

LITTLE BRICKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE BRICKHILL ANNUAL PARISH / VILLAGE MEETING - HELD AT 7.30 PM ON THE 08 MAY 2025 IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN LITTLE BRICKHILL.

Present:

Cllr D Lewis
Cllr K Morgan
Cllr E Priestley
Cllr L Walker
Alan Kemp (Parish Clerk)
Cllr D Hopkins (Ward Councillor)

In attendance:

J Campbell (Resident)
D Bowden (Resident)
D Priestly (Resident)
G Bailey (Resident)
H Scamon (Resident)
L Mawer (Resident)
A Motson (Resident)
E King (Resident)

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Ward Councillor T Bailey, Ward Councillor V Hopkins), A Asif (W&FC), PC M Phillips (Thames Valley Police), D Bushell (Community Centre Committee), S Simpson (Community Centre Committee).

2. Election of Chair.

Cllr. Lewis was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman.

Cllr. K Morgan was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected.

4. Confirmation of Responsible Finance Officer.

Alan Kemp (Parish Clerk) was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected.

5. To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 9 May 2024 were approved and signed as a true record.

6. To receive report from Thames Valley Police.

Clerk presented the following report on behalf of TVP.

- Apologies TVP are unable to attend the annual meeting as the neighbourhood team are not on duty at the time of the meeting. If there are any concerns that crop up at the meeting, please let us know.
- Over the last three months there has been 5 crimes reported in Little Brickhill.

Little Brickhill crime figures	
Crime / Sexual Offence	2
Crime Theft	2
Criminal Damage & Arson	1
Total	5

- Over the summer period please ensure you do not leave windows / doors open whilst you are out and that all sheds / garages are padlocked. Reminder also not to advertise your summer holidays on social media until after the trip.

- Please also ensure that your vehicles are locked. If you own a keyless vehicle, store your keys in a faraday box or pouch to block the key signal, consider also using a steering wheel lock.
- Please continue to report incidents to us via the phone 101 or 101 online if it is a non-urgent crime and 999 in an emergency.

7. To receive the Chairman's Report.

Cllr Lewis (Chair) gave an update on the following issues.

- Fatal accident on 16/11/23. The PC, headed by Keith, lobbied the sat nav providers to update confusing verbal instructions. Significant, temporary roadworks implemented to attempt to stop drivers going the wrong way. The team, and especially Tracey, have been chasing MKC to implement a more permanent road layout solution.
- Fly tipping - high and seemingly increasing instances around the village. MKC have included Little Brickhill on the rota of periodic covert mobile CCTV cameras and instances appear to have reduced (possibly coincidentally).
- Also, the installation of a barrier on Woburn Road to discourage antisocial behaviour has been agreed and quotes/designs are being obtained. **We will need to seek approval for the installation from MKCC, which may not be granted.**
- 20 mph zone – was declined. However, LBPC, headed by Keith and Alan, have been in discussions with Highways to implement a number of measures to make roads in the village safer:
 - Update of signage to discourage transient drivers using Little Brickhill as a “through road.”
 - Installation of railings by Gt Brickhill Lane and Watling Street to discourage parked cars hindering visibility at the T junction
 - Installation of an additional SID on Gt Brickhill Lane
 - Installation of additional playground signs on both sides of Watling St, to slow drivers
- Use of Roundacre has been discussed recently as a village asset that could be better utilised – survey is being prepared and circulated over the summer.
- Ongoing issues:
 - Deteriorating pavements regularly reported and requests for repair, albeit often declined.
 - Repair fence around Watson's Field.
 - Potholes, especially at the junction of Gt Brickhill Lane and Watling St, as well as on Gt Brickhill Lane as you leave the village towards Gt Brickhill.
 - Update of SIDs carried out.
 - Street cleaning continues to be highlighted to MKC.
 - Overgrown vegetation within and outside village has been addressed and ongoing maintenance of trees on Watson's Field is in progress.
- Passing of Tim Wheaton on 16th October 2024
- Upcoming year:
 - Alan will be leaving his post as Clerk of Little Brickhill PC, after 12 years
 - Vacancies for councillors will become available and we would be delighted if new prospective councillors would like to apply to join us
 - Monitor, solicit local opinion and respond to MK housing plan and especially proposals regarding Levante Gate
 - Continue pressure for permanent solution for A5 slip road.
 - Implement traffic calming solutions.

