

# Minutes of Bow Brickhill Parish Council Meeting held on 9 September 2025 at 7.00pm at the Pavilion, Rushmere Close, Bow Brickhill, MK17 9JB

PRESENT: Cllrs: Cllr P Ball (Chair)

Cllr S Pangala

Cllr M Ferguson-Ford

Vacant

Officer: J Godden

Members of Public (MoP):

**Apologies:** Cllr C Evans (Vice Chair)

**36. APOLOGIES:** To receive and approve apologies from members unable to attend the meeting. **None** 

## 37. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No questions or comments were received from members of the public.

# 38. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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.

# 39. MINUTES

To consider the approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8 July 2025. **Resolved:** all members confirmed the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8 July 2025 except for a mistake in the planning item c , these comments should have been against item g, this was noted and initialled by the Chairman & Clerk, the minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

#### **40. UNITARY CLLRS REPORT**

Report by Ward Cllr Hopkins as attached and below:

- The Local Plan is approaching a key stage; confirmation on whether the two sites near Bow Brickhill will be included is expected by October.
- East West Rail: A transport minister recently visited Milton Keynes, acknowledging public concerns. Full details of proposals are expected in November.
- The Local Transport Plan consultation opens next Monday for 12 weeks. Parish Councils are encouraged to respond.
- Parish Forum: Scheduled for Thursday at 6:00 p.m. via Teams.
- Heritage Open Days: 12–21 September.

• Green Flags: Reports of green flags in fields are related to East West Rail drainage surveys, not the bypass.

Ward Cllr Bailey

- Raised concerns with organisers and MKCC about the poor coordination of pothole repairs prior to the Tour of Britain event. The road was closed without adequate notice, causing disruption.
- Sewage leaks near the warehouses on Caldecott Road following heavy rain. Anglian Water have installed sensors to monitor flooding.
- Noise complaints from residents regarding pressure-release sounds at night (suspected from Kegstar or Red Bull). Environmental Health are investigating.
- Community Bookcase Project: Ward Cllr Baily has donated from her ward budget via BBPC, this funding has been received and passed on to the organisers.

#### 41. FINANCE

- a) Income and expenditure reports for July & August noted
- b) Balance in accounts as of 31/08/25 = £40875.43 noted
- c) Clirs to ratify their instruction as agreed via email that the Household Support Fund (7) awarded from MKCC to BBPC for £500.00 to be given to the Community Hall towards the weekly drop-in sessions that are held on a Wednesday afternoon.

**Resolved:** Cllrs ratified their instruction as agreed via email that the Household Support Fund (7) awarded from MKCC to BBPC for £500.00 to be given to the Community Hall towards the weekly dropin sessions that are held on a Wednesday afternoon

Clerk informed members that the grant has been sent to the Community Hall

d) Cllrs to ratify the instruction as agreed via email that the grant of £100.00 that Cllr Baily has given via BBPC for the proposed free library has been forwarded to the organisers

**Resolved:** Cllrs ratified the instruction as agreed via email that the grant of £100.00 that Cllr Baily gave via BBPC for the proposed free library has been forwarded to the organisers

- e) Notice of Conclusion of Audit placed on the BBPC website noted
- f) To note the External Auditor Report and Certificate placed on the BBPC website- noted

# **42. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS**

a) Reference: PLN/2025/1656

Application type: Approval of details reserved by a condition

Site address: Land To The East of Tilbrook Farm, Station Road, Bow Brickhill

Description: Approval of details required by condition 7 (Sensitive Lighting) of permission ref.

24/01027/FULM

Status: Under Consultation Decision:

b) Reference: PLN/2025/1678

Application type: Approval of details reserved by a condition

Site address: Land To The East of Tilbrook Farm, Station Road, Bow Brickhill

Description: Approval of details required by condition 6 (LEMP) of permission ref. 24/01027/FULM

Status: Under Consultation Decision:

c) Reference: PLN/2025/1679

Application type: Approval of details reserved by a condition

Site address: Land To The East of Tilbrook Farm, Station Road, Bow Brickhill

Description: Approval of details required by condition 8 (Hard & Soft Landscaping) of permission ref. 24/01027/FULM

Status: Under Consultation Decision:

d) Reference: PLN/2025/1704

Application type: Non-Material Amendment

Site address: 47 CHURCH ROAD, BOW BRICKHILL, MILTON KEYNES, MK17 9LH

Description: Non-material amendment seeking additional first floor dormer and rooflight to ensuite, addition of rooflight over kitchen and the addition of a window in the kitchen (relating to permission ref. 23/02496/HOU for the erection of a part two storey, part single storey rear extension, and a replacement roof to existing two storey rear projection to a pitched roof, including rooflights)

Status: Under Consultation Decision:

**Resolved:** No objections to the planning applications above, but members were advised that other planning applications have been added since the agenda was circulated and any comments will need to be sent via email the Clerk & Chairman before 26 Sep 2025:

- 74a Station Road
- Two self-build Station Road appeal (previously refused)

## 43. MARSTON VALE TRAIN SERVICE

The Service is still unreliable, with some days lacking train units entirely.

The Rail Operating Company Chairman is meeting Ward Cllr. Hopkins at Bow Brickhill Station on Friday 12 September 2025 to discuss service issues.

