



**Minutes of the Parish Elector's Meeting held on Monday 18 May 2026 at 7.00pm at the Bradwell Memorial Hall, Vicarage Road, MK13 9AG.**

**Electors Present:** 16.

**Councillors Present:** 4, Councillors: Leon Gilpin, James Alexander, Michael Muchmore and David Stuchbury.

**Staff Present:** 3 (including the Clerk and both Assistants to the Clerk).

### **Minutes**

**APM01/26 Welcome:** The Chair welcomed all present to the Meeting.

**APM02/26 Minutes of the last Meeting:** The Minutes of the last Parish Elector's Meeting on 19 May 2025 were approved as an accurate record of the Proceedings of that Meeting.

#### **APM03/26 Chair's Annual Report for the year 2025-26**

The Chair provided an introduction to the Council and the purpose of the Parish Council, in that it is there to address local needs, and that it is made up of local people who have an understanding of the area, including its' history. The Chair continued to state that the Parish Council tries to strike a balance of providing new and maintaining existing services, while keeping in mind that money is not infinite and that the Council wants to limit any additional financial strain put on households.

The Chair reminded everyone that Councillors are unpaid and give their time, although at times, Councillors have different views on how to best serve the community, one thing unites Councillors is the desire to improve the place for everyone.

The Chair provided a summary of the Parish Council's assets and services, stating that the Parish Council;

- Manages two halls, Bradwell Memorial Hall (BMH) and the Heelands Meeting Place (HMP), and tries to ensure that they are as affordable as possible to rent. In both cases well-used pre-schools are the main tenants.
- Manages a number of green spaces, which includes sports pitches and a playground and in total over 25 acres of green space.
- Provides allotments over three sites, for those who want to remind themselves how much effort it is to plant and harvest potatoes

- Maintains and empties over 50 dog bins
- Provides free to access play sessions and coached basketball and football session in school holidays
- Funds the citizen advice bureaux, which is a well-used service providing free legal advice on a range of issues, this is now in two locations, Heelands and Bradwell Common.
- Pays for a mobile monitored CCTV camera that seeks to reduce and discourage crime
- Runs low-cost coach trips to residents that might not have the means to travel to these places themselves.
- Runs a weekly social club, which provides a warm, welcoming and social space which is free to attend.

The Chair continued expanding on other matters the Parish Council engages itself with, including trying to work with residents around parking, for example near the church in Heelands and along Primrose Road.

The Chair then summarised the projects the Parish Council had done over the last 12 months:

- Installed heat pumps in HMP – to make the premises more environmentally friendly and hopefully save money
- Part funded three speed indicator devices to be placed in Bradwell Common to discourage speeding along the main roads
- Part funded the redevelopment of the Planters in the Bradwell Common Local Centre
- Commissioned the development of a heritage trail, which can be accessed via a phone app, that highlights the rich history of Bradwell village and the surrounding areas
- Made improvements to the bowls club building, ensuring its ongoing use for the community
- Updated and renewed the path outside the King George's Field playground, as well as adding more benches after they were requested by families that use it.
- Collaborated with neighbouring Great Linford Parish Councils to provide both youth and social club spaces, which can be accessed by everyone, in particular residents of Bradwell Common.
- Renewed the gates of the Glebe Field, which desperately needed replacing

The Chair reminded residents the Parish Council supports the community through grants and collaboration with local residents, organisations and charities. The Parish Council had also provided significant funding to the Conniburrow Community Fridge, which supplies more than 100 food bundles locally every week. Other grants had also been given:

- to helping the Bradwell Sports and Social Club re-decorate the clubhouse, providing funds for new furniture
- to fund equipment for the scouts group
- to fund the OneLove luncheon group, a group that provides a friendly and social space to individuals, having the means to transport them to and from the venue.
- To provide equipment to Heelands Rangers Football Club and Bradwell Cricket Club

The Parish Council had also worked with local residents providing bulbs to plant around Bradwell Village and the Chair thanked all the residents involved in both implementing and maintaining these projects.

The Chair thanked the outgoing Chair of two years, Peter Brant. Through his Chairship the Parish Council had achieved many things, with a greater focus on the services provided in Bradwell Common.

The Chair also thanked both thank Councillor David Evans who had recently retired from the Council and welcome new Councillor Michael Muchmore to the Council, noting his knowledge, wisdom and experience would be a great benefit to the Parish Council moving forward.

All the other Councillors were thanked, acknowledging they had contributed over the years, and in some cases decades, to the Council. The Chair stated that he felt that the steps the Council had made in the last years to move forward had been to some part due to their ability to deliver strong, well reasoned, arguments on what they felt was right for the residents they represent, while at the same time gracefully accepting when decisions do not go that way. The Chair stated this balance of disagreement without conflict was often harder than it seemed and he again thanked them all for this.

The Chair thanked the staff members, firstly Jim, who retired in the year, noting he would be missed. Moving on to Parish Council staff out in the community, the Chair thanked Peter and Peter, and the new Caretaker James, for the work they do. The Chair also thanked Karen and Amy, who played a role in delivering the services of the Council and no doubt many other things and lastly the Clerk, Philip, who constantly went above and beyond to ensure that the Council did the best for the community, providing advice to the Council when needed and had been a driving force in pushing the Council forward.

### **APM04/26 Winners of the Community Award & John Newbury Photographic Competition**

Maria Galeanu and Sue George were presented with their Community Awards, and Hanka Stanford was congratulated on winning the John Newbury Photographic Competition.

### **APM05/26 Electors Questions and Comments:**

Electors raised the following points:

- One elector commented to the positive that the Parish Council had done a good job in a timely manner in installing the defibrillator pads to the external wall of the Bradwell Memorial Hall. It was noted that it had already been used by an ambulance only a week before, and that the Parish Council staff were in process of replacing the pads (these needed to be replaced after use every time).
- A resident commented that it would be useful for the post delivery times to be placed on the red post box at the top of the Loughton Road.