He concluded his report by thanking all Little Brickhill Parish Councillors, all three Ward Councillors and Clerk for the help and support over the last year.

8. To receive report from Unitary Authority.

Cllr Hopkins gave an update on the following issues.

MK2050 and the local plan – the new local plan for MK moves on apace. What is known as the section 18 consultation has concluded, and the results are being analysed by MKCC at the moment. The next stage of this work kicks off in September and will lead to a second, what is known as a section 19 consultation, and a timetable leading to the inevitable enquiry before the planning inspectorate, probably in late 2026 with a final decision in early 2027.

The Reg 19 consultation is likely to close by the end of October. Following this MK City Council will need to review the responses and consider if it should propose any main modifications to be submitted alongside the plan to the Inspector for them to consider through examination (any Main Modifications the Inspector considers are necessary to make the plan 'sound' would be subject to a form of public consultation during the Examination).

The examination of the current Plan:MK, from submission to the Inspectorate to formal adoption by Full Council, took just under a year so, as I say, we may have an adopted plan by early 2027. However, recent ministerial directions and advice to the planning inspectorate indicate shorter examinations will become the norm, e.g. nine months. As I say, it's all guesswork at this point really.

The land known as Levant Gate (1250 homes designation) and land south of Bow Brickhill (1500 homes designation) remain in the plan despite direct government guidance reducing the overall number of houses that are required to be included in the overall plan between now and 2050.

The A5 Slip Road

Google and Apple have agreed to amend their audio prompts after a double fatal crash appeared to have been caused by incorrect directions from a sat-nav.
A coroner warned tech companies, external, including TomTom, to a risk of future deaths after a woman drove the wrong way onto the A5 near Milton Keynes.

During the year, National Highways prepared a detailed scheme with drawings.

Attached to this report is one of the designs MKCC received from National Highways in April (2025), and they hope to do the works in July, subject to a street works permit (**See Appendix 1**). The signage is certainly improved, but it doesn't go as far as the MKCC Highways Officers would like – although they have already made this point to them, without managing to convince them otherwise!

Just to recap, National Highways met with senior MKCC Highways officers over the winter to discuss the proposals about other related speed management and safety matters. In the meantime, I asked MKCC for some feedback on the likelihood of the council carrying out resurfacing ahead of road marking improvements.

All the interested parties have an agreed layout between National Highways, Thames Valley Police and MK City Council and they need to confirm availability of funding to deliver the scheme, along with timescales. There will at that stage be a stakeholder engagement exercise involving the Parish Council and local MKCC ward members and any revisions that may result from the feedback from all stakeholders.

Personally, most observers have been rather underwhelmed by the proposals thus far, and I am not entirely convinced that this will solve the observed problems that we are all too aware of. although residents will of course make up their own minds about that when the drawings are made public.

Therefore, I continue to lobby for a 'stronger' solution here as best can be achieved – although at the end of the day MK City Council and we as parish and city councillors are only consultees and National Highways are not obliged to take any of our comments on board.

The Broader Overall Situation

At a meeting I attended at MK City Council Scrutiny committee held on 23rd April, the representative presenting to the committee on behalf of East West Rail described the Universal Studios announcement as truly game changing. How right he is as it impacts fundamentally our lives here in Little Brickhill and its neighbouring communities – in both a positive and potentially (in some ways) negative way.

The consequence of the Universal Studios announcement literally has a knock-on consequence and impact on each of the headings in my report. Let me explain.

