

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14th July 2025

1.	<p>ATTENDANCE</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Samantha Lennon (MK Council)</p> <p>Present: Sarah Setterfield, Mary Tait, Liz Mold, Anne Minihan, Tania Pal, Bob Gould, Vanda Gould, John Neale, Judith Westell, Christine Cartright, Steve Bates, Fay Read, Gordon Lovell, Angela Lovell, Sandra Whitefoot, Shona Manson, Bruce Battams, Jane Hanlon, Jacqui Coleman</p> <p>Apologies: Elspeth Woods, Mark Pitman, Jan Lloyd, Sheila Dale, Clive Robinson, Hilary King, David Vaughan</p>
2.	Minutes for June 2025 will be provided for the next meeting
3.	<p>Guest Speaker: Samantha Lennon (MK Council – Town Deal)</p> <p>Sam looks after Community Engagement on Town Deal Project (Public Realm) to share information with Stakeholders, communities, businesses.</p> <p>“Town Deal” is a pot of money allocated by the Government to try to reinvigorate town centres which have suffered post Covid with lack of business. There was a lot of public/online consultations about what the local community wanted and a number of towns applied.</p> <p>The Bletchley Town Deal Board (made up of businesses/schools/councillors etc, charities/college) – were awarded £22.7m for specific projects to help attract businesses back to the high street. The projects included providing a better connectivity between cars/bikes/pedestrians, improvements to the train station (as felt it divided west and east). Investment in computers/tech room for colleges etc to get students ready for future businesses to come.</p> <p>In Bletchley, there are just 5 landlords who ‘own’ the retail units in Queensway and set rents etc. so working with these to see what can be achieved.</p> <p>Queensway – Autumn to March. Changes include a one-way street, with two-way cycle track, more parking (15 spaces), preventative measures to stop parking on pavement, more trees, want to bring back market traders, removing bandstand, fixing pavements, more crossings (traffic calming), working on lighting, signage etc. Closing off roads to stop the ‘circling’ of traffic (Brooklands/Elizabeth Square etc).</p> <p>Using colours/theme of Bletchley Park (memory ring seating), and streets furniture which is ‘fun’/play area, and wooden seating around trees.</p> <p>Saxon Street – 2026. Council has bought Brunel Centre which will be demolished and rebuilt into retail and houses and will also extend Stanier</p>

	<p>Square towards the Train Station. Additional crossings near Lidl's and Albert Street.</p> <p>Aylesbury Street – 28th July – more of a 'light touch', continuous pavement either side, traffic calming, more planters to stop pavement parking, almost completed Denmark car parking.</p> <p>4 drop-in sessions are held a month throughout town (Library/Bletchley Council Offices/Leisure centre/Frank Moran Centre) for review/feedback. Can sign up for monthly newsletter updates or send question to info@groundbreakingbletchleyandfenny.co.uk</p> <p>Questions raised during meeting –</p> <p>Q1) Need more toilets (A1) will be taken back to the committee</p> <p>Q2) Is there a drive to bring more businesses (A2) yes</p> <p>Q3) Leisure Centre Car Park – whole of ground is disabled, next level is only for child bays so there is now a lack of parking for everyone else although these two dedicated floors are empty (A3) campaign to fix the lift. Sam will check if any consultation has happened</p> <p>Q4) Pathfinder / Health eg 'moving elderly from hospitals to outside' (A4) residents requested a 'Health Hub' – but anything else is not part of the scope.</p> <p>Q5) What happens when the money runs out (A5) Finite money, no extra funding is available</p> <p>Q6) How will things change as the internet etc is making shops redundant. (A6) – Leighton Buzzard as an example as it is mainly independent shops, cafes etc</p> <p>Q7) What will the footfall from Universal Studios be like (A7) Not known at present</p> <p>Q8) Is Bletchley Station changing (A8) Platform already there, East side still being discussed</p> <p>Q9) What is happening to the cement business (A9) It is remaining and has a dedicated turning</p> <p>Q10) Stairs from Station are not great (A10) being discussed as part of East Side expansion</p> <p>Q11) What is full timeline (A11) By March 2026 all funding needs to be allocated. Estimated completion is 2027.</p> <p>Q12) Will signage be improved (A12) Yes, lots of signage planned</p> <p>Q13) Lots of car parking potential not being used (A13) all being looked at</p> <p>Q14) Will Bletchley Library remain (A14) Unaware of any other plans at present</p> <p>Q15) What about Security cameras (A15) More of a policing matter and town council</p> <p>Q16) Red House needing new premises, what can we do to get new premises as only 13 consultation rooms (A16) Will take back and 'nudge' to see if anyone will listen</p>
3.	<p>Surgery Update: Jane Hanlon & Dr Omar</p> <p>No new building still.</p>

	<p>Appointed a new doctor (contract being signed) for 3 days a week. Lots of applicants.</p> <p>3 new receptionists, Tracy, Jennie and Helen</p> <p>New Nurses – Mollie and Vicky</p> <p>Saturday surgeries are very successful</p> <p>Belinda is retiring at end of July, but will work Saturdays until Xmas</p>
4.	<p>PPG UPDATES</p> <p>PPG Awareness Week Mon 14th-Wed 16th July:</p> <p>Bob and Vanda worked really hard with the stall, running tombola and stall. £180 taken on Monday. Will be running again on Tuesday and Wednesday as planned.</p> <p>Need new banner is required – Sarah</p> <p>Garden Party at John's 17th August: Gordon/Steve volunteered to help set up chairs & tables in morning. People to arrive from 1pm, MK10 9AA (entrance immediately after big red phone box on green). Singers invited to perform.</p> <p>AOB:</p> <p>Future Speaker details to be passed to Sarah</p> <p>Dr Fagan – small collection – Steve to organise collection, can bring money in August</p> <p>Belinda – Bunch of flowers/plant on behalf of PPG (recommended a Rose tree) - Elspeth</p> <p>Messages no longer available on Systmonline – Jane explained its now done through the website</p>
5.	<p>Meeting Closed 8:05pm</p> <p>Next Meeting 11th August @ 6.15pm</p>

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Future PPG Dates for 2025 (2nd Monday of each month)

13 th January 2025	9 th June 2025 -
10 th February 2025	14 th July 2025 – Speaker Samantha Lennon (MK
10 th March 2025	Council)

<p>14th April 2025</p> <p>12th May 2025 –</p> <p>AGM</p>	<p>11th August 2025</p> <p>8th September 2025</p> <p>13th October 2025 – Lucy Jones, Alzheimer Society</p> <p>10th November 2025 – Speaker Tina (MK Shop)</p> <p>8th December 2025</p> <p>Speakers – dates to be confirmed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malcolm Carpenter (MK Prostate Cancer Support Group) • Suzanne Brown (ALS Pals)
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