

**Minutes of the Business Meeting of Bradwell Parish Council
held on Monday 1st June 2015 at 8:10 pm at
Summerfield School, Bradwell Common, Milton Keynes**

Members present:

Councillor James Alexander (Chairman)
Councillor Leon Gilpin
Councillor Robin Bradburn
Councillor Rex Exon (from 7.41pm)

Also attended: Harold Atkins, parish clerk/RFO; MK Cllr David Lewis, PCSO Tom Castle, Mr Stuart Bailey and colleague from Great Linford (St Andrews) Scout Group.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors John Newbury, Marie Bradburn and Marc Hairsine. Apologies were also received from June Bryant.

2 Disclosures of Interests. Cllr Rex Exon declared a personal interest in items 7 and 13 as a voluntary member of the Scouts.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the internal annual meeting and the business meeting both held on 11th May 2015 and the minutes of the extraordinary meeting on 19th May were approved by all members present. They were signed by the chairman as a true record.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 11th and 19th May 2015.

4 Chairman's Announcements

- a) The chairman reported that at the meeting of Bradwell Memorial Hall, trustees agreed to co-operate with the Beacon Party. Their Spring Fair raised about £200. Bookings are now on a sound footing. The AGM will be held on 17th July.
- b) The chairman had attended the meeting of MK Association of Local Councils. Subscriptions had been received from most parishes. There was a presentation about arts organisations,, the Highways Agency and planning gain and S106.
- c) A vacancy for Stony Stratford Town Clerk had been advertised at a high rate of pay.

5 Police and Crime Report. (This item was taken out of order at the PCSO's request)

PCSO Tom Castle reported that there had been 20 thefts from vehicles throughout the whole of the police north sector, especially targeting vans likely to be carrying tools. In the Bradwell area, there had been one burglary each on Heelands and Bradwell Common, and an instance of a male person following a female on Bradwell Common. The PCSO could not give information on the anticipated speed checks, but would find out the answer.

6 Public Open Forum.

Cllr Dave Lewis queried the position of Cllr Robin Bradburn at the Extraordinary Meeting held on 19th May. Cllr Marie Bradburn (Cllr Robin Bradburn's wife) had declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the matter under discussion as an employee and trustee of SIEVEMK. Cllr Lewis pointed out that, as the spouse of Marie Bradburn, Cllr Robin Bradburn should have also declared a disclosable pecuniary interest and should not have seconded the motion or attended to vote. The clerk advised that Cllr Lewis was procedurally correct, but the problem was the extremely tight time limits involved in this matter whereby Cllr Robin Bradburn was the only person in a position to explain the bid and its background. Cllr Exon agreed retrospectively to second the motion. Cllr Bradburn retrospectively withdrew his vote. The 19th May motion was

still passed by the other members present. Cllr Lewis advised that MK Council was tightening up on these procedures on members' interests and disclosures.

7 Presentations requesting Parish Council Grants.

7.1. Great Linford (St Andrews) Scout Group.

Mr Stuart Bailey gave a presentation, requesting £714.00 to purchase six new modern tents for the Scouts. Great Linford (St Andrews) Scout Group, which is run entirely by volunteers, was reported to be the largest scout group in Milton Keynes. It actively recruits, and currently includes 15 children and four scout leaders who live within Bradwell Parish. Milton Keynes Council has effectively reduced funding. Mr Bailey answered a number of questions. If successful in obtaining a grant, the Group would carry Bradwell Parish logo on its literature. The chairman invited them to participate in Bradwell Beacon Party in September.

7.2. MKRUFC Ltd.

No representative of this organisation attended so the application could not be considered.

8 Consideration of an offer from Milton Keynes Council for the Parish Council to take over all the play areas in the parish under Community Asset Transfer (CAT) procedures.

The clerk had distributed copies of the offer and a list of play areas which advised their contents and condition. The problem is that no funding is offered under CAT procedures and as it would be impossible to charge for the use of play areas, this would, in effect, cause the double taxation of Council Tax payers in the Parish. Members resolved not to accept the offer except that the Parish Council still wanted to take over the land between Mayditch and Coleshill Places in Bradwell Common. MK Council play areas project manager, Phil Snell, suggested making a bid from WREN (funded by Landfill Tax) to improve the play area on this site substantially, and all members present agreed to this.

RESOLVED: That the Council resolves not to take over all the play areas in Bradwell Parish, but to request taking over the land between Mayditch Place and Coleshill Place in Bradwell Common, and to initiate applying for a grant from WREN to improve the play areas on this site.

9 Request for a Litter bin near Rooksley Roundabout / Craddocks Close

Cllr Robin Bradburn had been in contact with Kevin Wilson, an officer of the Environment directorate of Milton Keynes Council. Mr Wilson had suggested a location at the end of Craddocks Close, Bradwell. The Parish Council would have to pay for the bin and its installation, but it would be emptied by Serco weekly at no cost to the parish. A substantial bin could be provided and installed by MK Council's "fix-it" team. Cllr Bradburn will obtain an exact quotation, but all members present agreed to install this bin, subject to agreeing its cost.

10 The Suffolk Punch public house site, Heelands.

Cllr Robin Bradburn declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the bid by SIEVEMK Gateway, but purely as a matter of report advised that the SIEVEMK bid will be made to Rapleys estate agents, acting for MK Parks Trust, by the end of 2nd June, the closing date.

11 Community Orchard and Quiet Area.

Richard Willis, partner with Geoffrey Leaver Solicitors, who acts for the Council, advised that the document held by the Council did no more than advise that Milton Keynes Development Corporation occupied the site up to 1994 and understood it to be part of "Bradwell Sports Grounds" (which it is not). Their successor, the Commission for the New Towns had failed to transfer ownership to the Parish Council. The solicitor would attempt to transfer the land to the Parish Council. In the meantime he recommended that no work be carried out on the site, and this advice would be relayed to Mr Brian King who has been appointed warden of the area.