I will headline each of the major issues I covered off in my monthly written report to the town council as ward councillor over the past twelve months. Looking back over the year a mention of Universal was included in all but one report.

Let me turn now to East West Rail. We saw the most recent consultation running from the latter part of 2024 to its culmination at the extremely well attended meeting in the Summerlin Hall (in Woburn sands) in January. The report on the outcomes and findings of the informal consultation will be published later in the summer and (currently) it is anticipated that the formal, Statutory Consultation will commence in January 2026.

Initially it seemed the future of the level crossing in Woburn Sands was secure although it became very likely that a new station would be constructed a few hundred metres to the west of the location of the existing station. Residents expressed some concerns regarding how the new station might be accessed from Newport Road via the access route being constructed at the Redrow, Woburn View site and how that might ultimately also become a link into the SEMK expansion area.

However, there is an update on this in light of, as you would perhaps now expect, the Universal Studios announcement. It would appear that, following said announcement, that.

- The frequency of trains will greatly increase to perhaps one every 10 minutes (in each direction)
- The relocation of Woburn Sands station is now almost a certainty.
- The level crossing will almost certainly have to close.
- The line improvements at Bletchley will be such to allow trains to run direct from Manchester and the Midlands to Stewartby

The project will be brought forward by one or more years and the Statutory Consultation may be cancelled in the terms set out in the emerging Planning and Infrastructure Bill the purpose of which is to do away with the need for extensive consultation on national infrastructure projects to speed up their delivery and help boost growth in the economy.

The project is what is known as a Special Development Project (and I believe is the first private project to be included under this heading) and the 400+ hectares included under those terms. Elements of the project outside of that area will still be subject to normal planning. There will be a very informal, voluntary consultation on the scheme in the autumn.

Now I must be clear that this is all informed speculation on the part of EWR and subject to confirmation over the coming months.

20,000 jobs during the development phase and 8000 moving forward cannot be sniffed at and the additional benefits to business and leisure in a broad hinterland to the site will offer opportunities to the wider community for generations to come – potentially, but there will be some pain before the gain.

Let me turn briefly to the other major issues I have attempted to address over the past 12 months.

Little Brickhill Interests as represented through the Woburn Sands Futures – and SEMK issues.

I attended the meetings of WSF over the past twelve months during which we had the benefit of presentations from O&H and L&Q the developers, and indeed from East West Rail (pre-Universal). Outline permissions for land south of the railway have been waiting for formal approval but the application for the land north of the railway (bordering Wavendon, Old Farm Park and Woburn Sands) has been delayed until 2026 due to a dispute between Network Rail and O&H regarding the extent of the land that Network Rail has identified for compulsory purchase in line with the EWR project. Decisions on the outline applications have still to be issued (I suspect June / July of this year) and the devil regarding SEMK will be in the detail and perhaps there will now be changes in the layout of the infrastructure (Roads/bridges) in line with the

changes EWR may have to announce to meet the elements of the Universal Studios impacts. For example, the bridge over the line at a site adjacent to Woodleys Farm may be part now of a broader Woburn Sands bypass.

Whilst I would not expect to see any houses on SEMK until 2027, I would expect to see reserved matters applications (where the detail of the infrastructure and house layout etc will be revealed and debated) and more information in terms of density and support structures such as schools, GP surgeries, dentists and retail would be set out. I would expect to see these in the first half of 2026. And then expect to see heavy pant starting work on roadways and drainage etc etc, works by mid to late summer 2026.

On the 'northside' MK City Council would like to see the first phase of the H10 through Church Farm being constructed by the end of 2025, but that could also possibly stretch well into 2026. Technically this initial phase is within the delayed element of the SLA contained within the 2001/2011 local plan and as such will not reach into SEMK (stopping as it does within the confines of the Church Farm development), but it does technically open up the SEMK site.

