



**Minutes of Bow Brickhill Parish Council Meeting held on
6 February at 7.00pm at the Pavilion, Rushmere Close, Bow Brickhill, MK17 9JB**

PRESENT:	CLLrs:	Cllr J Price (Chairman) Cllr P Ball (Vice Chair) Cllr Evans Cllr M Ferguson-Ford
	Officer:	J Godden
	Members of Public (MoP):	Six
	Apologies:	Cllr D Pink

166. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Members of the public attended and raised their concerns over recent burglaries in Rushmere Close, covered in item 169 below as the area PSCO and Sargeant were in attendance.

167. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Price declared a non-pecuniary interest due to his membership of the Bow Brickhill Community Hall Management Committee.

Councillor Ball declared a non-pecuniary interest as trustee of the board of Willen Hospice

Councillor Ball declared a non-pecuniary interest as Chair and Secretary of Friends of Bow Brickhill Station.

168. MINUTES

To consider the approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 January 2024.

Resolved: all members confirmed their approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 January 2024 and these were signed by the Chairman.

169. POLICING REPORT - 2 Officers were in attendance

- **Access Points:** Concerns were raised about the easy access points for burglars, particularly through Rushmere Close and the playing field area, which provides a quick getaway route.
- **Security Cameras:** There were discussion about the operational status and effectiveness of security cameras in the area. Attendees were informed that the Pavilion will be getting a CCTV upgrade allowing for remote access shortly.
- **Security Measures:** Suggestions were made for implementing additional security measures such as barriers, signage indicating the area as a cul-de-sac, and improve lighting to deter burglars. It was clarified that decisions regarding changes to public infrastructure like footpaths are the responsibility of the local authority and funding for any proposed changes would need to be justified as beneficial to the community.

- **Burglary Statistics:** The PCSO discussed the number of burglaries reported in the past three months, highlighting a decrease compared to previous periods. There were also other types of incidents reported, including suspicious persons, assaults, criminal damage, drug offenses, and theft from vehicles.
- **Police Resources:** Participants acknowledged the limitations of police resources and the challenges faced by law enforcement in responding to all incidents effectively. They discussed the need for a community-led approach to crime prevention and awareness.
- **Community Involvement:** There is a call for greater community involvement in reporting suspicious activities and implementing preventative measures. Suggestions include improving lighting, securing properties, and increasing awareness about crime prevention strategies.
- **Collaboration with Police:** Participants expressed a desire for better communication and collaboration with the police, including sharing information about suspicious activities and receiving advice on crime prevention measures.
- **Future Actions:** a community forum is to be set up to address residents' concerns and explore any practical solutions with law enforcement, PCSO Ryan will consult with the Clerk regarding her availability and that of the Pavilion.

170. UNITARY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Hopkins was not in attendance, his reports are as attached

Cllr Baily reported back on:

- a meeting she attended regarding the new cleansing service with SUEZ particularly the street cleansing, please report any problems
- Cllr Hopkins and Cllr Baily were at a meeting at the Summerlin Centre on 5 Feb 24 regarding the allocation of redevelopment sites in Milton Keynes, their objective to accommodate 33,000 more homes by 2050 in addition to the planned 30,000 homes was discussed. There are currently twelve sites under consideration for expansion. The Potential sites include spaces between the warehouses and the A5, and the areas across the A5 behind Hunter's Farm Shop or the service station, the suitability of the land is still being assessed. The consultation period is planned for the summer and will span 12 weeks, the decision-making process is likely to occur during the consultation period.
- The pothole near 13 Greenways has been reported and it is expected to be fixed within a month.
- Gigabit, the broadband providers issued a press release related to infrastructure improvements and Bow Brickhill was on the list, so fingers crossed.

