



## **BOW BRICKHILL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025 – KEY UPDATES**

Present were the Clerk of BBPC, Philip Ball Chair BBPC, Sunitha Pangala Councillor BBPC, two Ward Councillors David Hopkins and Tracey Bailey, with 5 Bow Brickhill residents.

These are notes compiled on the topics raised and are intended to be an aid memoire rather than formal minutes.

- Broken lamppost in Downs View – difficult to report on MKCC website (needs clicks on a map to show which post it is) – was reported via David Hopkins as many in the meeting reported difficulty with the council online reporting system – which appears to work with only some types of computers. This has been reported to MKCC by Tracey Bailey who promised to raise the issue again.
- Common land – the area by the War memorial is flanked by private land. There has been an enquiry about a possible adjustment of access to one property that may involve a need to acquire a small piece of the common land. No formal request made yet, and details of what might be requested are required before next steps. P Ball promised to visit the site once more detail is available, and BBPC will need to discuss this once they know more.
- New housing is proposed in the area opposite the Warehouses on Bow Brickhill Road. MKCC have reduced the original proposal of 14-1500 houses to 1300 however, the detail of connections to BB, Little Brickhill and Levant Gate (across the far side of the Farm shop) are aspirational and may change.

David Hopkins expressed his view that he has made to MKCC that the MK2050 plan should be paused for 12 months to allow for potential changes in planning law, the Universal project, and East West Rail to be clearer. There is no sign of such a pause being taken despite the difficulty this may cause with Planning Inspectors.

- EWR – a meeting last week showed the approaches EWR are taking towards the environmental impact and wider accessibility issues. There is no news on what will happen to crossings at BB and Woburn Sands. No update on how Chiltern Railways are getting on with starting the Bletchley/MK to Oxford service. May not happen until early 2026.
- P Ball meet with a MKCC parking advisor recently to look at potential ways of altering various issues such as pavement parking and parking near junctions, e.g. Church Road and Station Road. There are options for double yellow lines and or bans on pavement parking that would need implementing all along Station Road. These would need a large majority of residents to be in agreement in a consultation and P Ball feels that both options are unlikely to get such a majority. The area at the lower end of Church Road could have a consultation about parking permits however MKCC view is that it is unlikely to deter those who visit the area from parking as the enforcement is likely to be minimal at best. It was expressed that driver behaviour is the worst problem, e.g., the upper length of Church Road in the cutting. Possible 'half laybys' were mentioned and P ball will go back to MKCC about these though likely to a more expensive option. It was also said that once the 'bypass' road for the new houses between BB and W Sands is built it might help alleviate some of the issues. It is anticipated work on that road will start in 2026 as the developers will need access before they can start.

- Loop bus – frequency had dropped but remains well used
- Speeding on Church Road remains a problem – cyclists coming down hill, and again previous ideas (speed bumps, narrowing the road) need agreement of a majority in a consultation. The village speed watch team remain active and watching out both directions on Station Road.
- The impact of increased car usage was aired, currently planning allows two car spaces per new building though poor public transport links leave many car dependent.
- The free library is making progress and a site in the Pavilion area will be confirmed soon. A reminder to make sure books don't get damp was made, rotating them regularly was a help. W Sand has had plenty of books donated and find Children's books change most frequently.
- The Pavilion development project is gathering more details about potential costs and once BBPC are clear about the sources of funds we can share more detail about what is possible. The money might come via MKCC S106 monies and or a Public Works Loan Board loan – BBPC are trying to minimise the financial risk and awaiting the outcome of negotiations with MKCC. David Hopkins has been particularly helpful in the matter, along with Alan Preen.
- With the recent A5 slip road closure it was noted Church Road had been busier at times. Tracey Bailey had warned MKCC and Highways Agency about this.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.