The complicating factor remains East West Rail, but I think given the Universal announcement of a couple of weeks ago, they are now under the same pressures that the council now faces to move things forward. You will possibly see some works on the railway in 2026, but MK City Council is not yet sure if these will be starting in the SEMK area or further to the east. These would be works already consented under the Transport Works Act Order that Network Rail already have.

Can I pay tribute and thanks to Michael Geddes who organises and chairs the WSF meetings quite expertly and among those attending has been representatives from our local schools and our local health surgery, among others.

I am now going to rattle on with headings and a one-line update.

New Towns Taskforce - the government has commissioned a New Towns Taskforce, chaired by Sir Michael Lyons, to look at possible sites (up to a dozen) that might be suitable for the large-scale development of new towns across the UK. There has been much speculation that north MK may turn out to be one such site. The report is due to be published by September this year when we shall know more but yet again the Universal Studio development may have more than a passing bearing on any such decisions.

20 MPH – MKCC looked at implementing a 20mph zone for Little Brickhill. Initial speed counts showed that the existing average and 85th%ile speeds (The 85th percentile speed) is the speed at or below which 85 percent of the drivers travel at. Motorists traveling above the 85th percentile speed are exceeding the safe and reasonable speed for road and traffic conditions) are too high for a 20mph without vertical traffic calming features. 20mph zones and speed limits should be self-enforcing - this guidance is given to us by the Department for Transport.

The city council looked at the option of road humps for Great Brickhill Lane and Watling Street – see image below showing the proposed hump locations in blue. As part of any traffic calming proposal the Council is required to undertake a street lighting assessment. The assessment has been carried out, and unfortunately without significant improvements to the existing lighting in the village any traffic calming scheme cannot be installed. There is only a limited amount of budget available to the Council for 20mph zone schemes, and our budget doesn't stretch far enough to implement the required street lighting changes. So, it looks like the speed limit remains as is for the foreseeable future.



Greensand Ridge and the Greensand Fort - As a member of the Greensand Partnership Board (as well as local ward member) I have been working to ensure the protection of the Danesborough Fort ancient monument and to protect the ridge for future generations as a key leisure (and sport) option for local residents. MK City Council has undertaken to implement the suitable protective designation(s) for the ridge as it passes through MK and that will impact (potentially) how close development might be allowed on its immediate boundary.

Ward Boundary Changes – the boundary commission has recommended (subject to approval) changes to the various ward boundaries across MK. It is likely that Danesborough & Walton ward will become once again simply the Danesborough ward from 2026 onwards with the new ward consisting of the parishes of Wavendon, Bow Brickhill and Little Brickhill and the town of Woburn Sands. Walton Parish will become a ward in its own right. There are likely to be all out elections for 60 councillors to be elected to MK City Council in May 2026.

Fly Tipping & 'Anti-Social' Behaviour – I have dealt (through MK City Council) with repeated incidents of reported fly tipping in the woods and along sites on Woburn Road.

Bus Service – Havin had some success in lobbying Arriva to provide a new and very much enhanced bus service for the other parts of Danesborough I have been lobbying them now for some sort of timetabled bus for Little Brickhill.

Local Policing – There have been changes to the personnel from TVP monitoring the policing of our streets. PCSO Amy Ryan has moved on to pastures new within the local force and I would like to thank her for her diligent and hard-working attitude to the policing of our area over several years. PC Matthew Phillips is leading the Danesborough team matthew.phillips@thamesvalley.police.uk

Green Bin collections – From May this year residents will be charged for the collection of a second green bin if they put out more than one green bin per week. The first green bin remains free for households. The 2025/26 subscription cost is £55 per bin and the service will run from 12 May 2025 to 31 March 2026.

The city council will issue a permit sticker for each subscribed additional green bin within 10 working days of the subscription start date. Additional green bins without a valid permit sticker will not be collected after May 2025.

Top of the Requests from residents - and the most frequent emails and enquiries I receive from residents.

