

Unitary Councillor Report

Report and Snippets from Cllr David Hopkins, Cllr Victoria Hopkins & Cllr Alice Jenkins – Representing Wavendon at MK Council

January 2018

It is with sadness that I pass on the news that **Isabella Fraser** died on Thursday morning (4th January) after a long illness. Isabella was a Milton Keynes Councillor for the old Campbell Park Ward from, I think, 2002 until 2012, and a councillor on Campbell Park Parish Council from around 1990 (Woolstone-cum-Willen PC as it was then) until her death, for many of those years as Chair, as well as representing MK on BALC, and serving on NALC at a national level.



Refuse Collections

2nd Week of January	
Monday 8th January 2018	Tuesday 9th January 2018
Tuesday 9th January 2018	Wednesday 10th January 2018
Wednesday 10th January 2018	Thursday 11th January 2018
Thursday 11th January 2018	Friday 12th January 2018
Friday 12th January 2018	Saturday 13th January 2018

Normal collections resume from Monday 15th January



Snippets

Levante Gate - 17/03233/OUT - An outline proposal with all matters reserved for development of land to the south of the A5 and east of the A4146, Milton Keynes for up to 500 homes, including 40% affordable homes; a 1 Form Entry Primary School; a local Centre, open space and associated works | Land At Levante Gate Galley Lane Little Brickhill

Red Bull Planning

Application 17/03378/EIASCR – Land East of Brickhill Street, V10, Bradbourne Drive, Milton Keynes – Screening opinion in respect of a proposed change to use of land to form new access from Tilbrook roundabout, car park, stopping-up of Bradbourne Drive, erection of gatehouses, landscaping and associated works. (Applicant: Red Bull Racing).

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Any comments or questions to

planning.enquiries@milton-keynes.gov.uk



Government announces champion for UK's 'Silicon Valley'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-announces-champion-for-uks-silicon-valley>

Communities Secretary Sajid Javid today (22 December 2017) announced a new champion for the Cambridge-Milton Keynes-Oxford corridor - an area of the country that has the potential to become the UK's Silicon Valley.

Iain Stewart MP, who represents Milton Keynes South, will take on the role of standard-bearer for this important economic area working with partners to help it fulfil its potential.

As part of the Budget, the Chancellor set out an ambitious locally-led development programme for the area covering infrastructure, housing and business investment. This includes a housing deal with Oxfordshire for 100,000 homes by 2031 and investment in transport infrastructure.

Communities Secretary Sajid Javid, said:

“We know that this corridor has the potential to transform into globally significant economy, we must grasp this once-in-a-generation opportunity to unlock growth.

“We have a bold vision for the region and want to attract the brightest and the best. The appointment of Iain Stewart as a dedicated champion will help us work in partnership with communities and secure the corridor’s position as a world class economic area, and a key driver of UK prosperity.”

As part of the role Mr Stewart will:

- champion a vision for the corridor with stakeholders including local authorities, local councillors and MPs on a cross-party basis, local enterprise partnerships and local businesses
- gather intelligence on local issues and update government to help deliver this vision in a way that is locally informed
- attend events and meetings, along with local stakeholders and ministers as appropriate, to promote the corridor, for example to promote trade and investment
- carry out media engagements to promote the corridor

Iain Stewart MP said:

“As someone who has lived and worked in the region for many years, I’m delighted to be given the opportunity to champion the government’s vision for the corridor.

“It’s vital that government and communities work hand in hand to deliver economic growth, and I look forward to bringing together stakeholders and working to transform the corridor into the UK’s answer to Silicon Valley.”

Further information

At the Budget, the government published a vision document for the Cambridge-Milton Keynes-Oxford corridor.

This role will not have decision-making power. Decisions will still be locally-led.

In November, the National Infrastructure Commission published its final report into the area.

Office address and general enquiries

2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF

Contact form <http://forms.communiti...>

<http://forms.communities.gov.uk/>

General enquiries: please use this number if you are a member of the public

030 3444 0000



Royal Garden Party

Buckingham Palace will be hosting the Royal Garden Party for Local Council representatives on 5 June 2018.

Attached information which we have been requested to circulate by the Lord chamberlain and also BMKALC Nomination forms. We have been allocated 6 places which equates to 3 nominees plus one guest each. We will be selecting the delegates based on length of service and will be endeavouring to ensure that there is one delegate per north, centre and south of the area.

