

BOW BRICKHILL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Bow Brickhill Parish Council held on
Thursday 9 January 2020

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

In attendance: Tony O'Rourke (Clerk); Mrs S Malleson; Mrs D Kesterton; Mrs B Thompson; Mr & Mrs P Walkington; Mrs V Burton

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

1.0	<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	
Noted	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 7:31pm to receive questions from the public.	
3.1	Victoria Burton spoke in opposition to planning application 19/03437/FUL (see Item 8.3 below)	
	The basis of Mrs Burton's objection was that this application, for 4 properties, 3 of which are 4 bed (Plots 2, 3 and 4) materially differed from the original application 18/00482/OUT, approved by MKC in 2018. Also, the proposed attic windows to the rear of plots 1 and 2 would overlook existing homes at Brickhill Sands including her own.	
	She continued to point out that the boundary of the development proposed in 19/03437/FUL (specifically a proportion of Plot 3 and the entirety of Plot 4) extended beyond the settlement boundary of the village of Bow Brickhill as set out in the adopted Plan:MK, encroaching on open countryside.	
	In addition, as was the case with previous iterations of this application, Mrs Burton stated that the proposed construction materials were not in keeping with the architectural vernacular of the village or Brickhill Sands.	
Agreed	It was unanimously agreed that the Council would send a letter of objection to MKC	
3.2	Phil Walkington stated that, despite the seemingly endless vacillation on applications, there would, ultimately be some sort of development of the land adjacent to Brickhill Sands. He suggested that a planning condition be applied to the successful application for a roundabout at the entrance to the site, thus helping to reduce the problematically high speed of traffic approaching Bow Brickhill along the Woburn Sands Road.	

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<p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed</p>	<p>It was agreed that this was a very sensible idea. The Chair also reminded all those present that, at a previous BBPC meeting, it had been suggested that a roundabout or a similar means of calming traffic in that part of the village be made a planning condition of the proposed development at Rectory Farm, which would be almost opposite the Blind Pond site under discussion.</p> <p>Cllr Ford suggested revisiting the idea of ANPR with Thames Valley Police as a means of enforcing the existing 30mph and proposed 20mph speed limits through the village. He pointed out that this would likely cost something in the region of a basic £10k/site plus ongoing running costs.</p> <p>Mr Walkington went on to make a number of interesting and constructive observations on matters of road safety and consequential air pollution in the village relevant to Item 10 below. Cllr Ball responded by suggesting that it would be a positive move by MKC, in respect of its 'Greenest City in the World' ambitions, to support BBPC in its efforts to reduce pollution in this way.</p> <p>In the interests of brevity and clarity, the Chair said a more detailed discussion would be of benefit, as would the formation of a Road Safety Steering Group, which would also address issues of air and noise pollution. It was agreed that this would be arranged for some time in the near future and she welcomed suggestions from councillors and members of the public ahead of this in writing by email to the Parish Clerk.</p> <p>Cllr Ford volunteered to lead on this project.</p> <p>The meeting resumed at 7:54pm</p>	<p>Cllr Ford</p>
<p>4.0</p> <p>Agreed</p>	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 December 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>Noted</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>5.3</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p><u>Matters Arising from 12 December 2019 Meeting</u></p> <p>Casual Vacancy</p> <p>No applications had so far been received.</p> <p>Clerk's Progress Report (Minute 7.0) See Item 7</p> <p>Correspondence (Minute 16.0)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20mph Speed Limit (Minute 16.5) See Item 10 <p>A 20mph limit will be imposed on Church Road by MKC. The Chair commented that this was positive but would be difficult to enforce. It was also noted that cyclists were as much of a problem on Church Road as motor vehicles, not least because the hill was listed on the popular Strava app.</p>	

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<p>8.2</p> <p>Agreed</p>	<p>Application no: 19/03375/FUL & 19/03376/LBC Proposal: Alterations and extension, including demolition of existing extension to the rear At: Battams 86 Station Road Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes MK17 9JT Deadline: 17 January 2020</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that BBPC would oppose this application.</p>	
<p>8.3</p> <p>Agreed</p>	<p>Application no: 19/03437/FUL Proposal: Erection of four dwellings and associated works, including upgrading access At: Land North of Blind Pond Lane Woburn Sands Road Bow Brickhill Milton Keynes MK17 9JY Deadline: 28 January 2020 (see Item 3.1 above)</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that BBPC would oppose this application</p>	
<p>9.0</p>	<p><u>Notification of Decisions Made from Milton Keynes Council</u></p>	
<p>9.1</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Application no: 19/03084/FUL Proposal: Single storey extension (conservatory) At: 9 Parkway, Bow Brickhill, Milton Keynes MK17 9JZ</p> <p>Full permission granted</p>	
<p>10.0</p>	<p><u>Traffic Calming</u></p> <p>See also Item 3.2 above</p>	
<p>10.1</p> <p>Agreed</p>	<p>It was unanimously agreed that a 20mph speed limit be requested along the whole length of Station Road, from the mini roundabout up to and including the section of Woburn Sands Road past the site of the proposed development adjacent to Brickhill Sands.</p>	
<p>10.2</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>The Chair commented that the problem of cyclists on the Station Road pavement possibly arose from some sort of popular misconception that Redway rules applied to it. Cllr David Hopkins had managed to secure permission for 'end of Redway' signage to be placed on the Walton side of the railway line. In addition, Cllr Hopkins had secured an undertaking from MKC to erect a 'Weight Restriction Ahead' sign on the grassed corner near the mini roundabout in an attempt to reduce the number of HGVs using the village as a shortcut.</p> <p>It was also hoped that the mini roundabout planned for the entrance to the Tilbrook Pastures development, opposite the lower entrance to Greenways, would help to slow traffic approaching the station end of the village.</p>	
<p>10.3</p> <p>Agreed</p>	<p>It was unanimously agreed that 4 x no cycling signs be purchased and installed on existing posts to deter cycling on the Station Road footpath.</p> <p>Cllr Ball suggested that BBPC also look into some cycling-friendly measures to balance this out, although this would require further</p>	