1. Potholes and highways matters generally.
2. Parking – various sites
3. Path clearing and spraying, overhanging vegetation, fly tipping and litter.
4. Tree and Seat at Wyness
5. Signs missing on A5 bridge.
6. New Street Light on Watling Street – which MKCC has committed to provide.
7. Powered scooters on the footpaths
8. Establishing a reinvigorated Neighbourhood Watch across the village.

And on a positive note, starting this month is the Annual Greensand Festival and, in the summer, the Bi Annual Milton Keynes International Festival, both of which I have information with me this evening, should you require it.

To conclude, can I thank the Parish Chair Dave Lewis for his excellent job of chairing the parish council and representing the village so ably over the past twelve months. And, as ever, thanks to Parish Council members and to our hard-working parish clerk all of whom do all we can to make Little Brickhill the great place to live we all know and love.

It is always an honour and a privilege to represent our community at MK City Council.

9. To receive the Parish Council's accounts for the Financial Year 2023-2024.

Clerk presented the report on behalf of the Parish Council.

Auditing Solutions Ltd will complete the internal audit for the year ending the 31/03/25 in May 2025.

Following on from the completion of the Internal Audit the Clerk will complete the Annual Return and send it to PKF Littlejohn after approval at the Parish Council meeting in June 2025. As both our income and expenditure are below £25,000, we can **CERTIFY** ourselves as **EXEMPT** from a limited assurance review the same as 2023/2024.

Last year we had income of £16,430 and expenditure of £17,237.

Year cash balance on the 31 March 2025 was £27,549 an increase of £2,193 from the previous year.

A claim will be submitted to HMRC to re-claim all VAT of £1,190.72 for 2024/2025.

Pay-roll year-end reports have been completed for 2024/2025 for HMRC.

This year (2025/2026) we have budgeted to spend £19,910 with a few items likely to come out of reserved funds.

Copies of income and expenditure for 2024/2025 and final budget document for 2025/2026 will be mailed to all Little Brickhill Parish Councillors by the Parish Clerk.

For full details see **appendix 2**.

Other Issues

We still must complete a new Bank Mandate for Barclays Bank

10. To receive report from the Residents' Association.

Cllr E Priestley presented the report on behalf of the Residents Association.

Introduction

As we reflect on the past year, the Little Brickhill Residents' Association is proud to share a summary of our activities and accomplishments. This year brought community engagement, successful events, and brought our residents closer together.

Committee Contributions

We extend our thank to the dedicated committee members who made this past year a success: Jules, Debbie, Anne, Clare, Diane, Matt, Wendy and Howard. Special acknowledgment goes to Tim Wheaton who sadly passed away last year, He was a huge part of the LBRA and is deeply missed. We would also like to say a special thanks to Amanda and Sam who have contributed over the last year; but due to work commitments have sadly stepped down.

Annual Events and Activities

The year was marked by a series of successful events that fostered community spirit and enjoyment:

Spring craft and flower fayre: This was a successful event that saw, the Village Hall packed with stalls inside and out. We had the Church open, where artwork was displayed by the local art group, along with lovely flower displays created by the villagers.

Christmas Wreath Making: This popular crafty event allowed residents to tap into their creative sides whilst celebrating the festive season.

Jenny Wheaton Children's Christmas Party: Was renamed to 'The Wheaton's Children's Party.' The event was filled with joy and laughter, the party was a delightful occasion for our younger residents and included dancing games, tea and a visit from Santa, who gave each child a gift.

Young at Heart Christmas lunch: A special event, hosted by the LBRA in the Village Hall, the committee members cooked a wonderful roast dinner for 40 of our senior members of the village. The day was a festive gathering filled with warmth, a magician and a local singer.

Santa-Mobile: Santa and his elves, had an upgraded vehicle this year and a special thank goes to Tristian for supplying a flatbed that we were able to decorate. This was a great way to spread Christmas cheer throughout Little Brickhill, collecting an amazing £320 on the way.

Prize Bingo Night: By popular demand we brought back prize bingo, these evenings are enjoyed by all ages, each Bingo night raises a fantastic £725 before expenses.