We would ask that nominations are submitted to BMKALC by Wednesday 31 January 2018 in order for us to select the delegates and submit their details (and those of their guest) to NALC for sending to the Lord Chamberlain for security checks.

Carole Burslem - County Officer

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Snippets

East West Rail and the planned Oxford – MK – Cambridge Expressway

The biggest single issue facing our part of MK is the likely route to be taken by the planned Infrastructure Commission route for the Oxford – MK – Cambridge Expressway and we

should begin to get more idea by the summer 2018 with a final detailed route agreed in 2020.

MK Council has produced a draft Mobility Strategy for 2018 – 2036. When complete, the strategy will provide an updated Local Transport Plan for Milton Keynes and it will be the reference point for how MK Council wishes to invest, maintain, improve and develop its transport system up to 2036. It will also deliver the vision for transport set out in the MK Futures 2050 and growth ambitions in the current draft of Plan:MK.

The strategy provides details of the work the council thinks it should focus on for the next fifteen years or more to improve its key travel corridors, routes and strategic locations in both urban and rural areas. It also considers Milton Keynes' national position and its relationship with neighbouring authorities, including the role of MK as a hub for the high technology corridor between Oxford and Cambridge advocated by the National Infrastructure Commission in preparation for East West Railway
<http://www.eastwestrail.org.uk/>

and the East West Expressway

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/oxford-to-cambridge-expressway-strategic-study-interim-report>

Residents can send comments regarding these plans to Transport.policy@milton-keynes.gov.uk or by post to John Cheston, Head of Strategic Planning at Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ. John can also answer any further questions of detail to: john.cheston@milton-keynes.gov.uk

View the consultation at

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/consultations/427>



Council Tax Referendum

Update from NALC:

Local government finance settlement

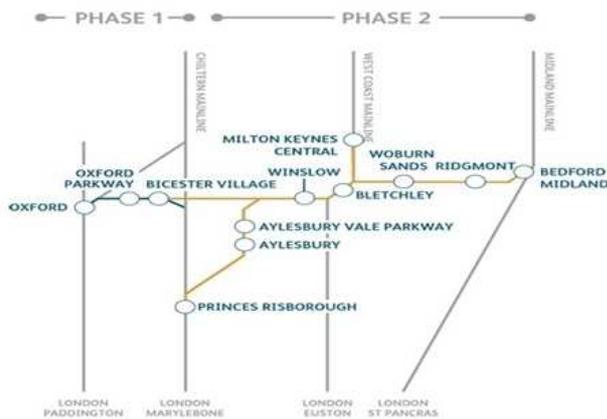
- Council tax referendum principles have not been extended to parish and town councils in 2018/19.
- The secretary of state for communities and local government, Sajid Javid MP, has just announced the provisional local government finance settlement for 2018/19 in the House of Commons, an extract from his speech is below:

“I can also confirm the government intends to defer the setting of council tax referendum principles for town and parish councils. This is subject to the sector taking all available steps to mitigate the need for council tax increases and the government seeing clear evidence of restraint in the increases set by the sector as a whole.”

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East West Rail Consultation

<https://consultations.networkrail.co.uk/communications/east-west-rail-western-section-phase-2-round-2/>



ENGLAND'S COUNTIES & 'BATTLE'S OVER - A NATION'S TRIBUTE 11TH NOVEMBER 2018.'

I have pleasure in attaching the current Guide To Taking Part in the above event being organised to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1, along with paying tribute to the millions that either died or returned home wounded during, or after the War finished on 11th

November 1918. (This Guide and event logo for immediate use, can also be viewed and downloaded by going to - www.brunopeek.co.uk and will be updated on this site on, 31st March, 31st July and 31st October 2018, to ensure we list all those involved, especially as they are arriving daily).

You will be pleased to know that planning for this unique, historic commemoration, is going exceptionally well, involving all areas of the local community, throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, UK Overseas Territories, and other Countries around the World.

With the above in mind, we would be delighted if your Council would encourage all the Councils within your County, along with it's local communities, to take part in the following way, paying tribute to the many, thousands that left home, loved ones, families and sweethearts, to fight on the Western Front during dreadful conditions.

(1) 6AM - 11th November 2018 - SLEEP IN PEACE, NOW THE BATTLE'S OVER.

