

BOW BRICKHILL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Bow Brickhill Parish Council held on
Thursday 12 December 2019

Present: Cllr R O'Rourke (Chair); Cllr J Price; Cllr P Ball

In attendance: Tony O'Rourke (Clerk)

Public: Mrs S Malleson

The meeting commenced at 7.32pm

1.0	<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	
Noted	Cllr R Ford; Cllr D Hopkins	
2.0	<u>Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda</u>	
2.1	Cllr R O'Rourke: Parish Clerk/RFO is her husband	
2.2	Cllr R O'Rourke: Resident of 1 Station Road, Bow Brickhill	
Noted		
3.0	<u>Public Questions</u>	
	The meeting adjourned at 7:34pm to receive questions from the public.	
3.1	Sue Malleson observed that David Lock Associates ('DLA') had objected to the Hampton Brook plans for South Caldecotte, noting that their objection "seemed to echo" the objection submitted by LRM Planning on behalf of BBPC. She had understood that DLA would be promoting the Gallagher plans south of the railway line, so thought this was odd and begged the question of authorship of the plan for the bridge that suddenly appeared in the SPDs for both Caldecotte sites that was previously believed to have been Gallagher's work.	
Noted		
3.2	Mrs Malleson also commented that MKC had told her the gulley team was 'monitoring' the broken drain adjacent to the railway line. The Clerk commented that he had also been monitoring the situation and, to that end, had sent photographs of the drain and the vegetation growing out of it to Kay Pettit at MKC for onward communication to the relevant department. He also commented that a team had indeed closed Brickhill Street on the opposite side of the mini roundabout overnight some weeks previously for the purpose of carrying out remedial work to the gulley. The stretch they closed was on the wrong side of the roundabout and did not have any gullies, so the problem of the broken drain and associated surface water issues remain unresolved and public money and time was wasted in the process.	
Noted		
3.3	On a similar topic, Mrs Malleson also commented that she had looked up forthcoming roadworks on roadworks.org only to find a closure of the footpath at the junction of Station Road and the non-existent 'Bow Brickhill Lane'. It was agreed that MKC needed to dramatically improve its local knowledge and work towards disambiguating its roadworks information.	
Noted		
	The meeting resumed at 7:37pm	

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<p>4.0</p> <p>Agreed</p>	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 September 2019 were accepted as a true and accurate record by all councillors and were signed by the Chair</p>	
<p>5.0</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>5.3</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p><u>Matters Arising from 17 July Meeting</u></p> <p>Casual Vacancy (Minute 2.0) No applications had so far been received. The vacancy would be advertised again on Bow Brickhill's social media pages.</p> <p>Planning (Minutes 4.1 & 9.1) 19/02104/REM Land North of Blind Pond Lane, Woburn Sands Road, Bow Brickhill Planning permission refused (see Item 9.2 below)</p> <p>Correspondence (Minute 17.0) Christmas Lights (Minute 17.1) The lights were now on the tree on the Village Green and looking great.</p> <p>As was customary, BBPC agreed to bear the cost of the mince pies and mulled wine for the reception in the Church Hall after the official 'switch on' by the Brownies on 27 November. Sally Pepper to be reimbursed for this on presentation of receipts.</p>	
<p>6.0</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p><u>Unitary Councillor Report</u></p> <p>The Report was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting and had been read and noted.</p>	
<p>7.0</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p><u>Clerk's Progress Report</u></p> <p>The Report was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting and had been read and agreed. The most significant developments for December were:</p> <p>Trees Felled on Station Road opposite Greenways</p> <p>Although this was of concern to the Parish Council and to residents, it was acknowledged that it was likely connected to the agreed planning permission for the 'Tilbrook Pastures' development. Following an enquiry from a concerned resident, it had been ascertained that no Tree Preservation Orders were in place in respect of the trees so BBPC was powerless to prevent further felling.</p> <p>Broken and damaged bollard and signage on Station Rd mini Roundabout following several RTCs</p> <p>The bollard and roundabout sign had been replaced and the posts which had held the direction sign for the M1 and Universities etc. had been removed. However, the sign remained on the grass verge opposite the roundabout and had not been replaced.</p>	

