



Notes from the Bow Brickhill Community Engagement meeting held at 7pm on 10th February 2026

Compiled by Philip Ball, Chair Bow Brickhill Parish Council (BBPC).

Meeting Chair – Philip Ball,

Those present included David Hopkins (DH) and Tracey Bailey (TB), ward Councillors, plus 5 villagers including a Parish Councillor.

Items discussed –

- Village information packs – these have not yet been delivered to Wadsworth Close, and this will be rectified soon.
- Parking in the village – recent complaints from residents and the school about parking issues have arisen. BBPC has been in conversation with MKCC about options. These include double yellow lines, a ban on pavement parking, or modifying pavements to make parking spaces. All these have pros and cons, for visitors, homes without parking spaces and possible displacement to side roads. BBPC could conduct a consultation to see what the village as a whole would prefer though recently BBPC felt there would be insufficient support for the first two options in particular. The consultation would be required before BBPC could ask MKCC to consider introducing the measures. A previous plan about changing the pavements was mentioned and BBPC will see if this is possible though unlikely to be funded by MKCC in the near future. It may be possible to use S106 development monies in the future though these are some time off being available. DH and BBPC have pursued this with MKCC. TB has been able to get MKCC parking enforcement team to visit the village at school times after Feb half term to see what can be done.
- MK Local plan 2050 extended consultation – BBPC have submitted comments on the Local Plan saying we believe the proposed development south of Bow Brickhill (on Brickhill Road up to the A5) is not sound. In addition the MKCC Local Transport plan (LTP) is open for consultation and BBPC will respond to this. DH indicated there was an invite to parish council Chairs to join a meeting about the LTP with its MKCC lead in early March.
- Village School – concerns arose over the possibility that it might close though there is no indication of any firm talks about this going on. DH spoke about the experience of Wavendon where the school was transferred.
- ‘One BB’ – following the Wavendon example of pulling the community together, it is an idea BB should consider to look at the future of the expected expansion of the village

through SEMK, as well as the possible southern expansion mentioned above. BBPC to consider this.

- Warehouses – these are in place though not all occupied. The recent installation of two silos by one of the warehouses was noted. Post meeting MKCC confirmed these are sprinkler tanks for a fire suppression system. The flooding and sewage spills by the phase 2 of the warehouse site across the footpaths was discussed as it remains an ongoing problem. TB is to chase up Anglian Water and DH will speak to the Inland Drainage Board. Noted that some wooden features such as fencing and the bat house are rotting away because of the flooding. In the meantime considerable amounts of wader birds have been visiting the site.
- EWR – there is no confirmed start date for the MK to Oxford service as Chiltern Railways and the unions have not agreed on how to staff the trains. TB is writing again to the Rail minister Lord Hendy to get in update. DH provided an update from a recent EWR design meeting that included confirmation the BB station and level crossing will be closed and a bridge put in place. There is no time line for this.
- Level crossing driver behaviour – the danger of people getting impatient and using the wrong side of the road to bypass the queues risking a collision was raised. Post meeting this has passed to MKSS traffic and road safety teams by BBPC and DH to see what can be done. CCTV might be a possibility.
- Village Library – installed last week at The Wheatsheaf pub, who provided a generous opening treat. It is requested this be added to the village asset register held by BBPC.
- Drakewell Manor – concerns about proposed development mentioned though made clear work done thus far has been within the boundaries of planning law. There may be changes to what is planned that would need to go through the usual planning procedures. A follow up meeting with concerned neighbours is being considered.
- Potholes – the recent resurfacing at the top of Church Road has begun to break up. DH and TB will pursue this with MKCC. The frustration of villagers about this, and wider MKCC services was echoed by DH and TB in their experiences as ward councillors.
- Meeting closed at 7.58pm.