

## Wavendon PC - Chairmans Report – February 2024

- I was pleased to be able to make a small presentation on behalf of the Parish Council to Wavendon Volunteer Army founder and mainstay, Jim Pittman on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February by way of thanks for all he had done during his time in the village.

### Highways Update

#### I have received the following update from Murray Woodburn

*'I think you can report that we are now convinced there is a through traffic problem on Walton Road and we are preparing a discussion paper for residents which presents the various options that we consider could address this issue. However, one of the favoured solutions is still not deliverable, as we do not as yet have camera enforcement powers, and it may be some months before we do, so if that does turn out to be the preferred option, we may have to consider some interim measures.*

*I will happily come along to a further community meeting once the discussion paper has been circulated and residents have had a chance to consider the options on the table, to inform the statutory consultation exercise we will have to undertake – and what option(s) should be presented in that consultation. However, I have some doubts as to whether we would be able to fit this meeting in before the election purdah period, so it may have to be afterwards. The consultation exercise will certainly have to be after the elections.*

*One other minor point – residents kindly shared a report of the latest S bend observation party, and also alerted us to the filming undertaken by John Lewis. They shouldn't have done this without permission (which we probably wouldn't have granted) so the Council will be writing to them about this, and the safety risks of what they did.*

*On that note, I think I would like you to specifically express my thanks to the engaged community members who have been providing us with valuable data and observations, which have helped immensely in identifying the nature and scale of the issues on Walton Rd and will also come in very handy when we justify our proposed solution.*

*In other news, as I am sure you are aware, the full hourly train service returns on the MVL, with promotional discounted single fares of £1 between stations between Bletchley and Bedford on offer until 19th May, which is some overdue good news for the area. I am sure some Wavendon residents may return to the train from Woburn Sands now the service is resumed, and this offer on fares seems a good one.*

*I will defer to Phil Jeffs to provide any further details on the speed reduction schemes in the village about which he has been discussing with residents, although as he has been liaising with them directly, so they will already know the details!*

#### I have received the following report from Phil Jeffs

- Newport Road/Dankworth Way lights - waiting for signal engineer to visit site to correct timing issue. Have chased a number of times.

- Cross End/Lower End Road - Road Safety scheme. Works due to begin next Financial year. This scheme will incorporate speed limit works on Cranfield Road as well. Statutory consultation will be required, so will have to wait till after Purdah
- Walton Road - see Murrays update above.
- Newport Road - 30mph proposal. I've arranged for some speed counts to take place after half term which I will share with you once received back.

### **Activity**

As Parish Chairman I attended

- A New Ways of Working Street Cleaning and Litter Bins presentation on 1 St May presented by MKCC Cleaning Officers and contractors SUEZ.
- I also attended, along with Cllr Jamieson and Cllr Thomas a Plan MK briefing on 5<sup>th</sup> February.

The slides from both presentations are attached to this report.

### **Flooding**



I could fill this report with pictures of potholes and floods that the clerk and myself have reported over recent weeks. The picture above is outside 22 Newport Road but is just one of several ongoing issues we are chasing.

Phoebe Lane in particular has broken up badly and whilst MKCC has refused to resurface it will be coming out to tackle the numerous potholes. Given the number of potholes, filling them all will amount to resurfacing anyway! And declaring an interest, but this flood sat outside my neighbours at number 82 and 84 Walton Road.



The Marston Vale line service is back and running from today with cheap, cheap fares for three months.

### **Bus Stop**

MKCC have removed the dangerous protruding metal that was the former bus stop sign and replaced it with a temporary stop, see below. Now all we need is regular bus service!



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### **Gate by South Lodge**

The location shown in the image at the bend in Cross End isn't recorded as a Public Right of Way so falls outside of our remit. An application to add a Public Footpath from this location to our Definitive Map has been received however and is currently being investigated. It is our understanding that sheep are to be grazed in this location shortly.

I attach a plan of where the Public Rights of Way across the former golf course site are located (indicated by the purple lines) which I hope is helpful.



I would agree with the comments regarding the stile and we have offered to provide the landowner with a gate for them to install at this spot. This is currently under discussion but I am

hopeful we can get this stile replaced with a gate to improve the general accessibility for users here.

James Walsh - Rights of Way Officer

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***Road Closure on 20 February 2024***

Walton Road, Wavendon (Between 9:30am and 4:30pm)

From its junction with Stockwell Lane to its junction with St. Mary's Close

Whilst the following length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Newport Road, Dankworth Way and Stockwell Lane (and vice versa)

*Cllr David Hopkins*

*Chairman – Wavendon Parish Council*