



**Minutes of Bow Brickhill Parish Council Meeting
held on 17 March 2026 at 7.00pm at the Pavilion, Rushmere Close,
Bow Brickhill, MK17 9JB**

PRESENT:	Cllrs:	Cllr P Ball (Chair) Cllr C Evans (Vice Chair) Cllr M Kozak Vacant
	Officer:	J Godden
	Members of Public (MoP):	six

89. APOLOGIES: Cllr S Pangala - noted

90. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A MoP reported that parking is still an issue on Church Road and the company nearby may not have informed any new staff that they can park in the Pavilion Car park. Cllr Ball reported that BBPC raised this previously, however, it was agreed that another letter will be sent.

A question was raised about why the village does not have Christmas lights on lampposts like some nearby villages. The installation of festive lights entails considerable costs, including insurance, storage, setup, and removal. Additionally, Station Road features numerous street fixtures and irregularly spaced lampposts, which present challenges for effective decoration. Suggestions included:

- A central display near the T-junction.
- Decorations near the memorial area.
- Ensuring activity is not always concentrated around Church Road.

Members agreed that the matter could be investigated further informally before making any official request.

89. 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

90. MINUTES

To consider the approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 January 2026.

Resolved: all members confirmed the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 January 2026.

The meeting was then adjourned for 5 mins as a Cllr breached the Code of Conduct resulting in another Cllr leaving the meeting therefore making it inquorate.

The following items were discussed and are presented as notes as the meeting was inquorate.

NOTES OF THE MEETING 17 MARCH 2026

UNITARY CLLR REPORTS

Fire Risk Exercise in the Woods

- The fire risk exercise in the woods will go ahead an initial walkaround has already taken place to assess how the exercise can proceed.

Traffic and Station Road Concerns

- Ongoing concerns were raised about traffic backing up on Station Road when the railway crossing barriers are down.
- Cars are reportedly overtaking queues and driving in the opposite direction.
- The issue has previously been reported to Milton Keynes Council.
- The council stated they would review signage again to discourage drivers from overtaking queues.
- Concerns were expressed that although future infrastructure improvements may help, the current issue still requires action.

Transport Consultation

- Residents are reminded about the local transport consultation and that submissions to the are due by 31 March 2026. It was noted as particularly relevant to Bow Brickhill due to bus and rail concerns.

School Parking Enforcement

- Parking enforcement officers attended outside the school during the previous week.
- Officers considered the signage and road markings to be adequate.
- Most drivers were found to be parking appropriately.
- A specific vehicle was identified as causing parking problems, but no further details were given.

Local Development Updates

- Significant public concern remains around the proposed developments at Little Brickhill and Levante Gate. The developments on both sides of the A5 are interconnected:
 - Secondary school and health facilities proposed on the Bow Brickhill side.
 - Primary school and community facilities proposed on the Little Brickhill side.
- A public meeting was recently held at the rugby club in Fenny Stratford.
- It was noted that the proposals are linked to the MK 2050 Local Plan, which has not yet gone before the inspector.
- Developers reportedly stated that Milton Keynes Council encouraged early progression due to delays on other sites.
- Earliest development is expected around late 2028 or early 2029.
- Full rollout could continue into the late 2030s.
- Concerns were raised that this may overlap with development in Southeast Milton Keynes.

Other Matters

- The “redway” route through South Caldecote is reportedly due to be reopened.
- A large security barrier had been placed across the route between warehouses by PLP to prevent unauthorised access. PLP has agreed to address the obstruction as it is also preventing cyclists from using the route.

D Hopkins report as attached.

FINANCE

Income and expenditure reports for January & February 2026 - noted
Balance in accounts as of 28/02/26 = £47888.58

POPPY ARMY AND BOW BRICKHILL

- Donation of £100 from BBPC – to be carried forward to the next meeting

- Free use of Pavilion – as this is an operational decision it was agreed that the WI could have free use after 1.30pm on Saturday 7 November to provide refreshments for the trail.
- Permission from BBPC to place poppies and other items:
 - at the planters on the station end of the village - Poppies on stalks in the planter with a figure soldier
 - At the Pavillion, to cover the dome seated area just off the car park to the left near the play area, in a netting covered in poppies to make it look like a hide and have at least two figure soldiers.
 - At the monument on the village green, to have a WW2 lorry with poppies on a mesh draping out the back onto the green and 2/3 figure soldiers. **All o be c/f to the next meeting**

