



**Minutes of Bow Brickhill Parish Council Meeting held on
12 May 2024 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 Vacancy
	Officer:	J Godden
	Members of Public (MoP):	6
	Apologies:	Thames Valley Police

21. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Members were requested to elect a Chair for the year 2024/25. Cllr Price informed members that he is happy to continue to be Chairman of BBPC. Cllr Ball proposed J Price for the role of Chair, seconded by Cllr Evans.

Resolved: All members agreed, and Cllr Price was elected as Chair for the year 2024/25

23. DECLARATION OF OFFICE: Chair signed the declaration of office form.

22. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Members were requested to elect a Vice Chair for the year 2024/25. Cllr Price proposed Cllr Ball for the role of Vice Chair, seconded by Cllr Evans.

Resolved: All members agreed, and Cllr P Ball was elected as Vice Chair for the year 2024/25

24. DECLARATION OF OFFICE: Vice-Chair signed the declaration of office form.

25. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

26. 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.

27. MINUTES

To consider the approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2 April 2024.

Resolved: all members confirmed their approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2 April 2024 and these were signed by the Chairman.

28. CO-OPTION FOR COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Two members of the public had expressed an interest in the position, but only one application was received from Sunitha Pangala who was in attendance.

Cllr Price proposed to Co-opt Sunitha Pangala on to Bow Brickhill Parish Council

Seconded by Cllr Ball

Resolved: all members agreed, and Sunitha Pangala was unanimously coopted onto Bow Brickhill Parish Council

29. DOWNS VIEW

A significant issue regarding the sale of access rights between houses at 9 & 10 Downs View was discussed. Residents have formed a limited company to purchase the access rights, they understand that there may be development in the future, but by owning the access they feel that they will have more control over the development. Financial assistance from BBPC council was explored but found not to be feasible. MKCC planning department's lack of an adequate response to requests for information was criticised by residents. It was noted that planning permission may be needed for the erection of gates at the end of the access area.

30. POLICING REPORT (if officers are available)

Representatives from Thames Valley Police were not in attendance and sent their apologies, crime figures were sent for the Annual Parish Meeting.

31. UNITARY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Hopkins & Cllr Bailey were in attendance, their reports will be given in the APM

32. RISK

No further risks had been identified.

33. FINANCE

- a. To note BBPC income and expenditure reports up to 30/04/24

To note the balances in BBPC Accounts of £49,371.72 as of 30/04/24

Resolved: The reports provided were noted and it was agreed that the Chairman sign the Bank Reconciliation.

- b. Review Councillor remuneration for 2024/25

Resolved: All members agreed to forgo any remuneration for 2023-24 except for any ad hoc expenses for purchases that may be made on behalf of BBPC.

Cllr Evans asked when the Internal Audit was taking place, the Clerk informed members that this was being done w/c 20 May 2024 and that the report along with the AGAR will be presented at the June meeting

32. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

- a) 24/00740/FULufm17_General_Consultation_-_Parish__Ward - Maintenance Building Woburn Golf Club – Clerk to comment about the concerns over the disposal of surface water as Bow Brickhill already suffer effects from the poor drainage system.
- b) Application no: 24/00783/HOU Proposed conversion of residential outbuilding to annex at 33 Station Road Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes MK17 9JU – no objections
- c) PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ENQUIRY The Old Coach House 2B Church Road Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes MK17 9LD – Summer house deemed to accord with the design and amenity aims outlined within Policies D1, D2 and D3 of Plan:MK 2019 – information only

- d) Advertisement consent for the proposed installation of 2No external non illuminated company signs Open for comment icon 5 Plp Business Park Dickinson Avenue Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes Milton Keynes MK17 9LG Ref. No: 24/00744/ADV | Validated: Tue 09 Apr 2024 | Status: Registered – no objections
- e) Application no: 24/00805/CLUP Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed single storey rear extension (4m deep) At: 7 Greenways Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes MK17 9JP – no objections
- f) Land to the East of Tilbrook Farm Station Road:
 - General Planning Notification Application no: 24/00811/DISCON- information only
 - General Planning Notification Application no: 24/00834/DISCON- information only
 - General Planning Notification Application no: 24/00835/DISCON- information only
 - General Planning Notification Application no: 22/00541/FUL- refused - information only
 - General Planning Notification Application no: 24/00900/CLUP- information only
 - General Planning Notification Application no: 24/00905/DISCON - information only
 - General Planning Notification Application no: 24/00758/DISCON - information only
 - General Planning Notification Application no: 24/00755/DISCO - information only
 - General Planning Notification Application no: 24/00757/DISCO- information only
 - General Planning Notification Application no: 24/02477/DISCON - information only

33. MARSTON VALE TRAIN SERVICE

Cllr Ball informed members that the trains are running reasonably well despite some strike action. The Friends of the station have installed planters and signage to improve the station's appearance. There is a new timetable available from June 2nd and the £1 fare has been extended until 19 August 2024.

