



Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 06 October 2025 at 7.00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place on Glovers Lane in Heelands, MK13 7PG.

Councillors Present: Brant (in the Chair), Gilpin, Godfrey, Kendrick and Stuchbury.

Staff Present: Philip Farquharson (Clerk).

Members of the public: 8

FC166/25 Apologies: Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Alexander. These were met with assent and so it was resolved to approve the reason for the apology.

FC167/25 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. Councillor Godfrey declared an interest in that she was Chair of the MKPA, with reference to agenda item FC180/25.

FC168/25 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. Residents informed the Council that parking matters had improved.
- Parking on Eelbrook Avenue where it meets Hampstead Gate in Bradwell Common. This was on the agenda for discussion later in the Meeting, at agenda item FC172/25.
- The Bradwell Planters. Members of the public spoke in favour of the proposals and commented that brick would be better and that MKCC had not properly repaired them for many years.
- The Pavement along Burnham Drive. This was in a poor state of repair and, when covered with leaves, could be dangerous.
- Hampstead Gate. Members of the public asked when people would be moving in and when it would be finished.
- A tree along Arncliffe Drive. This was overhanging a residential property at number 185.
- Possible collaboration and financing of a community group, a charity, with mental health as a focus.

Members of the public were encouraged to email the Clerk with more information (ref: the charity and the tree), to see what could be done, and to report their concerns, those which were on MKCC property (the tree overhanging tree and the pavement) to MKCC.

FC169/25 Minutes of the September 2025 Council Meeting:

Action: A motion was proposed to approve 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 15 September 2025. These were signed by the Chair for the Council's records.

FC170/25 Payments:

Action: Councillors noted by formal resolution the September monthly payments, and the bank balance of £130,653 and savings account balance of £15,234 (as at 23 September 2025), with £200,000 in the deposit fund. The Clerk drew to the Council's attention the tree survey work of £3,300 and the £3,250 5onit summer play sessions bill. The Clerk cautioned there would be a further £2k bill forthcoming for tree surgery to remove the trees in Fosters Lane Allotments, from Railtrack.

FC171/25 Parking on Stainton Drive:

Action: The matter was deferred and the Council noted improvements had happened.

FC172/25 Parking on Hampstead Gate:

A motion was proposed to consider petitioning MKCC for double yellow lines along Eelbrook Avenue, where it meets the junction at Hampstead Gate in Bradwell Common:

Those in favour: 4

Against: 0

Those who abstained from voting: 1

Action: The motion Carried and the Clerk would communicate with relevant MKCC officers to request the double yellow lines, and reinstatement of the controlled parking zone sign.

FC173/25 TwinkleTots Level of Rent:

Members of the public left the Meeting for this item.

A motion was proposed to increase the rent by 4% in line with inflation:

Those in favour: 5

Action: The motion Carried and the Clerk's report was noted and a level of rent was agreed, effective 01 April 2026.

FC174/25 Finance report:

Action: The Council noted the income and expenditure relative to budget at mid-way point through the financial year, which was in the meeting paperwork at pages 9 to 11, with a forecast movement to reserves of £2,973. Forecast income was £274,064, and forecast expenditure was £271,089.

FC175/25 Bradwell Common Planters:

A motion was proposed to contribute £24,312 to remove and replace the wooden sleepers with brick, noting a £20,000 MKCC contribution from the Shared Prosperity Fund:

Those in favour: 3

Those against: 1

Those who abstained from voting: 1

Action: The motion Carried and the Clerk would communicate with relevant MKCC officers to enact.

FC176/25 Heritage Trail:

A motion was proposed to approve the wording for the heritage trail for upload, upon condition it ran first past Peter Brant and secondly past Dianne Sutton:

Those in favour: 5

Action: The motion Carried with unanimous assent and the Clerk would pass this information on to TrailTale.

FC177/25 Bowls Club improvements to building:

A motion was proposed to approve Matthew Brice Builders and ASL Roofing to conduct the required works, as outlined in the Clerk's report (which had been in the paperwork at pages 37-42):

Those in favour: 5

Action: The motion Carried with unanimous assent and the Clerk would enact the repairs to the roof, toilet and wall, at total cost of £6,014.

FC178/25 Heelands Play Area From Reserve:

A motion was proposed to pledge £80,000 from reserves, pending success from MKCC's FCC grant application, which would comprise of £9,000 being the third party contribution, the remainder to the project cost in the main:

Those in favour: 4

Those against: 0

Those who abstained from voting: 1

Action: The motion Carried and the Clerk would communicate with relevant MKCC officers to enact.

FC179/25 Coach Trip Feedback and 2026 Options: It was on the agenda to note feedback and consider options for summer 2026 trip.

The feedback was noted and Councillor Godfrey and the Assistant to the Clerk Karen Evans were delegated the power to choose where to go next year, in 2026.

Also Councillor Godfrey and Karen Evans were thanked for doing this.

FC180/25 MKPA and summer sports report for 2025:

Action: The report was noted.

FC181/25 Planning: It was on the agenda to consider planning applications as below: (pages 49-66 in the paperwrok).

- a) Application Ref: PLN/2025/1628 Proposal: The erection of a single storey rear and side extension at 1 WALGRAVE DRIVE, BRADWELL, MILTON KEYNES, MK13 9BP
- b) Application PLN/2025/1732 Proposal: The erection of a two-storey front extension and the conversion of the garage into living accommodation, including associated alterations at 2 IBSTONE AVENUE, BRADWELL COMMON, MILTON KEYNES, MK13 8BB Make any comments by: 14/10/2025
- c) Application PLN/2025/1859 Proposal: Proposed single storey side extension at 7B COLESHILL PLACE, BRADWELL COMMON, MILTON KEYNES, MK13 8DF
- d) Application Ref: PLN/2025/1457 Proposal: The erection of a single storey rear extension (Retrospective) at 1 COPPIN LANE, BRADWELL, MILTON KEYNES, MK13 9BE

Action: There were no objections to the applications.

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 03 November 2025 at 7:00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place for Full Council, with the Finance and Staffing Committee to be held at the Heelands Meeting Place on Monday 13 October at 7pm.

The Meeting was declared **closed** at 8:50pm.