We would like to encourage as many Pipers as possible to take part within your County, by playing 'Battle's O'er', the traditional tune played by Scottish Regiments at the end of a Battle, at 6am at a location of their choice, on 11th November 2018, paying their personal tribute to the 2000 plus Pipers that died during WW1, asking those wishing to participate, to send the following information to - brunopeek@mac.com as soon as possible, or by no later than 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018, please. (To date, we have just over FIVE HUNDRED Pipers taking part. Our target is 1000).

Name of Piper:

Location while playing 'Battle's O'er':

County:

Tel:

Email:

(2) 6.55PM - 11th November 2018 - 'THE LAST POST'.

We would like to encourage as many Buglers or Trumpeters to take part within your County, by play the 'Last Post', at 6.55pm, at a location of their choice, on 11th November 2018, asking those wishing to participate, to send the following information to - brunopeek@mac.com as soon as possible, or by no later than 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018, please. (To date, we already have ONE THOUSAND taking part).

Name of Bugler/Trumpeter:

Location while playing the 'Last Post':

County:

Tel:

Email:

(3) 7PM - 11th November 2018 - WW1 BEACON'S OF LIGHT.

We would like to encourage the Councils, along with your local communities, to light WW1 Beacon's of Light at 7pm, at a location of your/their choice at 7pm on 11th November 2018, asking those wishing to participate, to send the following details to - brunopeek@mac.com as soon as possible, or by no later than 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018, please. (To date, we have just over ONE THOUSAND WW1 Beacons of Light confirmed. Our target was 1000. We are still registering others wishing to take part, and will carry on doing so until 31st October 2018).

Name of Council/Community Organisation:

Contact:

County:

Tel:

Email:

Beacon Location:

(4) 7.05PM - 11TH NOVEMBER 2018 - BATTLE'S OVER - 'RINGING OUT FOR PEACE'.

We would like to encourage as many Churches and Cathedrals throughout your County to ring their bells at 7.05pm on 11th November 2018, asking those wishing to do so, to go to - www.brunopeek.co.uk and complete the online, 'Ringing out for Peace' entry form as soon as possible, or by no later that 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018, please.

Over 1,400 Bell Ringers lost their lives during WW1, so this can also be seen as a personal tribute by current Bell Ringers to those Ringers that died during WW1 too. (To date, we have just over ONE HUNDRED Churches/Cathedrals taking part. Our target is 1000).

Those taking part will be able to download the special certificate form 30th November 2018, to enable them to have a lasting keepsake of their involvement in 'Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute 11th November 2018.

Would you be kind enough to also consider putting the attached Guide up on your Council Website please, and do hope that you and your Councils and local communities will take part in this special Commemoration/Tribute.

Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR - Pageantmaster

Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute

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Wavendon - Newport Road New Signalised Junction s278 Highway Improvements Works

I have been contacted by MK Council and have been advised that road works will be commencing along Newport Road in Wavendon to create a new signalised junction. The works are being carried out by Smith Construction on behalf of Gallagher Estates. These works will comprise of a two way temporary traffic light system so a permanent four way traffic junction can be constructed as part of the Glebe Meadows development (on the right of Newport Road leading up to Kingston Roundabout). The two way temporary traffic lights will be operational 24 hours and manually controlled Monday to Friday between peak hours of 07:30-09:30 and 1530-1830.

The works started on 8th January 2018 and estimated completion date is 31st March 2018.

Works will then commence on the new Newport Road junction with Lower End Road to construct a three way signalised junction. These works are estimated to take place between 31st of March 2018 with an estimated completion date of 30th June 2018. Further details will be provided closer to the start date once MK Council highways has received all the relevant road booking information and will be on the Parish Council web site <http://www.wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk/>

The contractors, Smiths Construction will be sending 'a courtesy letter' to some local residents to inform them of all the major road works on Newport Road as part of the Glebe Meadows development. The traffic management plan and sketches giving a brief description of the works included in each phase of the construction will be on the Wavendon Parish web pages. Works on phase one have begun already as these works are within the private development land.

Should you require any further details / information then please do not hesitate to contact the highways team at MK Council on Highway Adoptions highway.adoptions@Milton-keynes.gov.uk

I fear the works will lead to some inconvenience and delays during the construction period.

For more information contact Jonjo McBride (Clerk of Works) on 01908 252362 or by email at: Jonjo.McBride@milton-keynes.gov.uk

(or at <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/>)

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