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8.0	<p><u>Planning Notifications from Milton Keynes Council</u></p>	
8.1	<p>Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended) Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015 Application no: 19/01818/OUT Proposal: Outline application including access for the development of the site for employment uses, comprising of warehousing and distribution (Use Class B8) floorspace (including mezzanine floors) with ancillary B1a office space, general industrial (Use Class B2) floorspace (including mezzanine floors) with ancillary B1a office space, a small standalone office (Use Class B1) and small café (Use Class A3) to serve the development; car and HGV parking areas, with earthworks, drainage and attenuation features and other associated infrastructure, a new primary access off Brickhill Street, alterations to Brickhill Street and provision of Grid Road reserve to Brickhill Street with appearance, landscaping, layout and scale to be determined as reserved matters (Environment Statement received) At: Land At Brickhill Street South Caldecotte Milton Keynes MK17 9FE</p> <p>Deadline: 18 December 2019</p>	
Agreed	<p>It was unanimously agreed that BBPC would reiterate its original objections to MKC</p>	
8.2	<p>Application no: Application no: 19/03084/FUL Proposal: Construction of a white UPVC conservatory at the rear of the premises At: 9 Parkway Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes MK17 9JZ</p> <p>Deadline: 18 December 2019</p>	
Agreed	<p>No objection</p>	
8.3	<p>APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION 18/01372/FUL Demolition of 2 no. Outbuildings to create access and construction of 28 no. 2, 3 ,4 and 5 bedroom residential dwellings and all ancillary works. Rectory Farm Woburn Sands Road Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes MK17 9JY</p> <p>Deadline: 2 January 2020 for any additional comments to Planning Inspector ahead of Public Inquiry (date TBA)</p> <p>Because this notification was to advise interested parties that this would now be determined by public inquiry rather than written submissions and because already-submitted comments and objections would be considered, it was agreed that no action was required from BBPC at this juncture.</p>	
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<p>9.0</p> <p>9.1</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>9.2</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>9.3</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p><u>Notification of Decisions Made from Milton Keynes Council</u></p> <p>Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended) Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015</p> <p>Application no: 19/02119/FUL Proposal: Redevelopment of existing haulage yard incorporating the demolition of the existing farmhouse and 2 no. outbuildings to enable the residential development of the site for 6 no. 3 and 4 bedroom detached family houses with all ancillary works At: Rectory Farm Woburn Sands Road Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes MK17 9JY</p> <p>Refused</p> <p>Application no: 19/02104/REM Proposal: Reserved matters application for details of appearance and landscaping, linked to outline permission 18/00482/OUT (3 detached houses). At: Land North of Blind Pond Lane Woburn Sands Road Bow Brickhill</p> <p>Refused</p> <p>Application no: 19/02233/FUL Proposal: First floor rear extension At: 53A Station Road Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes MK17 9JU</p> <p>Granted</p>	
<p>10.0</p> <p>10.1</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>10.2</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>10.3</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>10.4</p>	<p><u>Oxford – Cambridge Expressway</u></p> <p>The Chair pointed out that Cllr Hopkins had circulated a copy of the slide set from the No Expressway Group’s recent presentation in Woburn Sands for the benefit of those who had been unable to attend the event in person. The Chair and Clerk had attended the presentations at Wavendon and Woburn Sands and Cllrs Ball and Price had read the relevant documentation.</p> <p>It was resolved that Bow Brickhill Parish Council would formally oppose the Expressway as a matter of policy.</p> <p>Unanimously agreed</p> <p>It was agreed that BBPC would liaise with Alex Poppleton to form a more locally focused anti-Expressway Group and to draw up plans with Woburn Sands, Wavendon and Little Brickhill to move this forward.</p> <p>Cllr Price requested clarification of the broader political position on the Expressway in the run up to the 2019 General Election. The Chair responded that the stated position of the main UK political parties, according to the No Expressway Group’s research was as follows:</p>	

