

**Minutes of the Business Meeting of Bradwell Parish Council,
Held on Monday 20th March 2017 at 7:30 pm
at Bradwell Parish Council Office, 21 Glovers Lane, Heelands, Milton Keynes**

Councillor James Alexander (Chairman)
Councillor Athar Naqvi (until 8:48)
Councillor Marie Bradburn (until 8:48)
Councillor Rose Davy
Councillor Rex Exon (from 9:04)
Councillor Leon Gilpin
Councillor Jenny Jones

Also attended: Harold Atkins, parish clerk/RFO, Helen Ward (clerk designate), Howard Jones (Bradwell Bowls Club), Thomas Harrington and Tia Margan (grant applicants), John Holley and Nicky Ayres (Tenants of Fosters Lane Allotments) and PCSO Tom Willingham.

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1 Apologies for absence. Cllr Robin Bradburn and Cllr David Evans

2 Disclosures of Interest. None disclosed.

3 Minutes of meeting held on 27th February 2017.

Cllr Rose Davy pointed out that under item 11 the words "WREN officials were" should be deleted and replaced by "Phil Snell of MK Council was." With this amendment agreed, the minutes were approved by all members present and signed by the chairman as a true record.

RESOLVED: That the Council approved the minutes of the 27th February 2017 meeting, as amended above.

4 Public Open Forum. Mr John Holley and Mrs Nicky Ayres, tenants of Fosters Lane Allotments, submitted a letter complaining about many aspects of the site, including flooding, tall overhanging trees, tenants not looking after their plots, misuse of a large composting area, no toilet on site and alleged inaccessibility of the entrance gate. They requested that the Council hold periodic meetings of site tenants, chaired by the clerk to discuss and hopefully carry out their proposals. They also maintained that Fosters Lane Allotments compared unfavourably with the St Lawrence Site. It was agreed that tenants' meeting should be held, but the clerk warned that it would be difficult to hold a meeting until at least May due to June Bryant, who maintains the allotment lists, being away sick and the change of clerk over Easter. It is the intention to start holding allotment inspections to identify neglected plots in May, as it is common for some tenants not to start working their plots until the Easter break.

5 Police & Crime Report. PCSO Tom Willingham attended. He advised that PCSO Tom Castle would be leaving soon to become a police constable in Northamptonshire, leaving three PCSOs to cover Stantonbury and Bradwell. He advised that there had been 53 burglaries in of North Milton Keynes in the last month, but was unable to give separate figures for Bradwell Parish.

6 Applications for Parish Council Grants.

6.1. Bradwell Bowls Club.

Mr Howard Jones gave a presentation requesting £750 to replace a glass washer at the clubhouse, cost £500.00, and towards repairing the bank around the green £250.00. The present wooden structure has rotted, but a new structure would be made of melamine. The Club's application for a £4,000 grant from MK Community Foundation had been unsuccessful. Howard Jones seemed concerned that he could not, at this time, apply for a grant in excess of

£1,000 for the 2017/18 year so the chairman suggested that this grant (in the 2016/17 year) be increased to £1,000. This was considered under item 18.1 below. Cllr Leon Gilpin recommended that the Bowls Club hold trial “taster” sessions to attract more members.

6.2. World Challenge, Denbigh School students.

Thomas Harrington and Tia Margan, both residents of Bradwell and year 11 students at Denbigh School, gave a presentation requesting £1,000 between then towards funding their participation in the Denbigh School World Challenge trip to Mongolia in 2018. Each participant has to raise £5,000 to take part in this educational and charitable adventure. They would be happy to report back and write a newsletter article on their return.

7 Chairman’s Report

- a) The chairman had attended the Mayor’s reception.
- b) The chairman will attend the joint MKALC/MKC Conference on Saturday 25th March.

