



**Minutes of Bow Brickhill Parish Council Meeting held on  
5 March 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
	<b>Officer:</b>	J Godden
	<b>Members of Public (MoP):</b>	2
	<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr D Pink Cllr M Ferguson-Ford

**186. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**187. 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.

**188. MINUTES**

To consider the approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6 February 2024.

**Resolved:** all members confirmed their approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6 February 2024 and these were signed by the Chairman.

**189. POLICING REPORT**

No officers were in attendance. A date for a public meeting has been arranged for 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the Pavilion, Rushmere Close, Bow Brickhill, MK17 9 9JB, this will be advertised via Facebook and the village email list.

**190. UNITARY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Ward Cllr Hopkins report is as attached. He provided members with a verbal update on planning discussions at MKCC, particularly regarding proposed developments in the area. Members raised their concerns about the rapid pace of development and the need to respond effectively to consultations.

Ward Cllr Bailey sent her apologies, report attached.

**191. RISK**

No significant risks identified

**192. FINANCE**

- a. To note BBPC income and expenditure reports – Noted no discrepancies
- b. To note the balances in BBPC Accounts as of 29/02/24 = £37,790.34 - Noted
- c. Review DD's/regular payments – **Resolved:** All DD's were agreed along with a letter from M Young informing BBPC that there will be a rise of 20p per bin empty, all members agreed to this increase.

**193. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS**

- a. Proposal Variation of condition(s) 1 (Approved drawings), 6 (Arboriculture) and 7 (LMMP) (seeking to reduce site levels and add retaining walls at Units 8-10; minor changes to the footprints of Units 7-10; reorganisation of car parking and relocation of cycle parking; addition of bin stores, transformers, gates and barrier controls; changes to fences and landscaping; and alteration of footpaths (relating to permission ref. 21/01636/REM Land At Brickhill Street South Caldecotte Milton Keynes MK17 9FE Reference 24/00231/REMM/Received Fri 02 Feb 2024/Validated Wed 21 Feb 2024. **Resolved:** all applications were discussed, no objections forthcoming

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

Cllr Philip Ball provided a detailed report on a meeting on 29/02/24 about areas of attractive landscape. Emphasis was placed on engaging stakeholders and gathering input for a forthcoming report. There is an online hub for Parish Councils for Cllrs and stakeholders to make comments (to include Greensand Trust) we have until 24<sup>th</sup> March to make our observations, there is a video guide and interactive map on the hub to help. Cllr Ball proposed that BBPC Cllrs should put their statements forward and that parishioners should be asked for their views via Facebook. **Resolved:** All members agreed to this course of action

**195. CHURCH/STATION ROAD TRAFFIC**

There is no further information, and it was suggested to remove the item from the agenda as all the work that MKCC said they would do has now been done.

**Resolved:** All members agreed to remove this item going forward

Cllr Hopkins will contact MKCC to confirm that all work has been completed and now that Cllr Pink has moved out of the village Cllr Price will be the liaison going forward.

Cllr Evans reported that she had noticed some bollards and a gate at old Sandy Lane (near the golf course) at the top of Church Road, this is probably installed by Bedford Estates, but it is a public byway, so it is a concern. **Resolved:** Ward Cllr Hopkins will investigate on BBPC's behalf.

**196. THE WICKS FOOTPATH**

There are still ongoing antisocial issues, but short of contacting the police every time an incident happens as it is a public footpath there is difficulty in addressing the issue effectively.

**197. MARSTON VALE TRAIN SERVICE**

Cllr Ball informed members that the service has been restored; trips are currently a pound to encourage users back. Cllr Ball mentioned that the traffic flow is bad when the barriers are down and that the white lines need to be restored on Station Road as people are racing down past stationary traffic. **Resolved:** Clerk to raise a request with MKCC.

