



**Minutes of Bow Brickhill Parish Council Meeting held on
2 July 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 M Ferguson-Ford Cllr S Pangala
	Officer:	J Godden
	Members of Public (MoP):	2
	Apologies:	Ward Councillor Bailly Cllr Clare Evans

65. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A MoP brought up that the closure of Station Road for 10 days is unreasonable. Ward Cllr Hopkins had asked MKCC why traffic lights had not been used, but he has not had an answer as yet, he can only surmise that its due to the amount of traffic that would que along Station Road. Cllr Ferguson-Ford asked if BBPC could suggest closing the road at the small roundabout and state local traffic only? Cllr Price will contact Graham Cox with this suggestion as will Ward Cllr Hopkins.

66. 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.

67. MINUTES

To consider the approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4th June 2024.

Resolved: all members confirmed their approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4th June 2024 and these were signed by the Vice Chairman.

68. POLICING REPORT (if officers are available)

Representatives from Thames Valley Police were not in attendance

69. UNITARY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Ward Cllr Hopkins attended, his report is as attached

70. FINANCE

- a. To note the income, expenditure reports - noted
- b. To note the balance in Unity Trust Accounts as of 30/06/24 = £28,669.99
- c. Cllrs reviewed the new National Association of Local Councils Model Financial Regulations.
Resolved: all members agreed to adopt the new regulations with all legal requirements along with the adaptations made to suit BBPC.
Action: Clerk to upload the new document to the Website.
- d. To review Bow Brickhill Parish Council's Risk Management.
Action: c/f to September meeting, Cllrs to review this for the September meeting

71. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

S. Caldecotte Warehouses MKCC cancelled the meeting on 18 June 2020, but it is rescheduled to 8 July, Cllr Price and Ward Cllr Hopkins will attend. More objections from parishioners are needed.

- 72. TRAINING OFFERED BY EAST WEST RAIL** – Councillor Ferguson-Ford was given dates for Defibrillator training at the Pavilion, the date chosen will be posted on Facebook and sent via the village email.

73. SCHOOL CLOCK

The report from Smiths Derby indicates that the school clock requires repairs amounting to £3,886.00 + VAT, as it is not chiming when it should. Members of the BBPC agreed that the clock is an important part of the village, and they would like to see it repaired, however, there is a lack of available funds. Cllr Price suggested approaching the Community Hall, which may have some funds that could contribute to the repair. Members proposed putting the information on Facebook to garner community support, which could aid in any funding applications.

The Clerk suggested applying for CIF (Community Infrastructure Fund) funding, noting that the clock is a community asset and fits the criteria for such funding.

Resolved: All members agreed to apply for CIF Funding

74. MARSTON VALE TRAIN SERVICE

There are Ongoing issues with the Marston Vale train service, including frequent cancellations and staffing shortages and the service remains unreliable despite recent attempts to improve it and will continue to be monitored.

75. SOUTH EAST MILTON KEYNES/NEIGHBOURHOOD FUTURES GROUP

Cllr Ferguson- Ford attended the last meeting, there is limited progress on the proposed development of a new medical facility, as size and location have already been set by developers along with concerns about the accessibility of the facility for nearby villages like Bow Brickhill. There were also ongoing discussions about improving transportation options and ensuring the new facility meets the community's needs.

76. EAST WEST RAIL CONSULTATION

On hold until after the election there is a debate over future train types for the East-West rail, ranging from diesel to electric and hydrogen-powered trains. There is no clear resolution yet, with decisions being delayed due to political factors and ongoing studies.

77. PAVILION

- a. There is some concern over the potential competition that a new preschool might create for the community hall. Efforts to finalise agreements with the new provider are underway. The importance of the pavilion's income to the parish council's finances was emphasised to members.
- b. Cllrs Price and Ball attended a meeting with CMI Architecture by members and Alan Preen on 26/06/24 where ideas for upgrading the pavilion were presented focusing on modernizing and enhancing functionality. Some of the changes suggested is a glass front at the entrance and an extended veranda at the back, removal of the folding doors to make one continuous hall. The Referee office space to be

converted into a servery hatch and unisex toilet. The shower area to be converted to a dedicated meeting room and office space. The portacabin to be removed and a canopy installation in the back area to provide weather protection for nursery activities. Another suggestion is to create a terrace for outdoor activities like barbecues along with helping to manage muddy conditions. There are challenges, such as cost, but the renovation is expected to address the aging structure of the building (45 years old) and bring it up to modern standards. Tweaks and further design ideas from the architects will be sought before reporting back to the council for final approval.

78. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. BMKALC: Latest news from the Information Commissioners Office - noted
- b. BBRU - Newsletter 199 Summer 2024 v4.1 - noted
- c. DECISION NOTICE - 24/00905/DISCON – REFUSED - noted
- d. Red Bull Roundabout – raised with MKCC and Cllrs Price and Hopkins and has been strimmed - noted
- e. 24/00900/CLUP – approved - noted
- f. 24/01010/HOU – refused - noted
- g. Tree Preservation order on land to the front and adjacent to 33 Station Road, and rear of 23, 25, 27, 29, 31 & 33 Station Road – noted

79. MK CITY PLAN 2050 REGULATION 18

The Milton Keynes City Plan aims to expand the population to 410,000 by 2050 (currently around 260,000) and calls for 63,000 more homes to be built to accommodate this growth. A sizeable portion of the new housing is planned for areas surrounding Bow Brickhill. Concerns were raised about the environmental and infrastructural impact on the local area, particularly in villages like Bow Brickhill.

Key Concerns are:

- The potential for non-compliance with greenbelt designations.
- Wildlife conservation and countryside protection issues.
- Impact on the character of local communities, especially with an already changing village due to recent developments.

The Consultation Period is from July 17th to October 9th, 2024, members agreed to hold a special meeting 19 August 2024 to discuss the matter further.

80. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No matters arising

81. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Bow Brickhill Parish Council has been scheduled as Tuesday 3 September 2024 at 7.00pm.

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