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	<p><i>In support of Walton Community Council we, as a Parish Council, have formally objected to plans to build a 3 storey block of 2 bed apartments at Hindhead Knoll, Walnut Tree.</i></p> <p><i>Thanks are again due to those who have donated to the 'Fighting Fund' so far, enabling us to commission reports from planning and transport consultants for use in our continued opposition of plans for 'South Caldecotte', 'Caldecotte Site C' and the proposed bridge over the railway line.</i></p> <p><i>Although we were given to understand that further discussion and consultation on these sites would be stalled until a decision is made on the route of the Expressway, planning applications are still being received and these must be challenged in the strongest terms. We must not drop the ball: the fight goes on.</i></p> <p><i>Depending upon the outcome of today's General Election, the Expressway is a battle in which we must engage as a community. The Conservatives have promised a 'review', but that could go either way. If it is not scrapped altogether, we must redouble our efforts to impress upon Bow Brickhill's residents the enormity and immediacy of the issue and, in concert with other affected towns and parishes in this area, make our voices heard. We must make it very clear to all that if it is routed in parallel with the railway along the line of Station Road, as has been suggested, it is very possible that this road (potentially the same size as the M25) will not "pass through" Bow Brickhill, it will annihilate it."</i></p>	
<p>Noted</p> <p>14.0</p> <p>14.1</p> <p>14.1.1</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>14.1.2</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>14.1.3</p>	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p><u>RFO Report</u></p> <p>Summary Budget Cost Reports as at 30 September, 30 October and 30 November 2019</p> <p>These had been emailed to all councillors, read and agreed</p> <p>Bank Reconciliations to 30 September, 30 October and 30 November 2019</p> <p>Brought to meeting for signature, read and agreed</p> <p>S137, Residual Preserve Bow Brickhill ('PBB') and Top-Up Funding for Response to South Caldecotte Consultation</p> <p>As at 1 December, we had received 32 donations to the 'fighting fund', giving a total of £3,538.46.</p> <p>At the time of writing, the sum required to cover all the consultancy fees for the BBPC response to the South Caldecotte and Caldecotte C consultations, including the bridge issue was:</p> <p>LRM Planning Ltd (Planning Consultant): £5,850.00 + VAT</p>	

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<p>Noted</p> <p>14.2</p> <p>Agreed</p>	<p>Miles White Transport Ltd (Transport Consultant):</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>£2,232.00 + VAT</u> £8,082.00 + VAT</p> <p>The bulk of that was covered by the permitted S137 funds of £4,076.24 - a fund which has now been exhausted for the current Council/Financial Year, and the funds from PBB contributed £359.22, leaving a shortfall as at 1/12/19 of £108.08.</p> <p>Budget and Precept for 2020-2021</p> <p>Following the meeting of the Finance Committee on 11 December 2019, revised copies of the agreed Budget and Precept requirement for 2020-2021 had been circulated to all councillors and had been read and agreed.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that the Budget and Precept for 2020-2021 be adopted. This was proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Ball.</p>	
<p>15.0</p> <p>15.1</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>15.2</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p><u>Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda</u></p> <p>Recruitment of new Parish Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Ball reported that he and Cllr Price had produced advertisements for the new Clerk/RFO and Pavilion Manager roles and that the revised rates of pay for each had been agreed at the meeting of the Finance Committee on 11 December.</p> <p>Cllr Ball also recommended that any pay award to the current Clerk/RFO be backdated to 1 September 2019.</p> <p>It should be noted that the Chair did not participate in any discussion or vote at this or the 12 September 2019 meeting regarding the rate setting for the new Clerk/RFO and Pavilion Manager. This was because of the recommendation by Cllr Price at the meeting of 12 September (Minute 16.2) and Cllr Ball (as recorded above) that any pay increase for the roles be backdated to 1 September 2019, thus benefiting the current incumbent.</p> <p><u>Defibrillators</u></p> <p>Cllr Ball also reported that all the community defibrillators were in working order and all the pads were in date.</p>	<p>Cllrs Ball & Price</p> <p>Cllr Ball</p>
<p>16.0</p> <p>16.1</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p><u>To Report on Correspondence Received and Sent by the Parish Council Not Appearing Elsewhere on the Agenda</u></p> <p>Standing Water London End Lane</p> <p>The Chair reported that photographs of a significant amount of standing water arising from the building of the 'Eco House' on London End Lane had been supplied to BBPC by a concerned resident. These had now been sent on to Jeremy Lee at MKC and a response was awaited.</p>	