VE day afternoon tea: On the 5th May the village came together to celebrate VE day, the LBRA decorated the hall, displayed WW2 memorabilia and was able to supply a free afternoon tea to over 120 villagers.

100 Club

We continue to run the "100 Club" initiative, which generates a significant £3,000 a year, with £820 being paid out in prize money. This initiative not only supports our financial funds but also increases engagement across the community. Thank to Diane Priestley and Anne Motson for carrying out all the admin involved each year.

Financial Overview

Our finances have been managed prudently, maintaining a healthy balance that supports our community projects and events. Thank to Anne Motson for her role in achieving this. The LBRA bank balance stands at approximately £3500 as of 30 March 2025.

looking Ahead

Excited for the coming year, we have planned a lineup of engaging events based on the positive feedback and successful turnout from this year:

Summer Fun Day: on Watsons field on 14th June 2025.

Additional Bingo Nights: Due to popular demand, more bingo nights will be organized; planned for the Autumn and Christmas.

70/80s Disco Night: planned for October 2025

Annual Christmas Events: We will continue with our cherished lineup of festive events, which have become a highlight of our annual calendar.

Conclusion

As chair of the LBRA I thank all my committee members and our residents for their active support and look forward to another year of community fun and engagement. Let's continue to work together to make Little Brickhill a wonderful place to live, full of life and community spirit.

11. To receive report from the Community Centre Committee.

Alan Kemp presented the report on behalf of the Community Centre.

Treasurer's Report to March 31, 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with previous years.

The income for the year was £8658.20. Expenses were £5677.63. The increase in expenditure compared to last year include, £903.89 associated with the 5-year Electrical Inspection and a £591.65 contribution to the new shed.

Operating surplus for the year was £2980.57 this compares to £3000.56 last year.

This means the hall's assets stand at £34204.98 cash at bank and on hand. I believe these represent sufficient reserves to meet the foreseeable ongoing obligations of the Trust.

In January I applied to Milton Keynes City Council for rate relief and this was granted at 100% as in previous years. I have renewed the contract for Electricity Supply with British Gas for 3 years at slightly below the previous prices. On the advice of 2 brokers, I renewed our Gas Supply contract from October 2025 for a period of 3 years with British Gas at approximately 73% increase on previous prices (approx + £700). The Parish Council have asked us to pick up ongoing costs for car park and landscaping maintenance plus the alarm servicing. Last year this amounted to approximately £1300 + VAT.

It is my opinion we have sufficient income to continue to offer free hire to village organisations should they be required although we may have to review this when the new gas prices commence as LBCC currently incur all the costs when they use the hall.

The mobile banking App continues to provide an efficient method of payment of small invoices and simplifies the taking and refund of deposits, however due to price increases I ask the committee to consider raising the limit I can pay to £150.

I ask the meeting to adopt the accounts and authorise me to lodge them with the Charity Commission.

Paul Simpson Treasurer

12. To receive report from St. Mary Magdalene C of E Church / PCC.

Diane Priestley presented the report on behalf of the Church.

Church Management

The PCC are working together as a team to run the various duties of the Church. We have a bookkeeper who is employed to deal with most of the paperwork and accounts. She also deals with the gift aid returns.

Services

The agreed service plan continued throughout the year with an all-age Family Service on the 4th Sunday of the month. There is also a whole Benefice Service in one of the four Churches every month, which occasionally replaces one of our regular services.

All the major festivals have been celebrated, with special services at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. We also held the All-Souls service for everyone in the Benefice. These festivals were well attended especially the Carol Service which saw the Church almost full. The children and young people along with their parents' support did a wonderful job in presenting the Nativity story. The Church was also decorated with a large Nativity scene displayed in the Lady chapel, flowers, and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Church Maintenance

The Priestley family look after the general maintenance of the Church and Churchyard and report any major concerns that arise. The 5yr quinquennial inspection falls due this year and they will ensure all the necessary electrical certificates etc will be obtained prior to this being carried out.

