



**Minutes of Bow Brickhill Parish Council Extra Ordinary Meeting held on
13 January 2025 at 1.30pm at the Pavilion, Rushmere Close, Bow Brickhill,
Milton Keynes, MK17 9JB**

PRESENT:	CLlr:	CLlr J Price (Chairman) CLlr P Ball (Vice Chair) CLlr M Ferguson-Ford
	Officer:	Julie Godden
	Members of Public (MoP):	Three
	Apologies:	CLlr C Evans

149. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A MoP raised concerns about whether the proposed precept increase is sufficient for long-term needs and emergencies, it was suggested to consider a slightly higher increase to the Precept to build reserves and cover unforeseen costs. Recognition of the broader challenges faced by parish councils, including reliance on volunteers and limited resources is needed.

CLlr Price thanked the MoP for their thoughts and acknowledged the need for both maintenance and improvement to sustain the Pavilion, he informed MoP's that the PC do plan to advertise the Pavilion and try to find new tenants, but this may prove difficult due to the proposed refurbishments.

150. 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.

151. MINUTES

To consider the approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7 January 2025.

Resolved: all members confirmed their approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7 January 2025 and these were signed by the Chairman.

152. BUDGET 2025/2026

Members had attended several meetings to discuss and set the budget and precept for 2025/2026. It was a difficult budget to set due to higher operational outlays along with losing the day nursery income which covered a lot of these costs. It was determined that the Parish Council will use some of their reserves and take the MKCC advised precept at a 2.75% increase (in line with inflation) and set the

Precept at £57,377.94. **Resolved:** The budget for 2025/26 as attached was proposed by Councillor Price, seconded by Councillor Ball, all members agreed

153. PRECEPT REQUIREMENT

The increase will equate to an additional £4.72 per annum or 9p per week for a Band D Council Taxpayer.

Resolved: £57,377.94 precept and budget for 2025/26 proposed by Councillor Price, seconded by Councillor Ball, all members agreed

154. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

None

155. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Bow Brickhill Parish Council has been scheduled for Tuesday 4 February 2025 at 7.00pm to be held in the Pavilion, Rushmere Close, Bow Brickhill, Milton Keynes MK17 9JB.

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