## 44. SEMK/NEIGHBOURHOOD FUTURES GROUP

SEMK's Next meeting is confirmed for 12th November at 5:00 pm at the Memorial Hall, Woburn Sands, Cllr Ford will attend on behalf of BBPC. The Neighbourhood Futures Group has not met recently due to the overlap with the stakeholder group schedule.

# **45. EAST WEST RAIL CONSULTATION**

Legislation going through parliament, so awaiting further information following the Transport Minister's visit. Updates will be expected alongside the national budget period. New planning legislation changes may expedite approval processes.

#### **46. PAVILION**

a) Clirs to ratify the instruction as agreed via email for the new refuse contract from Cawley's (a Suez Company) for 1 x general waste bin & 1 x dried mixed waste bin to include hire & duty of care at an estimated monthly cost of £114.86 + VAT

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## **47. PAVILION 2025**

a) Cllrs to ratify the instruction as agreed via email to Ascot Associates for Quantity surveying services at a cost of £1500.00 + VAT and that any additional work required would be subject to the agreement of an additional fixed fee or charged at £95.00 per hour + VAT

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b) Cllrs to ratify the instruction as agreed via email and invoice for CIM Architects for support in the preparation of the cost plan at a cost of £1500.00 + VAT

**Resolved:** Cllrs ratified the instruction as agreed via email and invoice for CIM Architects for support in the preparation of the cost plan at a cost of £1500.00 + VAT

c) Draft Project Tracker from CMI Architects – information only - **noted** 

The Chair expressed thanks to Ward Cllr Hopkins and Paul van Geet for their help in securing the £3000.00 funding.

## **48. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) MoP raised concerns with MKCC, BBPC and Ward Cllrs via email regarding LN/2025/1349 Drakewell House (Drakewell Manor):
  - The fragility of Drakewell Road and the 200+ year-old cottages along it, which are particularly vulnerable to vibration and potential structural damage caused by heavy construction vehicles.
  - The need for a detailed method statement and a formal access agreement to be put in place between the applicant and the six directly affected residents, prior to the commencement of any works.

**Resolved:** Members were informed that this application has been withdrawn

- b) MoP raised concerns with MKCC, BBPC and Ward Cllrs via email re the Church Road Catch Pits still being full of debris
  - **Resolved:** The Ward Cllrs informed members that they will mention this at the MKCC highways meeting they are attending, and Cllr Ball is attending the highways parish meeting and will bring this matter up as well.
- c) BUCKINGHAM & RIVER OUZEL INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD PLN 2025 0681 Brickhill Street South Caldecotte -they maintain their objection on the basis that development is located within nine metres of the Board's watercourse information only **noted**
- d) Planning Enforcement Case 2400150ENF closed noted
- e) Decision Notice PLN.2025.1048 approved noted

# 49. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (CIF)

- a) Cllrs to ratify their instruction agreed via email that the first supplier is to be used as the cheapest choice supplier are no longer trading
  - **Resolved** Cllrs ratified their instruction agreed via email that the first supplier is to be used as the cheapest choice supplier are no longer trading
  - Clerk informed members that the cheaper option did not include installation, and the third option did at £500.00. The Clerk has asked other Parish Councils for a supplier that installs or a company that would install it and will get costs.
- b) Cllrs to advise if there are any projects to bid for in 2026/27 **Resolved:** there are no projects to bis for 2026/2027

## 50. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Ford requested that BBPC have a discussion regarding Church Road safety and traffic issues, the Chair agreed to add this as an additional agenda item today. An extensive discussion took place regarding ongoing issues with speeding, through traffic, and road safety along **Church Road**:

# Members and residents noted that:

- Vehicles regularly exceed the 20-mph limit.
- Concerns were raised about the inappropriate use of Church Road as a cut-through.
- Previous Speedwatch initiatives have proved ineffective due to limited data collection and location constraints.
- Past efforts to introduce traffic-calming measures (such as speed humps or chicanes) failed due to lack of funding and mixed public support as it was suggested that residents may oppose speed humps outside their properties due to vibration and noise concerns.
- A MoP asked BBPC to revisit the matter due to continued speeding and safety worries.

#### Also discussed:

- was the potential for signage such as "Access for Residents Only" and "Not Suitable for Diversion Traffic"
- Coordination with the golf club to encourage considerate driving among members and visitors was suggested.
- It was suggested that BBPC to consider a Freedom of Information request regarding cleaning and maintenance records for Church Road due to the lack of maintenance of the catch pits.

Cllr Ball agreed to revisiting the earlier traffic-calming scheme that was designed by MKCC to explore whether it could be amended or reintroduced. Cllrs acknowledged the persistence of the problems and the importance of balancing resident concerns with feasible, fundable solutions. It was noted that residents' consultation would be necessary before progressing with any proposals.

**Actions:** Clerk to contact Milton Keynes Highways Philip Jeffs to review the previous traffic-calming proposal. Cllr Ball will attend the MKCC highways meeting Thursday morning and he will raise Church Road issues and ask that a MKCC representative attend a Parish Meeting.

# **Budget**

The Clerk reported that budget monitoring for the first six months will be circulated at the start of October ahead of the next budget planning meeting.

**Action:** Clerk to prepare and distribute the mid-year financial report to help member to set the 2026/2027 budget.

# **51. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is a Community Engagement on Tuesday 14 October 2025 at 7.00pm at Bow Brickhill Pavilion.