The Weed and Feed Day is an annual event that invites local residents to help tidy and maintain the Churchyard. There is usually a good response and it helps enormously to keep it neat and tidy. This year it is being held on Saturday May 17th.

The Church cleaning is being carried out under the supervision of our two regular ladies. They now have a small team of helpers to assist them known as the 'Magdalene Maids'. A thorough spring clean was carried out in March with several extra volunteers.

Fundraising

With the high cost of running, maintaining, repairing and insuring a building of this size and age fundraising is essential. Many of the activities such as coffee mornings and ladies that lunch have ceased and with it some vital funds - However, the Little Brickhill Residents Association helped by holding a Flower and Craft fair in April 2025, on our behalf, which raised £525.

The LBRA also held, as usual, the Annual Christmas Fayre which as well as being a lovely opportunity to meet with friends and neighbours and despite some very windy weather was a huge success and raised £1386 for the Church.

Looking ahead, we are pleased that Open Gardens will be run again this year. This is always a popular event, gardens being enjoyed by people far and wide. This will be the weekend of the 19th/20th July and hopefully there will be about 8 or 9 gardens open to visit although some details are still being finalised.

The Friendship Group meeting is continuing in the George, giving an opportunity for some of the more isolated villagers and new residents a chance to meet up whilst enjoying some tea and cake.

Safeguarding

Phillipa Cook from Great Brickhill is now the parish safeguarding officer (PSO) and will see that all PCC members' training and certificates are up to date.

There have been no safeguarding incidents in the parish during the past year.

13. To receive report from Woburn & Wavendon Football Club.

Alan Kemp presented the report on behalf of the football club.

Woburn & Wavendon Football Club would like to express thanks to Little Brickhill Parish Council for the ongoing opportunity to use Watson's Fields as part of our long-standing relationship.

This season Watson's Field was used as a 9 aside pitch and home to our U11 Tornadoes and U11 Hurricanes, who shared the pitch with matches taking place on Saturday mornings and continued to stagger usage and kick-off times to minimise parking issues. The club use Watsons Field on weekday evening in the spring and summer months to provide team training sessions. Going forward into the 2025-26 season focus and attention will be given to adhering to the parking agreements and providing clarity to visitors what the parking expectations are via on-line information and additional signage.

The club is committed to collaborating with local communities to not only maintain existing playing fields and sports facilities but also enhance them wherever feasible. The club is able to use its size to efficiently manage playing fields across the local area through its volunteer base and ability to access machinery and maintenance grants provided by the Football Foundation (charity established by the government, Football Association and Premier League) in return for providing opportunities to local youth. As development continues and the population grows, addressing this issue becomes even more critical. Failure to do so could adversely affect children's access to sports, impacting their health and potentially contributing to social challenges down the line.

The club has once again achieved our Three Star Accredited FA Club status, the highest level of recognition in grassroots football from Football England. With over 550 members participating across approximately 40 teams, including the addition of 4 under-7 mixed, 1 under-9 girls and an adult ladies development team this season, the club continues to thrive. We take pride in delivering GoalAbility, one of Bedfordshire & the Milton Keynes are pioneering grassroots football Club Disability sessions and maintaining our status as an official FA Wildcats Girls Football Centre. Additionally, our Foundation Football initiative aims to provide football sessions for children aged 4 to 10 years who are not currently part of a team but wish to begin their football journey - this initiative has already attracted over 310 children to date who are new to football, introducing them to regular Sunday football sessions.

This season the club has invested in the region of £5000 in terms of routine maintenance and surface management of Watson's Field including aeration/slitting, weed control (spraying), and grass cutting using the club's volunteer workforce supplemented with accredited contractors.

