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Minutes of the Business Meeting of Bradwell Parish Council held on Monday 22nd June 2015 at 7:30 pm at the Bradwell Parish Council Office, 21 Glovers Lane, Heelands, Milton Keynes

Members present:

Councillor James Alexander (Chairman)
Councillor Leon Gilpin
Councillor Robin Bradburn
Councillor Rex Exon
Councillor John Newbury

Also attended: Harold Atkins, parish clerk/RFO; June Bryant, administrative assistant for the whole meeting. Janice Jones of Works for Us and Zarina and Maris from Mediation Works for item 6 only.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Marie Bradburn and Marc Hairsine.

2 Disclosures of Interests. Cllr Robin Bradburn declared a disclosable pecuniary interest for item 12.2 due to his spouse's final interest as a trustee and employee of SIEVEMK Gateway.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the business meeting held on 1st June 2015 were approved by all members present and were signed by the chairman as a true record.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2015.

The chairman changed the order of business to allow item 6 to be taken at this point as one of the presenters had to leave urgently.

6.1. Presentation by Works for Us for a Parish Council Grant

Ms Janice Jones of Works for Us, which was seeking a £400.00 grant, gave a short presentation on the work of the organisation and answered members' questions. These covered: Works for Us have dealt with about 150 individuals in the past year, other agencies can refer people, Any grant given will go towards advice and training mainly for unemployed people, but also for some people with mental health issues, they can tailor courses for individual needs, they have spare space to accommodate and give advice to people starting up small businesses or charities.

6.2. Presentation by Mediation Works (MK Community Mediation Service)

Ms Zarina Dossaji gave a presentation requesting a grant of £1,000 towards ongoing training, support and insurance for their mediators. She advised that there had been an increase in referrals, but get no funding to train mediators. Mediation Works currently has one trained mediator in Bradwell Parish. In all they have 25 active mediators, most part-time, and they never go alone to a call and often multiple visits are required. In the past year they have dealt with 221 cases borough wide, three in Bradwell Parish at a cost of £350 each. They do not charge for mediation locally, but do charge outside Milton Keynes

4 Chairman's Announcements

a) With deep regret, the chairman reported the death of Mrs Hazel Staten two weeks ago. He had attended her funeral on 15th June. Hazel Staten was a supporter of the work of Bradwell Parish Council giving and physically planting many plants in Abbey Field, and she had been awarded a Parish award for exemplary service to the community. Hazel was a member of

“Junction 14” women’s singing group, she was a graduate of the Open University and had learned Mandarin Chinese, visiting China. She leaves behind her husband Dr Paul Staten, children and grand-children. Ten years ago, Hazel was diagnosed with leukaemia, which she survived, giving strong active support and chairing the local Leukaemia Society. She organised collections and theatre productions and was also interested in a local history group. There was a recurrence of leukaemia 15 months ago. Hazel’s passing will be a great loss not only to her family but to the wider community as well.

- b) Due to the large number of items on this agenda, a report on the Parishes Forum would be given at the next meeting.

5 Public Open Forum. .No members of the public attended except to give grant presentations.

6 Grant Presentations, see above.

7 Police and Crime Report. No PCSO attended.

8 Vacancies for Parish Councillors

The statutory notice period for ten electors to demand a poll to fill the two vacancies expired on 9th June with no poll being demanded. Members agreed that notices would be displayed on parish notice boards advertising for people interested in becoming parish councillors to apply to be considered for co-option. If no replies have been received by 31 July it will be advertised in the next newsletter.

9 Calendar of Meetings for the period September 2015 to July 2016.

The dates of meetings were agreed for the 2015-2016 year, except for the Public Annual Meeting which was provisionally set for a Wednesday in April at Bradwell Memorial Hall, exact date to be confirmed.

10 Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of Heelands Sports Grounds, North & South Fields.

Milton Keynes Council advised that the public meeting on the CAT to cover both fields of Heelands Sports Grounds will be held on Wednesday 5th August between 18:45 and 19:45 at Heelands Meeting Place. The clerk was asked to contact Heelands Rangers to confirm that they would bid for the north field which includes the pavilion. If so, the parish council would support their bid. The Parish Council would bid for the south field which it already leases.

11 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Councillors felt that due to the limited opportunities for development in Bradwell Parish they would not seek to designate the parish as a neighbourhood area now, but they would keep monitoring the situation regularly.

12 Clerk’s Report and Action Taken on the Matters Raised

12.1. Action taken on matters raised by Cllr Leon Gilpin

- a) The Parish Council website had been updated
- b) MK Council has not received all the Members’ Declarations of Interest they were sent. Cllr Fredua Asare had not completed his declaration and will be sent a replacement form.
- c) The sports clubs were advise of the offer to support children’s events in the summer.