34. SEMK / NEIGHBOURHOOD FUTURES GROUP

There have been no recent meetings; the development is expected to be phased. Concerns about traffic through Station Road and access points for construction vehicles have been raised.

35. EAST WEST RAIL CONSULTATION

Formal consultation is expected to start in June and the public are encouraged to participate. There was a discussion on the impact of increased train frequency on local level crossings from two to three an hour, but this does not take into consideration freight trains. There are also potential issues with traffic congestion which were previously raised in the non-statutory consultation.

36. PAVILION

- a. Preliminary Drawings – as this is in the very early stages, Cllr Price proposed to hold a separate meeting to review the plans and narrow down the proposals before presenting them at a future parish council meeting. **Resolved:** all members agreed.
- b. Solar Panels – these are to be installed 30 May 2024, BBPC secured a grant of £8,680 towards solar panel installation at the pavilion, the expectation is to be self-sufficient in electricity, recouping costs in 7-8 years.

37. TREE SURVEY QUOTE

The annual tree inspection on parish land by Tree Fusion has highlighted some urgent and priority work on trees. Cllr Price proposed that the PC authorise the urgent and priority work as below:

ITEM A: To carry out the one-month resistograph tests to trees no.8, 10, 15 and 21 to measure the extent of any decay present = **£300.00 plus VAT**

ITEM B: To carry out the three-month priority work arising from the 2024 tree survey = **£650.00 plus VAT**

Resolved: all members agreed

Cllr Price proposed that the PC add the two-year priority work arising from the 2024 tree survey at a cost of £1975.00 plus VAT to the 2025/2026 budget to enable that work to be done later.

Resolved: all members agreed

38. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - Charlie Browns - Ice Cream Van - Reg No W395 EOK– information only
- b. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - MK Ices - Reg No EK09 XXE – 158206– information only
- c. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - MK Ices DG10 HCV 143299– information only
- d. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - MK Ices SV64 WSJ Ref 143306– information only
- e. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - Mr Softee Ice Cream - T402 POA – 147552– information only
- f. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - Maya's Street Food, AO05 OAJ, Ref 161898– information only
- g. MKCC proposal to join their Renewal of Gas and Electricity Procurement Contracts 2024 – 2028 – Members agreed that this would not be beneficial, the Clerk offered to use the BMKALC procurement offer and will send prices when they are received.
- h. New street name for the development on Station Road, Bow Brickhill Wadsworth Grove – information only
- i. The Pump in Church Road – **Resolved:** members are interested in preserving the pump and agreed to get quotes for the reinstalling it
- j. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - Maya's Street Food, AO05 OAJ, Ref 161898– information only

39. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

The 2025/2026 matched funding is now open, and BBPC can deliver on at least two of the required criteria if a new SID is installed. This has been proposed as the existing one is owned by MKCC and it may be removed shortly due to not working correctly. BBPC have been advised that new poles would be needed as the existing ones are not tall enough for a Solar powered SID. Members to note that if BBPC were successful in their bid that the PC would be responsible for 50% funding along with the upkeep and any ongoing costs. **Resolved:** All members agreed for the Clerk to get costings for this proposed project.

40. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Evans reported that there is a problem with the village clock, it is chiming incorrectly.

Resolved: The Clerk will ask Smiths of Derby to visit and reset the Clock.

Cllr Price informed members that a late Planning application no: 24/01028/OUTM came in and will need a response by 12 June 2024, could members look, and give their response to enable BBPC to compile a response.

41. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Bow Brickhill Parish Council has been scheduled as Tuesday 4 June 2024 at 7.00pm at Bow Brickhill Pavilion, Rushmere Close, MK17 9JB.

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