8 Suffolk Punch Site

Planning permission was granted on 9th March Development Control Committee for the public house to be demolished and the construction of 27 dwellings and a community centre. The Parish has received an offer of funding of £208,000 towards the building and the land free of charge. There will also be 33 car parking spaces at the back of St Augustine’s Church. The chairman particularly thanked Cllrs Robin and Marie Bradburn and Rex Exon for their hard work in achieving this result. Plans would be made available at the Public Annual Meeting. A committee was set up to progress development comprising the Chairman, Cllrs. Marie and Robin Bradburn, Rex Exon, Rosey Davy, Jenny Jones and Harold Atkins, the present clerk. The first meeting of this committee will be on Monday 27th April.

9 Bradwell Common Local Park Play Area

Cllr Rosey Davy reported that tenders came in under budget and the contract has been awarded to Serco. The project should be completed by mid-June. Cllr Davy was unhappy with the overall use of green on the plans and wanted to see more varied bright colours. The site should have its own logo.

10 Barbecue and Beacon Party

No new information, but Bradwell Church and Memorial Hall trustees were aware of the proposals, but no meeting had yet been arranged.

11 MK Dons Sport & Education Trust reported that they had been running hour long football training sessions at New Bradwell at £50 per session, and offered a similar service to other parishes. Members were interested in the proposal and would ask MK Dons SET where they would like to hold the sessions. If it was at the football pitch on Heelands South Field the matter would have to be discussed with Heelands Rangers FC.

12 2017 – 2020 Tenders

Insufficient tenders for landscaping had yet been received but two tenders had been received for the weekly emptying of dog waste and litter bins from the two main contractors who operate this service. Contractor ‘A’ quoted £2.30 per bin per emptying and Contractor ‘B’ quoted £2.00 per bin for the years 2017/18 and 2018/19. The clerk had been very pleased with the service currently given by contractor ‘A’, but the saving by using ‘B’ would exceed £1,300 over the two years. All members present agreed that Contractor ‘B’, namely Marcus Young Landscapes Limited would be awarded the contract for two years commencing 2nd May 2017. **RESOLVED: That Marcus Young Landscapes Ltd be awarded the contract for emptying the Council’s dog waste and litter bins for two years commencing 2nd May 2017.**

13 Formal Complaint from Mr Geoffrey Seale

Mr Geoffrey Seale of The Spinney, Bradwell, complained of the poor state of landscape maintenance at the western end of King George's Field, Bradwell. Part of this area comes under King George's Field, Bradwell Charity, of which the Parish Council is sole trustee and part belongs to Milton Keynes Council and classified as "woodland." It was agreed to request The Green Gym volunteers to cut back the overgrowing vegetation in the part for which the Parish Council is responsible when their schedules permit. The other part would be reported to MK Council. The clerk would reply to Mr Seale.

14 Clerk's Report and Correspondence received.

- a) Highway contractor, Ringway, offers two days' of employee time annually to help with community projects. Members requested any such help be directed towards improving Bradwell Common Square.
- b) Swan Credit Union advised that their AGM is on 27 March at 6pm at MK Council Civic Offices.
- c) The Spinal Injuries Association is organising "The Great British Fish & Chip Supper" on 19 May.
- d) The new dog waste and litter bin for Streatham Place will be installed on 31 March.
- e) Cllr Athar Naqvi has been enrolled on a Councillor Induction Course at Bletchley in May.

FINANCE

15 Community and Parish Council Awards

At the Public Annual Meeting on 26th April, members agreed that the Community Award would be awarded to Mrs Lyn Drinkwater of Bradwell Common for long service. The Parish Council award would be awarded internally.

16 Decisions of the Grant Applications heard under item 6.

16.1. Bradwell Bowls Club. After discussion, the chairman formally proposed that the amount of the grant be increased to £1,000 and awarded at the revised amount. This was seconded by Cllr Jenny Jones and passed with three votes in favour and two against.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £1,000 to Bradwell Bowls Club.

16.2. Thomas Harrington & Tia Margan, Students at Denbigh School.

Members felt that this was too much money to benefit only two residents of the whole parish. The two students would be offered publicity and a stall at the Barbecue & Beacon Party. Their trip was a long way ahead and if they were short of funds in 2018 the Council may consider a smaller grant then. It was decided not to award a grant in this instance.