171. RISK

See item 173 j below

172. FINANCE

- To note BBPC income and expenditure reports - **noted**
- To note the balances in BBPC Accounts as of 31/01/24 = £41,332.09 - **noted**
- Review DD's/regular payments - c/f to 05/03/24 meeting

173. ANNUAL REVIEW OF BBPC GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS

- HASAW
- Standing orders
- Financial Regulations
- Code of Conduct
- Disciplinary Policy
- Expenses Policy
- Grievance Policy
- Homeworking Policy

- i) Scheme of Delegation
- j) BBPC risk management
- k) Complaints Procedure – new
- l) Sickness absence policy
- m) Equality and Diversity Policy
- n) CCTV Policy – disclaimers visible?
- o) Data Protection & Information Security Policy Draft – change to recent template

Resolved: All governance documents were reviewed and adopted.

174. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

None at time of setting the agenda

175. POLICY S11 (AREAS OF ATTRACTIVE LANDSCAPE) REVIEW 29/02/24

There is a landscape review discussion, taking place online on February 29, 2024, Cllr Price is unable to attend, but wants the area of attractive landscape that is in the original documents restated especially as it is not in the new MK plan and some of this area is a proposed location for extra houses.

Cllr Baily will be attending and informed members of a presentation at Little Brickhill PC from Green Science Trust about green pockets, biodiversity, and local area survey for planning objections, they have strong views on greenspace and can do a survey that adds weight to any objections to planning. Cllr Hopkins sent this presentation, and it has now been forwarded.

Cllr Price asked that other members of the council try to attend the remote meeting on February 29, 2024.

176. CHURCH/STATION ROAD TRAFFIC

No update was available as Cllr Pink sent his apologies; however, it is acknowledged that there are still issues

177. THE WICKS FOOTPATH

The issues here are under review.

178. MARSTON VALE TRAIN SERVICE

Cllr Ball reported that there is no update to the timetable.

179. EAST WEST RAIL CONSULTATION

There is no further news as the next meeting is not until 13 March 2024

180. SEMK / NEIGHBOURHOOD FUTURES GROUP

No Updates

181. PAVILION

- a. Barrier Proposal – there is no update on costs for a height barrier and sleeping police officers from the supplier, the Clerk is to try another supplier to quote
- b. Pavilion Upgrade Proposal – Alan Preen and CMI Architects will be looking around the pavilion on Tuesday 20 February 2024 at 3.00pm, Cllr Ball will try and attend. The Clerk informed members that the Parish Council received £100.00 grant from Cllr Hopkins towards the architect costs.
- c. Electric Vehicle Charging Points –Cllr Baily will investigate MKCC's conditions of supply. Cllr Price believes that the funding is not forthcoming due to the barrier at the Pavilion, which means there is not 24-hour access, they can suggest an alternative location.
- d. Solar Panels Project – Cllr Price submitted the BBPC application for Sec 106 funding and was informed that it is now rolled into one with the carbon offset fund, this means we may be entitled to matched funding of 11.5k so hopefully our application will be successful.
- e. Pavilion Improvements (curtains) c/f

182. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Three sessions have taken place since the beginning of January 2024 and one more is due this week. This is proving to be a deterrent as the numbers of speeding vehicles being logged has reduced.

183. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - Howe & Co Fish & Chips - YR66 ZNT - YT16 ANV - YT66 EOY - YY73 OMF - V66 FAC - YR66 TFK – information only - **Noted**
- b. BBSSC Letter – the same questions are being asked it was proposed that BBPC send a letter to inform the Club that BBPC will no longer be responding to any further correspondence unless it is a matter that has not been raised before.
- c. **Resolved:** All members agreed to sending the draft letter
- d. Request from Clare Evans for use of the Pavilion FoC Sat 6 July for Village Fayre
Resolved: all members agreed to the Pavilion being given FoC for this event and thanked Clare and Paula for taking it on.

184. COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

None

185. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Bow Brickhill Parish Council has been scheduled as Tuesday 5 March 2024 at 7.00pm to be held at Bow Brickhill Pavilion, Rushmere Close, MK17 9JB.

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