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<p>Noted</p> <p>10.4</p> <p>Agreed</p>	<p>research and discussion as time permitted. Cllr Ford suggested requesting blue-painted cycle lanes on the main carriageway, similar to those successfully used in London.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that the original village entrance signs be reinstated and the ceremonial signs relocated to somewhere more suitable such as the Village Green and a second location tba. Clerk and Councillors to find original signs and arrange their reinstallation at the correct village limits.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>11.0</p> <p>11.1</p>	<p><u>S106 Updates</u></p> <p>Public Art</p> <p>Cllr Price had instructed Ian Freemantle (artist) to revise his designs for the proposed seat for the Village Green in line with MKC guidance. This having been done, Cllr Price had now resubmitted BBPC's planning application for this site only to MKC. The proposals for the Pavilion installation were, he said, "ready to go" but he would submit that application once the Village Green/War Memorial application had been resolved.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Cllr Price for his enthusiasm and continuing hard work on this project.</p>	<p>Cllr Price</p>
<p>12.0</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p><u>Monthly Risk Assessment</u></p> <p>None identified</p>	
<p>13.0</p> <p>13.1</p>	<p><u>Chair's Report</u></p> <p>The Report was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting and had been read and agreed. The Report was as follows:</p> <p><i>Firstly, I would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful 2020 and to thank you all for your support in 2019.</i></p> <p><i>Following the December 2019 General Election, I have the distinct impression that the battle to stop the Expressway is far from won. The Conservatives have promised a 'review', but that could go either way. Every other major party (bar the Brexit Party) stated a clear intention to scrap the project entirely and this remains our ultimate goal.</i></p> <p><i>As a Parish Council, we have a huge challenge ahead of us. We know, from bitter experience, how difficult it is to impress upon Bow Brickhill's residents the enormity and immediacy of the issue. This is a fight for the survival of the village – nothing more, nothing less. We must make it abundantly clear that a road potentially the same size as the M25 routed in parallel with the railway along the line of Station Road will not, as I have often said, "pass through" Bow Brickhill, it will obliterate it.</i></p>	

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<p>Noted</p> <p>13.2</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>13.3</p> <p>Agreed</p>	<p><i>It should also be borne in mind that we are at a considerable disadvantage in comparison with other communities affected by this threat for a number of reasons, chief among which are:</i></p> <p><i>MKC officers have signed a Non-Disclosure Agreement with Highways England, meaning that we are reliant on such organisations as the No Expressway Group ('NEG') for what meagre scraps of information we can scavenge:</i></p> <p><i>As just one example, we learnt from the recent NEG presentation in Woburn Sands, there is a proposed Expressway junction 'South of Bletchley' (roughly 1 km NW of Stoke Hammond. Without this, the argument for locating a transport hub at 'South Caldecotte' would be significantly weakened;</i></p> <p><i>Our MP remains a Junior Whip and a Teller in the Commons, which means he is not always allowed to vote. I would hope this will not affect his ability to represent our views on this and many other issues at Westminster</i></p> <p><i>As if that were not enough, we must also keep our eyes firmly on the ball as regards the proposals for South Caldecotte, Caldecotte Site C and the 'impossible' bridge...</i></p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the fledgling Woburn Sands No Expressway Group as soon as possible. Chair to arrange this w/c 3/2/2020.</p> <p>It was also agreed that some more creative means of engaging the community be found in order to impress upon it the need for urgent resistance and action. The Chair felt the community was suffering from 'leaflet fatigue' and BBPC desperately needed to break through the barrier of apathy as soon and as decisively as possible.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>All</p>
<p>14.0</p> <p>14.1</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>14.2</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>14.3</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>14.4</p>	<p><u>Finance - RFO Report</u></p> <p>Summary Budget Cost Report as at 31 December 2019</p> <p>This had been emailed to all councillors</p> <p>Bank Reconciliations to 31 December 2019</p> <p>Was brought to meeting and signed by Cllrs Ball, Price and Ford</p> <p>VAT 126 Reclaim Summary for Q3 2019-2020</p> <p>A claim for refund of VAT for Q3 2019-2020 had been submitted for the sum of £1,003.51</p> <p>Parish Precept 2020-2021</p> <p>The annual Parish Precept Pro Forma, requesting a Precept for 2020-2021 of £17,000, had been submitted to MKC. This represents</p>	

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Noted	an annual increase per Band D equivalent of £7.24, just under 61p/month	
15.0	<u>Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda</u>	
15.1	Recruitment of New Parish Clerk Update	
Noted	Advertisements were ready for publication. The Chair thanked Cllrs Price and Ball for their work in this area.	
16.0	<u>To Report on Correspondence Received and Sent by the Parish Council Not Appearing Elsewhere on the Agenda</u>	
Noted	None received	
17.0	<u>Pavilion Issues</u>	
17.1	Leak in Gents' Toilet	
Noted	The Caretaker had now repaired this.	
17.2	Data Logger on Gas Meter	
Noted	This was fitted on 18 December. The meter can now be read remotely by E-On.	
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 12 March 2020 with a general public meeting on Road Safety Issues tentatively scheduled for Thursday 13 February 2020.	
	The Meeting closed at 8.37pm	

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