking outside St Augustine's Church in Heelands. Residents and members of the Clergy were present as it was on the agenda to consider whether the measures undertaken by the Church had been successful in mitigating against parking issues on Sundays in particular.

The Clerk was requested to have the first two matters on the October Full Council (FC) agenda, and the latter on the agenda for review in the January FC Meeting.

FC50/25 Minutes of the July 2025 Council Meeting:

Action: A motion was proposed to accept the Minutes and the vote was in favour. It was resolved therefore to approve as an accurate record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 07 July 2025. These were signed by the Chair for the Council's records.

FC51/25 Payments:

Action: Councillors noted by formal resolution the July and August monthly payments, and the bank balance of £152,323 and savings account balance of £15,234, with £200,000 held in the public sector deposit fund (as at 15 September 2025).

The Clerk drew to the Council's attention the expenditure of £9,762 on air source heat pumps (ASHP), which was after receipt of the boiler upgrade scheme of £7,500. The Parish Council had also received £3,037 from s106 funding, £4,000 from Warm Spaces Funding, and £4,881 from the carbon offset fund. The Clerk was congratulated on successfully applying for these funds, which helped keep the precept requirement low whilst providing a broad array of services to the residents of the Parish. The ASHP project had happened over the summer and included water tanks installation in the kitchen, the pump itself in the garden area, and the removal and replacement of seven radiators. The gas boiler had been removed and the gas capped off. The ASHP project had cost the Parish Council under £5,000 in total. The lofts had been better insulated and LED lighting installed and the Council would note with interest the electricity bills over the winter.

FC53/25 Committee Meetings:

The Parish Council noted from the draft Minutes resolutions of the last Finance and Staffing Committee, which were in the paperwork. The Chair summarised the meeting and the Clerk reminded the Meeting of the in-year forecast of a net movement from reserve of circa £4,000. Since then several unbudgeted grants had been received but

on the flip side the removal of trees at Fosters Lane allotments would be expensive. The Clerk informed the Council that he was in negotiation with Network Rail.

FC54/25 CCTV contract:

A motion was proposed to consider renewal of the three-year CCTV contract, at £6,100 per annum.

Those in favour: 8

Against: 0

Those who abstained from voting:

Action: The motion Carried and the contract would be renewed.

FC55/25 Landscape Contract:

It was on the agenda to consider tenders received and appoint a landscaping firm effective 01 April 2026.

A motion was proposed to approve RTM as the Parish Council's landscapers:

Those in favour: 8

Against: 0

Those who abstained from voting: 0

Action: The motion Carried.

FC56/25 Heelands Play Area:

A motion was proposed to formally note the community consultation feedback and progress through an application to FCC (via MKCC).

Those in favour: 6

Against: 2

Those who abstained from voting: 0

Action: The motion Carried and the Clerk would revert back to MKCC with this.

FC57/25 Defibrillator on the outside of Bradwell Memorial Hall:

A motion was proposed to install one (at cost of £1,200 after grant) and with a bleed kit.

Those in favour: 8

Against: 0

Those who abstained from voting: 0

Action: The motion Carried.

FC58/25 S106 receipt for allotments:

Action: The Council noted by formal resolution the successful application for £3,037 for allotments, and the Clerk was thanked for his efforts in requesting the money.

FC59/25 Warm Spaces Grant:

Action: The Council noted by formal resolution the successful application for £4,000 for continued provision of the Warm Spaces facility.

FC60/25 NALC payrises:

Action: The Council noted those staff on NALC contracts had had an increase of around 3.2% and resolved to implement to other staff members the same percentage increase, effective 01 September.

FC61/25 External audit report:

A motion was proposed to formally note the clean external audit report from PKF Littlejohn for the financial year ending 31 March 2025.

Those in favour: 8

Against: 0

Those who abstained from voting: 0

Action: The motion Carried.

The Clerk was thanked for his diligent financial management over the past 12 months, as evidenced by achieving a clean external audit and two clean internal audit reports.

FC62/25 Parking on Scatterill Close: This was on the agenda as a resident had attended the last Parish Council meeting in July to request action as parking here was difficult, especially during school pickup and dropoff times.

Councillor Peter Brant, Chair of the Parish Council, declared an interest at this time in that he was Vice-Chair of the Governing Board of the local school.

Action: It was resolved the Clerk would write to the Headteacher to request parking mitigation measures during those times.

FC63/25 St Augustine's Church Parking: It was on the agenda to consider whether actions undertaken by the Church to mitigate the parking issues as referred to in FC12/25 had been successful and whether further action was required.

Members of the public had discussed this at the beginning of the Meeting.

Action: A vote was held and it was unanimously voted upon to reconsider the matter again at the January FC Meeting.

FC64/25 Car cruising PSPO: This was on the agenda for Bradwell Parish Council to respond to MKCC's consultation on extending the car cruising PSPO to support the proposal and provide examples of the benefits it has had for local residents.

A motion was proposed to respond to the consultation along the lines that:

1. Bradwell Parish Council strongly supported the extension , and the proposal to strengthen enforcement.
2. Prior to the introduction of the PSPO, the regular car cruise event held outside the Network Rail offices in Central Milton Keynes on Sunday evenings had a significant adverse impact on local residents, especially those who lived in Bradwell Common. This included;
 - noise nuisance by revving engines, and by exhaust pipe 'pops and bangs', that often went on until midnight and beyond. Local residents often complained about the impact this had in preventing young children from sleeping and being tired at school the next day.
 - dangerous driving by participants.
3. The PSPO had had a substantial impact in reducing this adverse impact, especially since enforcement was stepped up last year. If the PSPO was to be removed, it would likely lead to the adverse impact of anti-social behaviour linked to car cruises increasing.

Those in favour: 7

Against: 0

Those who abstained from voting: 1

Action: The motion Carried and the Clerk would respond accordingly.

FC65/25 Planning:

Action: Below mentioned planning applications and the responses were noted by formal resolution:

- a) **PLN/2025/1625** - Certificate of lawfulness for the existing change of use of a dwellinghouse (use class C3) to an HMO (use class C4), at 14 Wisley Avenue.
- b) **PLN/2025/1517** - Change of use from a residential property (use class C3) to a residential children's care home (use class C2) for two children aged 7-17 years and internal alterations, at 50 Colley Hill.

The Meeting was declared closed at 8:55pm.

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 06 October 2025 at 7:00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place