12 Letters and Emails Received, with any action taken on them.

- a) The two vacancies on the Council were currently being advertised on the appropriate notice boards according to legal requirements and on MK Council's web site. The expiry date is 9th June 2015.
- b) The Sea Cadets invited a councillor to attend a parade on 1st July. Cllr Rex Exon agreed to attend on behalf of the Council.
- c) Milton Keynes Council advised the consultation on a notification of designation of a neighbourhood area for Stantonbury Parish.
Flyer received: "Do you have a Neighbourhood Plan?" The clerk was asked to circulate this.
- d) MK Council email: "Duties under the Equality Act". The clerk was asked to ascertain if there were any future seminars on this matter.

FINANCE

13 Consideration of Grant Application by Great Linford (St Andrews) Scout Group heard under item 7.1 above.

Although members were not happy with the previous application from MK District Scouts, this was a different organisation and Cllr Leon Gilpin knew of children from Bradwell Village School who attended the Great Linford Scouts, He proposed that the Council award the requested grant of £714.00 for new tents. This was seconded by Cllr Robin Bradburn and agreed by three votes in favour. Cllr Rex Exon abstained in view of his declaration of personal interest.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £714.00 to Great Linford (ST Andrews) Scouts for six new tents. This grant is awarded under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

14 Accounts Passed for Payment

Please see the List of Accounts on page 17.

ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMUNITY MATTERS

15 Notification of Development of Site in Deltic Avenue, Rooksley.

Milton Keynes Council advised that the remaining undeveloped site in Deltic Avenue, Rooksley, is the subject of a pre-application process as an employment site, and any views on this should be made by 15th June. All members present were in favour of this development.

16 Planning Applications

16.1. Planning Applications

a) Ref. 15/00778/FUL – Erection of new double garage (resubmission of 14/02328/FUL) at 6 Maidenhead Avenue, Bradwell Common.

Members requested that this application go the full committee for approval, but MK Council advised that only MK ward councillors are able to make this request.

b) Ref. 15/01075/ADV – Advertisement consent for 2 freestanding totem signs (resubmission of 15/00365/ADV) at Central Retail Park, Patriot Drive, Rooksley.

c) Ref. 15/01064/FUL – Change of use from storage and distribution and ancillary offices (use classes B1a and B8) to storage and distribution (use class B1a) retail (use class A1) and training centre (use class D1) at 6 Precedent Drive, Rooksley.

Members agreed to support this application.

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16.2. Planning application permitted – notification only..

Ref. 15/00646/FUL – Replacement of existing timber glazed “curtain wall” to rear of communal lounge with green “curtain wall” at 1 – 32 Flingtergill Court, Heelands (Flintergill Court sheltered housing building)

17 Environmental and Community Matters

- a) Cllr Leon Gilpin requested that the Council ask Bradwell Sports & Social Club, the Tennis Club and Bowls Club if they would be prepared to run any summer days for children if the Parish Council contributed to their cost.
- b) Cllr Leon Gilpin was concerned that the minutes section of the website was not up to date. The clerk would forward the necessary information to June Bryant and ask her to attend to this.
- c) Cllr Leon Gilpin advised that the parish councillors’ declarations were not up to date on MK Council’s web site. The clerk said that apart from Cllr Asare, who had not completed his form, they had been sent to MK Council but the official dealing with this matter had changed. Forms from Cllr Asare and new members would be obtained and sent to MK Council with copies of those already completed. Cllr Gilpin asked that they also be added to the Parish website. A new website could be investigated.

The business having been completed the chairman closed the meeting at 9:30pm.

Signed.....Chairman.

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List of Accounts passed for payment on:			01-Jun-15
Bradwell Parish Council Account			
<i>Type of payment</i>	<i>Value £</i>	<i>To whom paid</i>	<i>Reason for payment</i>
Cheque 003352	768.00	Paul Woodward	Fitting 3 new cisterns at Heelands Meeting Place toilets
Cheque 003353	529.92	A H Contracts	Emptying dog and litter bins
Cheque 003354	250.00	CP Locks & Ironmongery	Sundreies for stock for Heelands Meeting Place
Cheque 003355	75.19	Npower	Heelands Meeting Place electricity bill
Cheque 003356	899.28	MK Play Association	Half term holiday play sessions
Cheque 003357	165.00	DA Garden Services	Landscape contract work
Cheque 003358	308.70	Peter Stamp	Groundsman's remuneration for May
Cheque 003359	131.88	Peter Baldwin	Asst groundsman's remuneration for May
Cheque 003360	83.48	H R Atkins	Administration & clerk's mileage expenses
Cheque 003361	867.38	HMRC	Income tax and national insurance for May remunerations.
Cheque 003362	1,075.00	Bespoke Media	Printing newsletter
Cheque 003363	240.00	P J Leaflets (J. Clunie)	Delivering newsletter
Cheque 003364	67.20	D&I Window Cleaning (MK) Ltd	Window cleaning
Cheque 003365	90.00	J V Hough	Fit new dog waste bin
Cheque 003366	714.00	Gt Linford (St Andrews) Scouts	Section 137 grant
Telepay	2,486.80	Staff remuneration	Staff remuneration
Direct debit	216.00	Milton Keynes Council (rates)	Non-domestic rates, parish office
Direct debit	125.00	Milton Keynes Council (rates)	Non-domestic rates, Heelands Meeting Place
King George's Field, Bradwell			
Cheque 000075	35.00	D A Garden Services	Extended verge trimming at Abbey Field

Signed.....chairman

Date2015