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<p>16.2</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Proposed Development at Hindhead Knoll</p> <p>In support of Walton Community Council, BBPC had formally objected to plans to build a 3-storey block of 2 bed apartments at Hindhead Knoll, Walnut Tree.</p>	
<p>16.3</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Greensand Country Gateway Signs</p> <p>A letter had been received objecting to these signs on the basis of cost, obtrusiveness and position. The Chair pointed out that this was financed by the Greensand Trust, not BBPC, so complaints should be addressed to them.</p>	
<p>16.4</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>SE MK Local Transport Study – Church Road</p> <p>MKC had notified Danesborough Forum members of a forthcoming study of traffic flow on Church Road and had requested comments ahead of the next Danesborough Forum meeting on 16 January. No suggestions were made by BBPC.</p>	
<p>16.5</p> <p>Agreed</p>	<p>20mph Speed Limit</p> <p>The Chair reiterated the intention of BBPC to request a 20mph speed restriction throughout the whole village, from the Church Car Park to the railway station. She explained that the application process would require a petition and work on this would begin after the Christmas/New Year break.</p>	
<p>16.6</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Speeding Traffic on Woburn Sands Road near Brickhill Sands</p> <p>Residents of Brickhill Sands had raised this issue with Cllr Hopkins who, in turn, contacted BBPC. The Chair explained that the Parish Council had already purchased a SID, located on Woburn Sands Road, between Brickhill Sands and Parkway, as drivers head into the village. This expensive purchase was made on the basis of data obtained by a Community Speedwatch campaign in late 2017.</p> <p>Because the use of ANPR had already been ruled out, other traffic calming options included rumble strips (suggested by Cllr Price), but these would cause noise disturbance of their own, so a chicane was also suggested as an alternative. It was also suggested that, in the event of planning permission being ultimately approved for the development at Rectory Farm, the provision of a chicane could be made a planning condition or the subject of an S106 funding application, depending on the eventual scale of the development.</p>	
<p>17.0</p> <p>17.1</p>	<p><u>Pavilion Issues</u></p> <p>Gas Meter & Data Logger</p> <p>A new gas meter had now been fitted and a data logger would be fitted on 18 December so that manual meter readings would no longer be necessary. It was agreed that it would be wise to keep an</p>	

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	eye on the readings to make sure the data logger was reporting accurately back to E-On.	
Agreed	Pavilion Manager to request a smart meter for electricity supply to the Pavilion from E-On.	Pav Mgr
17.2	Deep Clean Required for Foyer Carpet	
Noted	Some hirers had left greasy food residue in the carpet so a professional deep clean would be necessary. £50 was retained from the hirer's deposit to help cover the cost. Caretaker to arrange this.	Pav Mgr
17.3	Porch Light Switching Off Prematurely	
Noted	The Caretaker had attempted to fix this but further adjustment was needed.	Pav Mgr
17.4	Broken Hand Basin in Accessible Lavatory	
Noted	Basin and splash-back installed	
17.5	Netball/Basketball Net to be Replaced	
Noted	Net replaced and fitted	
17.6	Broken Fridge/Freezer	
Noted	Replacement purchased and installed	
17.7	3 Children's Tables Purchased	
Noted	3 new children's tables had been purchased at a total cost of £107.46 + VAT for the use of hirers	
18.0	<u>To Agree the Date of the Next Meeting</u>	
Agreed	The next scheduled Parish Council Meeting is to be held at 7:30pm on Thursday 9 January 2020.	
	The Meeting closed at 8.17pm	

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