17 Payment of Accounts

Members agreed to the payments of accounts listed in the appendix on page.79.

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18 PLANNING

New planning applications.

- a) Ref. 17/001239/FUL – Amended proposal for the erection of 2 x 1-bed bungalows at land to the rear of the Victoria Inn, Vicarage Road, Bradwell. The Council had objected to the original submission. *The Council's objection to the application still stands.*
- b) Ref: 17/00586/FUL – Supply and install two new extract fans to the staff bungalow, kitchen and bathroom at Warden's Accommodation, Bradwell Youth Hostel, Vicarage Road, Bradwell. *No comments or objections.*

- c) Ref. 17/00578/FUL – First floor front extension, 28 Walgrave Drive, Bradwell. *No objection.*

19 Environmental and Community Matters

Matters raised by Cllr Rose Davy

- a) Drug needles had been found under a bridge. Rosey reported that Serco have a response time of two hours to deal with drug paraphernalia, dead animals and broken glass.
- b) Not long enough time was given to read and comment on the latest newsletter – it only gave one weekend when Cllr Davy was away from home. More time needs to be allowed for future newsletters.
- c) A house in Stokenchurch Place was being converted with an exceptionally large extension.

The business having been completed, the chairman closed the meeting at 10:00pm.

Signedchairman

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Appendix

Accounts submitted for payment on 20-Mar-17					
Bradwell Parish Council Account					
<i>Payment reference</i>	<i>To whom paid</i>	<i>Reason for payment</i>	<i>net value</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Total</i>
			<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>Value £</i>
cheques					
3675	DVLA	Tax for the tractor	25.00	0.00	25.00
3676	Thames Valley Police	Last payment for part funding of a PCSO	4,258.25	0.00	4,258.25
3677	Bespoke Media	Printing newsletter	1,075.00	0.00	1,075.00
3678	PJ Leaflets (J. Clunie)	Delivering newsletters	300.00	0.00	300.00
3679	DA Garden Services	Landscape work, Heelands & Fosters Lane	180.00	0.00	180.00
3680	D&I Window Cleaning (MK) Ltd	Installation of 4 recycled plastic seats	56.00	11.20	67.20
3681	H R Atkins	Clerk & Admin mileage & postage Oct 16 - March 17	105.73	0.00	105.73
3682	Cheque cancelled	not issued	0.00	0.00	0.00
3683	Bradwell Bowls Club	grant	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
3684	N-power	Electricity bill, Heelands Meeting Place	169.10	8.46	177.56
3685	JRB Enterprises Ltd.	2 dog waste bins (Streatham Pl (Bradwell Abbey N)	314.50	62.90	377.40
electronic					
DD	Biffa Waste Services Ltd.	Refuse skip hire & collection, Heelands MP	89.44	17.89	107.33
DD	British Gas	Parish Office electricity bill	22.20	1.11	23.31
DD	British Telecommunications	Office telecommunications	76.00	15.20	91.20
deducted	Lloyds Bank	Bank charges	13.82	0.00	13.82
telepay	Staff remuneration	Office staff and meeting place caretaker	2,824.87	0.00	2,824.87
debit card	Krystal Hygiene Ltd.	Supplies for Heelands Meeting Place	55.14	11.03	66.17
debit card	CP Locks & Ironmongery	Padlock and long chain	18.32	3.67	21.99
debit card	WH Smith	Bradwell Charity envelopes (qty. 300)	25.04	0.00	25.04
debit card	Amazon	Computer software and key fobs	164.16	32.83	196.99
debit card	Baker Ross	Paper for notice board backing	16.32	3.32	19.64
King George's Field, Bradwell, Account					
89	Mr P Smith	Refund of allotment charges	41.63	0.00	41.63
90	DA Garden Services	Work on Abbey Field	118.00	0.00	118.00

SignedChairman

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