



**Minutes of Bow Brickhill Parish Council Meeting held on
3 September 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 C Evans Cllr M Ferguson-Ford
	Officer:	J Godden
	Members of Public (MoP):	Eight
	Apologies:	Cllr S Pangala

82. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A MoP raised concerns about potential development on the field behind Edwin Close.

Resolved: The field is not included in the 2050 plan, and no further development is planned at this time, but the MoP was advised to attend the 2050 Roadshow at the Pavilion on Thursday 5 October 2.00pm to 8.00pm to ask MKCC.

A MoP raised a concern about overgrown ivy on a fence near the Village Green potentially causing damage.

Resolved: Milton Keynes Council may be responsible for maintaining the area, a request will be made by BBPC to have the ivy trimmed.

A MoP inquired about the safety of a large tree on the Green which is public land.

Resolved: This may also be Milton Keynes Council's responsibility; a request by BBPC will be made for the tree to be inspected.

A MoP expressed their concern over a van parked near the church, causing visibility issues for pedestrians, and posing a safety risk.

Resolved: Ward Cllr Hopkins will raise this with the highways department at MKCC and suggest that the white line outside the community hall is extended to prevent vehicles from parking there.

83. 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.

84. MINUTES

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

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

85. Item 14a (Pavilion Upgrade) was moved forward to accommodate an early departure by a MoP. As the pavilion is approximately 40 years old it was agreed by members that it now requires significant updates to make it more viable for letting. The proposed changes include repurposing spaces (e.g., removing unused changing rooms) and enhancing facilities for community use, such as upgrading the kitchen. Storage also needs to be added for a preschool and a serving area for outdoor events such as football games have been proposed. Also, the external areas will be improved to include better circulation space i.e. enhanced patio areas and upgrading the outside surface areas. The goal is to make the pavilion more functional for village events, with a focus on accessibility. The plans are still in development, with funding being sought from various sources, including Milton Keynes City Council. More detailed plans and will be presented to the village when they are available.

Cllr Price thanked Alan Preen for his help with this project as he has considerable expertise due to his close involvement with the Community Hall project.

Action: Cllr Ball and Alan Preen will continue working on design details and securing funding. Updates will be provided at future meetings.

86. POLICING REPORT (if officers are available)

Representatives from Thames Valley Police were not in attendance

87. MK CITY PLAN 2050

The 2050 plan includes significant housing developments in South Bow Brickhill and Levante Gate. BBPC have concerns about the impact on infrastructure, traffic, and the village's identity and the response of the PC will focus on maintaining the village's character while addressing issues related to infrastructure, healthcare, and transportation. East West Rail decisions are still to be finalised, particularly the railway crossing at the bottom of Bow Brickhill. Residents are encouraged to attend the public consultation event on 5 September 2.00pm to 8.00pm at the Pavilion, Rushmere Close where they can voice their concerns through the consultation process.

The draft consultation response was discussed, and it was proposed to collaborate with Little Brickhill to potentially share resources, BBPC can pay towards a planning consultant as £5000 had been budgeted for this.

Resolved: All members agreed to using part of the £5000 budget to collaborate with Little Brickhill to compose a joint response or our own response.

Action: Cllr Price will approach Little Brickhill on behalf of BBPC.

88. UNITARY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Ward Cllr Hopkins attended, his report is as attached

Ward Cllr Baily attended:

- she received a complaint about the overgrown hedges on the A5 and reported it to National Highways, some have been cut back in places.
- there was an objection regarding the TO LET signs on the warehouse, so she has raised a complaint, and it is being investigated, it is unknown how long that may take.
- there was also an enquiry regarding the garages at Parkway as the surface is very dilapidated and some of the garages look derelict, unfortunately one is privately owned so MKCC are

unable to do anything at the moment, but they are developing a strategy for improvement to properties they own.

- Central Beds installed a bin near the crossroads/By Way that leads into the woods then realised that it was not on their land and did not empty it, MKCC will not adopt it and suggested BBPC do so and pay for the emptying. Since then it has been removed and a hole left. As it is the Duke of Bedford's Land Cllr Fergueson-Ford offered to write to him to have it reinstalled or made good.

89. FINANCE

- a. To note the income, expenditure & budget reports – **noted**
Cllr Price asked why the regular user amounts were lower than expected
Resolved: The Clerk reported that the Pavilion lost the Monday evening Line Dancing, one Wed a month Sewing Club, but a Swing Group were now in place, and Kick Boxing did not meet in August
- b. To note the balance in Unity Trust Accounts as of 31/08/24 = £31,977.18
- c. To review Bow Brickhill Parish Council's Risk Management.
Action: Clerk to send individual subjects within the document for Cllrs to review for the October meeting

90. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

- a. Prior Approval of single storey rear extension, with eaves of 2.70 metres and maximum height of 2.90 metres, extending 6.0 metres from the original rear wall
17 Church Road Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes MK17 9LH
Ref. No: 24/01650/PRIOR | Validated: Tue 23 Jul 2024 | Status: Awaiting decision
- b. Outline application (matters of access and layout to be considered, with matters of scale, appearance and landscaping reserved) for the part demolition of No. 11 Station Road, new access, and siting of two self-build dwellings 11 Station Road Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes MK17 9JU
Ref. No: 24/01580/OUT | Validated: Wed 31 Jul 2024 | Status: Registered
- c. The replacement of existing workshop with garage and home study space
15 Church Road Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes MK17 9LH
Ref. No: 24/01418/HOU | Validated: Fri 19 Jul 2024 | Status: Registered
- d. The erection of a two-storey side extension and a single storey rear extension including render to existing dwelling and part removal of the front wall
25 Station Road Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes MK17 9JU
Ref. No: 24/01392/HOU | Validated: Fri 12 Jul 2024 | Status: Registered
- e. Variation of condition 1 (Approved plans) seeking to change the houses on Plots 43-46 from 2-bed units to 3-bed units with associated increase height from 2-storeys to 2.5-storeys and alteration of materials, alteration of hard and soft landscaping, alter the positioning of a cycle store and lighting column and regularise a change in speed bump location on the landscaping plan (relating to permission ref. 22/02477/FUL for the erection of up to 46 dwellings (including 31% affordable homes), vehicular access, incidental open space and soft landscaping, biodiversity net gain, and associated infrastructure Land To the East of Tilbrook Farm Station Road Bow Brickhill.
Noted: BBPC had objected to the proposed higher build on 25 July 2025.
Ref. No: 24/01027/FULM | Validated: Fri 12 Jul 2024 | Status: Registered
- f. Certificate of lawfulness for confirmation of compliance with conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 pursuant to 19/02141/FUL
Site To the West of 1 London End Lane Bow Brickhill
Ref. No: 24/01778/CLUE | Validated: Mon 12 Aug 2024 | Status: Registered
- g. Approval of details required by condition 3 (Noise assessment) of permission ref. 23/02243/HOU
Willow House Aspley Woods View Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes MK17 9FZ
Ref. No: 24/01698/DISCON | Validated: Thu 01 Aug 2024 | Status: Registered

91. MARSTON VALE TRAIN SERVICE

No news except for the odd cancelation, however there is a bus replacement service. Members were informed that the £1 fare is still in force.

92. SOUTH EAST MILTON KEYNES/NEIGHBOURHOOD FUTURES GROUP

The consultation continues with uncertainties about infrastructure and the future of Bow Brickhill station. The date for the SEMK applications to go before Planning Committee 3 October 2024. A Futures meeting date is to be confirmed.

93. EAST WEST RAIL CONSULTATION

EWR ran a free defibrillator course at the Pavilion, and they have offered to do first aid course. The company that gave the training also offered first aid services for the village fete FoC.

A new defibrillator was received via EWR, it was suggested to install it near Greenways, at the pub or to keep it mobile to be used during outside events. It was noted that there is a need for ensuring defibrillators are visible, particularly in the dark.

Action: Cllr Ball will approach the pub about having the defibrillator installed there.

It was proposed that BBPC purchase 4 Apple Air tags to attach to the existing defibrillators as they sometimes get taken on to an ambulance and not returned.

Resolved: All members agreed for the Clerk to purchase 4 Apple Air Tags as an approx. cost of £150.00, Cllr Evans and Cllr Fergeson-Ford will download the app that will be needed to their I-phones as the Clerks phone is Android.

94. PAVILION

- a. New Pre School requirements/action plan - Little Stars have left and a new organisation called "Buttons" is interested in taking over the space. They are in the process of obtaining Ofsted approval, with hopes to begin by October or by the new year. Photos of waste in the pavilion area were discussed, and a cost assessment for cleaning up the waste, which includes brambles and general rubbish, is in progress.
- b. Pavilion upgrade meeting as item 85 above
- c. Archiving status – Significant progress has been made in archiving old council records. Much of the unneeded material will be disposed of by a registered company and destroyed, with legal requirements for retention being followed. This is a continuing project and the Clerk and Cllr Ball hope to finish it by the end of Oct. Cllr Price expressed thanks on behalf of BBPC to the Clerk & Cllr Ball for their hard work.

95. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. MKCC 24/00344/ENF PLP Logistics Park Bow Brickhill informing BBPC there is an investigation of breach of planning control, description of alleged breach large advertising sign 'To Let' on the side of the building.

Noted: Ward Cllr Baily reported this to MKCC on behalf of the village.

96. MKCC CIF APPLICATIONS

Speed Indicator Devices: As Milton Keynes Council will no longer fund replacements for speed indicator devices an application has been made to the community infrastructure fund to cover half the cost of a replacement, with the rest to be funded by BBPC.

School Clock Repairs: An application for funds to repair the school clock has been submitted to the community infrastructure fund to cover half the cost of a replacement, with the rest to be funded by BBPC

The outcome of these applications is expected by March of next year.

97. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Evans asked the Clerk if the Audit report has been received yet

Resolved: It is due, and the Clerk will forward it to member when it is received, it will also be added on the BBPC website.

Cllr Evans reminded members that Recollections Band will be playing at the Pavilion on Saturday 5 October 2025 @ £5.00 entry, this is a fund raiser for the Village Fete.

98. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Bow Brickhill Parish Council has been scheduled as Tuesday 1 October 2024 at 7.00pm.

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