



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 14 September 2026
at 7.00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place on Glovers Lane, MK13 7PN.**

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

Staff Present: Philip Farquharson (Clerk), Karen Evans (up until the end of agenda item FC59/26).

Members of the public: 5

FC54/26 Apologies: Councillors Godfrey, Bradburn and Stuchbury had provided apologies for absence. The reasons for the absences were voted upon which met with unanimous approval.

FC55/26 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.

FC56/26 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:

- Regarding agenda item FC62/26, the boiler at the Bowls Club. Two members of the Bowls Club were present to state their case. They informed the Parish Council there were now 55 full members and several social members and membership was increasing.
- The grant application from the Wood End Infant School at FC63/26. The organisation's representative answered questions Councillors had on the proposed expenditure of this money.
- The grant application from Friends of Conniburrow and Pebbles Family Centre at FC64/26. The organisation's representative answered questions Councillors had on the proposed expenditure of this money.
- A member of the public was present to petition the Council over parking issues on Colley Road in Bradwell Village.

FC57/26 Minutes of the July 2026 Full Council Meeting:

Action: Minutes of the July Full Council Meeting held on 06 July 2026 were approved by resolution as an accurate record of the Proceedings of that Meeting. All were in favour of approving the draft minutes barring two Councillors who were not at that meeting, who abstained from voting. These were signed by the Chair for the Council's records.

FC58/26 Colley Hill Parking:

Parking issues were discussed at Colley Hill in Bradwell Village. Councillors noted Ward Councillor Marie Bradburn had been in communication with the resident over this matter.

FC59/26 Coach Trip feedback:

Action: Feedback was by way of a report which had been contained in the Meeting Paperwork. This was noted and the same contribution of £10 (plus admin fee of £1.55) per person was approved for the 2027 year. Karen Evans (the Assistant to the Clerk), was thanked for doing this.

FC60/26 Payments: The current bank balance of £49,649 and savings account balance of £15,309 (as at 02 Sept 2026), was noted, and July and August monthly schedules of payments made were noted. These had been provided at pages 8-10 of the Meeting Paperwork. The Clerk drew to the Council's attention the payment of £5,484 for work done to the Bradwell Memorial Hall, where new walls and toilets configuration was done, and painting and decorating work to Heelands Meeting Place (HMP) over the summer, when the pre-schools were on holiday. The HMP had been repainted entirely on the outside, front and back, and a new worktop had been done installed in the kitchen. The Zurich insurance cash settlement had been received, of £12,086, and most of this had been used to do the damp drying work at the BSSC (Bradwell Sports and Social Club) over the summer. The second instalment of the precept was due on 15 September, the following day.

FC61/26 Allotment rent report:

The Clerk's report (which was in the Meeting Paperwork at page 11), was noted and a motion was proposed to increase allotment rent by 3% (rounded to the nearest pound), and reduce dispensations to 10% this year and cancel them the year after.

Those in favour: 7
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Action: The motion Carried and the Clerk would enact this.

FC62/26 Annual cost of living increment:

Councillors noted the 3.3% cost of living increase to those staff members on NJC contracts and a motion was proposed to increase those staff salaries not on NJC contracts by the same 3.3%, effective 01 April for contracted staff and 01 September 2026 for seasonal staff:

Those in favour: 7
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Action: The motion Carried.

FC62/26 Bowls Club Boiler: It was on the agenda to consider contributing to the Bradwell Bowls Club for boiler replacement, which had cost £3,000.

Action: The matter was deferred to the next meeting, by which time Councillors would have had time to go and visit the Bowls Club and see the new boiler, before considering again whether to contribute to it.

FC63/26 Grant application from Wood End Infant School: It was on the agenda to consider for approval the application for £1,000.

A motion was proposed not to give the money, on the grounds that Wood End School was too distant to benefit a sufficient number of residents of the Parish to be a responsible expenditure of Parish funds:

Those in favour: 4
Against: 1
Abstain: 2

Action: The motion Carried and no funds would be transferred.

FC64/26 Grant application from Friends of Conniburrow and Pebbles Family Centre: It was on the agenda to consider the grant application for £400, for a day trip to Hogshaw Farm.

A motion was proposed to approve the request of £400:

Those in favour: 7
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Action: The motion Carried and the Clerk would enact the transfer.

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 05 October 2026 at 7:00pm at the Heelands Meeting Place.

The Meeting was declared **closed** at 8:30pm.