As the 2024-25 season draws to a close our Club remains well-positioned to continue fostering fun, football, and friendship within our community. We express our gratitude to the Parish Council for their support and encouragement as we strive to provide the numerous benefits of team sports to as many local youngsters as possible. The club is proud to be able to continue to be offering grassroots footballing opportunities to more Little Brickhill residents.

14. To discuss any Urgent Parish Council Business.

All correspondence received noted below can be carried forward to the Parish Council meeting in June 2024.

- Email received 06/05/25 from **MKCC** advising of a **Constructional proposed changes which is to remove the ability of a parish or town council to 'call-in' an executive decision.** *It was noted that this has been included as an agenda item at the Full Council meeting on the 14 May 2025.*
- Email received 15/04/25 from **MKCC** confirming that the **Community Infrastructure Fund 2026-2027 is now open for applications until 31 August 2025.**

Clerk presented three cheques for payment at the meeting, and these will be recorded in the minutes of the next Parish Council meeting.

There was one planning applications to be discussed as noted below.

- **PLN/2025/0794** - Non-material amendment seeking to change Condition BNG1 to the wording in Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and add a new pre-commencement condition requiring submission and approval of a Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) (relating to permission ref. 24/00740/FUL for the erection of a new maintenance building with mezzanine levels to provide a building of 876sqm within the existing maintenance yard along with associated car parking) **at** Maintenance Yard, Woburn Golf Club, Church Road, Milton Keynes.

No issues were raised.

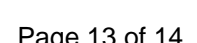
15. Any other business.

Next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 9 June 2025 (changed from 2 June 2025).

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.27pm.

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Chair for Little Brickhill Parish Council

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Appendix 2

Little Brickhill Parish Council - Annual Accounts 2024/25
Receipts and payments for year ending 31st March 2025

UN-AUDITED ACCOUNTS

<u>Payments</u>	2023/24	2024/25	<u>Receipts</u>	2023/24	2024/25
			Precept	£ 15,070.00	£ 16,490.00
			Mr Payne (re 1 High View)	£ 150.00	£ -
			MKCC Grant (Cost of Living) Grant	£ 500.00	£ -
			W&WFC	£ 450.00	£ -
Community Centre	£ -	£ 903.89	Community Centre	£ -	£ 1,495.54
Community Centre - Alarm Service	£ 90.00	£ 125.00			
Community Centre - Replacement Shed	£ -	£ 1,183.30			
Tree / Shrub Maintenance / Playing Field	£ 1,130.00	£ 1,240.00			
Grass Cutting	£ 1,800.00	£ 1,980.00			
Speed Indicator Annual Maintenance	£ 1,723.48	£ -	Aviva - Insurance Claim	£ -	£ -
Replacement Speed Device	£ -	£ -			
Clerk Salary (Including TAX)	£ 4,030.00	£ 4,080.90			
Administration	£ 174.21	£ 135.54			
Associations - BALC	£ 72.02	£ 74.76			
Insurance	£ 1,432.98	£ 1,919.99			
Website	£ 256.88	£ 263.88			
Accounting Package	£ 180.00	£ 180.00			
Newsletter	£ 858.00	£ 966.00			
MKC - Dog Waste	£ 686.40	£ 1,160.00			
Audit Fees	£ 265.00	£ 285.00			
Playing Field - Pest Control	£ 245.00	£ 240.00			
Sports Equipment for Watsons Field	£ 1,539.28	£ -	Sports England Grant	£ 1,013.00	£ -
			W&WFC	£ 526.28	£ -
New Bench in Wyness Avenue	£ 933.40	£ -			
Greensands Signs	£ -	£ 308.00			
Consultant Charge	£ -	£ 1,000.00			
Residents Association	£ 1,133.14	£ -	MKCC (Coronation) Grant	£ 200.00	£ -
Coronation Bunting	£ 72.28	£ -			
VAT	£ 1,444.40	£ 1,190.72	VAT Refund	£ 2,258.90	£ 1,444.40
Totals	£ 18,066.47	£ 17,236.98		£ 20,168.18	£ 19,429.94

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