12.2. Proposal to Resurrect Bradwell Neighbourhood Action Group

Mr Richard Bonella intends to resurrect Bradwell NAG specifically to deal with a problem house in Heelands. He could use the Parish Office provided he gave reasonable notice, but may prefer to use the police station. The Parish Council would support this if it took place.

12.3. Emergency Item: The Suffolk Punch Site, Heelands.

SIEVEMK Gateway reported that their bid had been unsuccessful and the Parks Trust trustees had accepted a bid from a developer, reported to be £900,000, proposing to build 24 homes on the site, subject to planning permission. Members expressed great disappointment and felt let down by the rejection of a bid that included a community facility. The developer would have many potential obstacles to overcome including applying for change of use, the number of homes would exceed MK density rules, there may be a rebuttal application. It was unlikely that S106 funding would be sufficient to construct a community building on another site.

12.4. Great Linford (St Andrews) Scout Group

The Scouts had send both an email and letter of thanks for their grant to purchase six new tents. They would send photographs of the tents when purchased and erected, and they looked forward to taking part in the Beacon Party.

12.5. Bradwell Common Boulevard Traffic Order

MK Council has reported, through MK Cllr Paul Williams, that the traffic order to prevent waiting in Bradwell Common boulevard near the Aldi store was due by late August or early September subject to there being no objection during the consultation period.

FINANCE

13 Consideration of Grant Applications by Works for Us and Mediation Works.

13.1. Application by Works for Us

After discussion, Cllr Robin Bradburn proposed and the chairman seconded a proposal that a grant of £400.00 be awarded to Works for Us. This was agreed by all members present.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £400.00 be awarded to Works for Us.

13.2. Application by Mediation Works

After discussion, Cllr Rex Exon proposed and Cllr Robin Bradburn seconded a proposal that a grant of £500.00 be awarded to Mediation Works (MK Community Mediation Service Ltd.)

RESOLVED: That a grant of £500.00 be awarded to Mediation Works (Milton Keynes Community Mediation Service Ltd.)

14 Completion of the Annual Return of the 2014/2015 Accounts

All members present agreed to accept the accounting figures listed in Section 1 of the Annual Return form. Each item of Section 2 of the Annual Return were agreed individually. The Chairman and the Clerk/RFO signed these forms as appropriate.

RESOLVED: To accept sections 1 and 2 of the accounting Annual Return, positively agreeing to all the statements in section 2.

15 Accounts Passed for Payment

- a) Please see the List of Accounts on page 21. .
- b) Members agreed to sign a direct debit mandate in favour of The Information Commissioner as £35 has to be paid annually, as required by law.

ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMUNITY MATTERS

16 Planning Applications

16.1. Planning Applications

None received

16.2. Planning application permitted – notification only..

Ref. 15/00914/FUL – Raised roof height and rear dormer window at 24 Walgrave Drive, Bradwell.

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

List of Accounts passed for payment on:			22 06 2015
Bradwell Parish Council Account			
<i>Type of payment</i>	<i>Value £</i>	<i>To whom paid</i>	<i>Reason for payment</i>
Cheque 003367	401.47	J V Hough	Bradwell Village landscaping contract (part)
Cheque 003386	235.00	DA Garden Services	landscaping contract work, Heelands MP & Fosters Lane
Cheque 003369	83.98	H R Atkins	Reimbursement for purchase of chairman's retirement award
Cheque 003370	32.13	Summeffeld School	Hire of hall on 01.06.2015
Cheque 003371	1,375.00	Milton Keynes Council	Office rent for quarter 01.07.15 to 30.09.15
Cheque 003372	500.00	Mediation works	Grant
Cheque 003373	400.00	Works for Us	Grant
Telepay	2,486.80	Staff remuneration	Staff remuneration
Direct debit	72.93	British Telecom	Office telecommunications
Direct debit	41.20	British Gas	Parish office electricity bill
Direct debit	108.37	CNG Ltd (Switch Business Gas)	Parish office gas bill (May)
Direct debit	88.31	CNG Ltd (Switch Business Gas)	Parish office gas bill (June)
Direct debit	120.17	Total Gas & Power Ltd	Heelands MP gas bill (May)
Direct debit	93.28	Total Gas & Power Ltd	Heelands MP gas bill (June)
Direct debit	15.06	E-on	Activity area lighting (June)
Direct debit	35.00	Information Commissioner	Annual registration fee
(Request to sign a direct debit mandate for the above was accepted)			
Amount deducted	25.05	Lloyds Bank	Bank Service charges
King George's Field, Bradwell			
Cheque 000077	135.00	D A Garden Services	Abbey Field maintenance

Signed.....Chairman.

Date2015