



## Minutes of Bow Brickhill Parish Council Meeting held on

**2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 at 7.00pm at the Pavilion, Rushmere Close, Bow Brickhill, MK17 9JB**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Cllrs:</b>	Cllr J Price (Chairman) Cllr P Ball (Vice Chair) Cllr Evans Cllr M Ferguson-Ford Vacancy
	<b>Officer:</b>	Absent
	<b>Members of Public (MoP):</b>	8
	<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr Bailey

### 1. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Eight members of the public were in attendance. Concerns were raised over a recent threat to use the land known as Manor Farm Fields to the rear of Downs View for caravan parking. Ownership of the land was complicated with multiple owners. However, of note was the potential sale of the narrow access path going between numbers 9 and 10 Downs View. Residents were concerned that should this land remain outside the ownership of the village, occupation of the land may take place. A number of residents of Downs View had been threatened and intimidated.

Residents of the village had arranged a public meeting on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April to enable the sharing of information, advice and support in relation to this concern.

Although the Parish Council understood and appreciated the concerns of residents, at this stage ahead of any occupation of the land, neither the Parish Council or Milton Keynes City Council had legal power to take any action. The Parish Council did offer its support going forwards.

Cllr Hopkins confirmed that currently any planning application for the use of this land would be likely to be refused. It was however highlighted that the land could be included in future local plans for development but this would be a matter at a later stage.

### 2. 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.

### 3. MINUTES

To consider the approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5 March 2024.

**Resolved:** all members confirmed their approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5 March 2024 and these were signed by the Chairman.

### 4. POLICING REPORT (if officers are available)

Representatives from Thames Valley Police were not in attendance.

The meeting was reminded of the Home Security meeting arranged for Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April in response to the concerns raised by local residents following a number of local home burglaries.

Cllr Ferguson-Ford advised that she understood that the perpetrator had been apprehended.

### 5. UNITARY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Bailey sent her apologies

Cllr Hopkins provided a verbal summary of his written report, including:

- Fly tipping on Church Rd had been prolific. MKC had provided a quick response to clear the waste. A number of local residents had also supported the clear up. It was hoped that MKC would begin to use a mobile CCTV camera to deter perpetrators.
- The next Futures meeting had been arranged for 30<sup>th</sup> April.
- The emerging 2050 MKC Local Plan included significant development aspirations across the city.

### 6. RISK

No further risks had been identified.

### 7. FINANCE

a. To note BBPC income and expenditure reports up to 28/03/24

b. To note the balances in BBPC Accounts as of 28/03/24

c. To note there is no rise in Pension contributions = 23.7%

The reports provided were noted and it was agreed to the Chairman to sign the Bank Reconciliation.

### 10. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

a. Approval of details required by condition 7 (Landscape and Ecological Management Plan) of permission ref. 22/02477/FUL Open for comment icon

Land To the East of Tilbrook Farm Station Road Bow Brickhill

Ref. No: 24/00541/DISCON | Validated: Thu 07 Mar 2024 | Status: Registered

**Resolved:** No comment

b. Approval of details required by condition 15 (Construction Waste Management Plan) of permission ref. 22/02477/FUL Open for comment icon

Land To the East of Tilbrook Farm Station Road Bow Brickhill

Ref. No: 24/00506/DISCON | Validated: Mon 04 Mar 2024 | Status: Registered

**Resolved:** No comment

c. Proposed double storey side, front and rear extension and single storey rear extension Open for comment icon

13 Downs View Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes MK17 9JS

Ref. No: 24/00457/HOU | Validated: Wed 13 Mar 2024 | Status: Registered proposal

**Resolved:** No objection.

**11. POLICY S11 (AREAS OF ATTRACTIVE LANDSCAPE) REVIEW**

Cllr Ball updated the meeting with the following points:

MKC had engaged consultants LUC in relation to this matter and a consultation exercise had been completed. The Parish Council had encouraged and supported residents in responded to this consultation and participated in the consultation. Feedback had supported the desire to have the Brickhill's landscape protected in some way as was the case previously. The consultation report was expected shortly. It was however highlighted that a designation may not provide complete protection but the planning authority would be required to pay it some regard. This matter is likely to form part of a formal local plan consultation in the autumn.

**12. THE WICKS FOOTPATH**

There was no further update on the ASB issues experienced in this area.

**13. MARSTON VALE TRAIN SERVICE**

Cllr Ball advised that the trains were running again although somewhat intermittently, this may be due to a driver shortage. It was noted that when the barriers were down, traffic queues were exceedingly lengthy. It was hoped to give some consideration as to how this could be quantified.

Although the Friends group were still in existence, they haven't been very active recently.

**14. EAST WEST RAIL CONSULTATION**

Cllr Ball advised that there is a local representative's group, the last meeting was a week or so ago. Meetings were attended by delegates from many areas. The detail would be released during the formal consultation in the summer. Currently consideration is being given to the nature, process and scope of the consultation.

**15. SEMK / NEIGHBOURHOOD FUTURES GROUP**

There was no scheduled meeting for SEMK.

The next Futures meeting had been arranged for 30<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr Evans advised that due to work commitments she was unable to attend. Cllr Ferguson-Ford hoped to attend in her place.

**16. PAVILION**

## a. Pavilion Upgrade Proposals

An update on this project had been circulated with the agenda and was discussed.

## b. Solar Panels Project

Cllr Price advised that he had met with the preferred contractor recently. They are currently measuring up to prepare for installation. Little Stars Nursery needs to be advised that one of their storage sheds needs to be relocated to accommodate the control housing for the panels.

## c. National Grid tree works

It was advised that the Clerk had received an apology from National Grid over their recent works, the debris would be removed when the field was less waterlogged, this will be monitored. National Grid are looking in to the provisions of a replacement tree that was promised by Western Power.

**17. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

Cllr Price advised that two more sessions were planned this month. Appreciation was given to those who supported this initiative.

**18. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Sandy Lane closure – Central Bedfordshire Council had installed gated bollards to try and restrict quad bike access.
- b. Planning Notification from Milton Keynes City Council regarding 24/00506/DISCON
- c. BBRUA AGM - Thursday, 18th April 2024 at 6.30pm
- d. Newsletter No. 54 March-April 2024a

- e. Planning Notification from Milton Keynes City Council regarding 24/00541/DISCON
- f. Planning Consultation/Notification from Milton Keynes City Council regarding 24/00457/HOU
- g. Planning Consultation/Notification from Milton Keynes City Council regarding 24/00677/CONINF

**19. 2024/2025 MEETING DATES TO BE AGREED**

The calendar of meetings was agreed subject to moving the November meeting date back by a week.

**20. COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

It was advised that MKCC had been informed of the parish councillor vacancy and the notice of vacancy had been advertised. The 14-day period to call an election would expire on Wednesday 17 April. If no election is called the Council will be able to seek to fill the vacancy through co-option.

**21. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

Nothing was requested at the meeting.

**22. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Bow Brickhill Parish Council has been scheduled as Tuesday 14 May 2024 at 7.00pm to be followed by the Annual Village Meeting at Bow Brickhill Pavilion, Rushmere Close, MK17 9JB.

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