**198. EAST WEST RAIL CONSULTATION**

Cllr Price led a discussion on East West Rail, stating that it seems that they are waiting to see what will happen next as it seems that the general election is a factor that may affect the

progress of the project. The matter was set to be debated at the transport select committee soon. Cllr Ball will attend the next meeting when a date is agreed.

**199. SEMK / NEIGHBOURHOOD FUTURES GROUP**

Cllr Price reported on an email from Paul van Geete indicating a meeting should occur before the end of the month.

**200. TREE SURVEY**

The recommendations are carried forward as no costings have been received

**201. PAVILION**

**a. Pavilion Upgrade Proposal**

Cllr Ball provided an overview of the recent meeting regarding the renovation of the community hall. The discussion focused on various aspects, including improving acoustics, decor, kitchen facilities, storage, accessibility, and potential expansion for events. Ideas were proposed to enhance the venue's attractiveness and competitiveness for income generation. Nursery storage was identified as a significant issue, with suggestions to repurpose existing space and remove temporary structures. The committee also explored reconfiguring the kitchen and adding a bar area possibly at the viewing area end to be accessible both sides to better accommodate events. Overall, there was extensive brainstorming and consideration of multiple options that will be presented to members when they have been drawn up by consultants.

**b. Solar Panels Project**

Cllr Price presented three proposals for installing solar panels on the hall's roof, with funding secured from the MKCC Carbon Offset Fund of £8684.00 and reserves of £12,000.00. After reviewing the options, it was proposed to proceed with Glow Green due to their experience and favourable terms at a cost of £21078.00 plus VAT. The additional funding of £394.00 will need to be agreed by members.

**Resolved:** BBPC to use their reserves = £12,000.00 along with the carbon offset fund = £8684.00 plus an extra £394.00 to cover the shortfall was proposed by J Price seconded by Cllr Evans.

- c. **Hire Request** for an under 16's party, after some discussion members decided that this would not be allowed. **Resolved:** Clerk to let the potential hirer know the decision.
- d. **National Grid works** – **Resolved:** Clerk to find out why BBPC were not informed that this was taking place, when the debris will be removed and if we are to get a replacement tree.
- e. **Fencing/compound** – **Resolved:** after some discussion members agreed to just replace the fence.

**202. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

Cllr Price informed members that due to bad weather and construction this has held up the campaign, however he is hoping to arrange four dates to take place in March,

**203. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. BBRUA Newsletter - **noted**
- b. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - MSJ Ice Cream Services FJ69 UYA Ref 143366 - **noted**
- c. Consultation for intended changes to MKCC Street Trading regulated streets (responses due by 27 March 2024) - **noted**
- d. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide NEW - Mr Gucci Ices Ltd, R481 OSH, Ref 169557 - **noted**
- e. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ENQUIRY Behind 8 Blind Pond Lane Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes MK17 9FP - **noted**
- f. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - Soft 99 Whip - Vehicle Reg S99 WHP – 143311 - **noted**

- g. ufm7\_Full\_Planning\_Approval Land To The East of Tilbrook Farm Station Road Bow Brickhill –. **Resolved:** Cllr Price reminded members that BBPC had objected to this on the basis that the original development was 24 houses, then it became 36, then 46, therefore BBPC argued that there were too many houses for the site, unfortunately we did not win and it has been approved.

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

Cllr Ball reported that the pothole near 13 Greenways was shoddily filled last week and this has been reported to MKCC as it looks like it's not been sealed and will probably not last very long. Ward Cllr Hopkins will also raise this with MKCC.

Cllr Price informed members that Cllr Pink has now moved out of the village, and if he can no longer attend Parish Council meetings he may wish to resign, as this is a necessity before any recruitment can take place, Cllr Price will contact him and ask what he wishes to do.

**205. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Bow Brickhill Parish Council has been scheduled as Tuesday 2 April 2024 at 7.00pm to be held at Bow Brickhill Pavilion, Rushmere Close, MK17 9JB.

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