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

Reference	Application type	Site address	Description	Status	Decision
PLN/2026/0074	Approval of details reserved by a condition	Maintenance Yard, Woburn Golf and Country Club, Bow Brickhill to Little Brickhill Road, Little Brickhill, Milton Keynes, MK17 9LJ	Approval of details required by condition 11 (Cycle Parking) of permission ref.		
24/00740/FUL	Decision Made		Refused		

PLN/2026/0180 Approval of details reserved by a condition Land Between Bletchley And Woburn Sands Associated With The Route Corridor of The East West Rail Project Approval of details required by conditions 3 (development stages), 6 (railway fencing), 9(a) (heritage delivery strategy), 11 (contaminated land), 12(a) (ecological management plan), 13 (flood risk phasing), 14(a) (surface water drainage strategy) and 15(b) (public rights of way) of permission ref. TWA/18/APP/04 relating to the Network Rail (East West Rail Bicester to Bedford Improvements) Order 2020 Decision Made Approved

MARSTON VALE TRAIN SERVICE

The service is running well, Ward Cllr Hopkins informed members that he has been elected as chair of the community rail partnership and members offered their congratulations.

SEMK/NEIGHBOURHOOD FUTURES GROUP

No meetings have been held; infrastructure work is not expected before 2027 due to ongoing East West Rail matters. Further information is available on Ward Cllr Hopkins report.

EAST WEST RAIL CONSULTATION

Further information is available on Ward Cllr Hopkins report

PAVILION

- Nursery Enquiry: daily hire cost and storage - to be agreed via email and ratified at the next meeting – **c/f to next meeting**
- Update re - 'On the Road' art sessions - noted

PAVILION 2050

- No definitive update was available regarding the Pavilion 2050 project.
- Discussions have taken place with senior officers at Milton Keynes City Council.
- Meetings involving Michael Bracey and others were described as positive.
- Councillors remain hopeful despite no formal commitment yet being received.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Notification of approval of S106 funds in your ward – school refurbishment – noted, information only
- Complaint & Photos from resident re dangerous parking – this was already discussed along with other issues at the Community Engagement Meeting

- Funding Enquiry for Community Fitness Sessions Delivered Through Local Churches – due to a nursery being in Monday to Friday this would not be feasible
- Funding Enquiry for Recreational Youth Sports Programme – C/F
- Notification of decision PLN/2025/2627 – approved, information only
- Resident email regarding their dissatisfaction that PLN/2025/2627 has been approved by way of a Certificate of Lawfulness rather than requiring a full planning application along with other matters – noted, *BBPC will form an objection to be agreed via email regarding the application on the grounds of **highway safety, construction feasibility, amenity impacts, and risk to historic properties, all of which conflict with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Plan:MK***
- Path at Caldecotte South, Bow Brickhill - PLN/2025/0678 – objection from Buckingham & River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board and emails stating resident concerns – noted information only
- BBRUA Spring 2026 Newsletter No. 204 - noted
- Milton Keynes Arts Centre Arts 2026 Offer - noted
- Notification of Decision APP/Y0435/W/25/3372301 – dismissed
- Notification of Decision PLN/2025/2649 - approved
- Notification of Decision PLN/2025/2221 - approved
- Notification of Decision PLN/2025/2685 - approved

20MPH SPEED LIMITS FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE – c/f to next meeting

COUNCILLOR VACANCY – c/f to next meeting

One application had been received.

ROAD SAFETY

The new Road Safety officer Ewa Gulinska has been appointed at MKCC.

SPEED INDICATOR DISPLAY UPDATE – c/f to next meeting

Ratify the decision made by email to have MKCC supply and install a replacement SiD

ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLICY DOCUMENTS – c/f to next meeting

- BBPC Risk Management
- Document Retention and Disposal Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- IT Policy

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

It was reported that the Village Library is going well

It was reported that the Woburn Woods Fire Exercise went well

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is a Community Engagement on Tuesday 10 June 2025, 7.00pm at Bow Brickhill Pavilion, Rushmere Close, MK17 9JB.