

## Chairman's Report to WPC Meeting (March 2021)

### 1. Future meetings

As you know Government regulations permit the opening of public buildings wef 12 April (Step 2); on that basis it was suggested that we could use the Community Centre for the SEMK Exhibition and the Summerlin centre for the April TC meeting. Detailed regulations have now been issued which restrict the use to which public buildings such as halls can be used – children's activities (such as Parent and Toddler Groups), and health support groups (eg addiction support groups) are permitted but other activities of a more "social" nature are not permitted. Outdoor meetings/events can however be held (under appropriate restrictions).

It seems clear that, as a result of these restrictions we will not be able to hold either the proposed exhibition or the PC meeting scheduled for the Community Centre on 19 April.

On that basis Woburn Sands Town Council has cancelled the production of the SEMK exhibition panels which we were scheduled to borrow for Wavendon. No residents have expressed a desire to view the panels and have complemented the Parish Council for the detail contained within the special newsletter that went to every home.

As far as the PC meeting is concerned, we can re-schedule as a Zoom (or Teams) meeting which will take place as normal at 7.30.

Step 3 (May17) will allow us to resume normal face-to-face meetings. The Government is intending to allow the current legislation authorising councils to take decisions remotely to lapse on 17 May so zoom / teams meetings will not be "legal" after this date. The PC is scheduled to meet on 17 May (ie the third Monday, as previously was the case).

As far as the Annual Parish Meeting is concerned I suggest that we put the regular reports on the PC website at the end of April and invite residents to write in with any comments/questions (which is the same as last year). We might then look to hold a public meeting in September.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will proceed as a virtual meeting as scheduled.

### 2. Broadband

Following a report in the Times (12 March) I contacted CityFibre regarding connectivity in Wavendon. They responded: *Milton Keynes phase two build is not part of the list announced today as it's an extension of the existing network.*

*Wavendon is currently being revisited yet again by our planning team to see if there is any solution.*

*The next build programme is still yet to be finalised as we are endeavouring to include as many homes as possible - as soon as I am able I will be cascading info and updates to BBSG and local councillors and a press release will announce the further investment.*

The contact at CityFibre is Jean Gowin [jean.gowin@cityfibre.com](mailto:jean.gowin@cityfibre.com)

### 3. SEMK

#### **The Civic Society for Milton Keynes is holding an ONLINE PUBLIC MEETING regarding MILTON KEYNES SOUTH EAST on WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH 2021 7PM**

Milton Keynes South East is the next major area of Milton Keynes to be planned. It will form the southern edge of Milton Keynes and have a particular impact upon Bow Brickhill and Woburn Sands.

The Council has released a draft Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation and the Forum has arranged an online Zoom meeting at which the Council Officers involved in preparing the document will present their proposals and answer questions from the public.

This will be your opportunity to ask questions and raise issues about the proposals.

The meeting will be held via Zoom so please register beforehand via Eventbrite and you will be sent a Zoom link for the meeting.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/milton-keynes-south-east-tickets-144621399499>

Details about the consultation are available on the council's website and all comments must be received by the Council by 5pm on 19 April.

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/consultations/627>

All welcome - come along and have your say!

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### 4. Community Forum (with Thames Valley Police)

Thames Valley Police has agreed to restart a regular Community Forum meeting with Thames Valley Police (Virtual). The first such meeting will take place on Monday 24th May at 7pm

This will offer residents the opportunity to place questions to our local Community Police Officers. My thanks to our recently appointed liaison officer Rob Childs.

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## 5. Demand Responsive Transport

From March 31, 2021, many of the supported bus services in Milton Keynes come to an end.

In its place a new service known as Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) will be available to those bus users who don't have access to the commercial routes.

The following services will end on March 31, 2021:

**301, 23, 30/31, 37, 9, 17, 18, 24/25, 28 and 80.** Full details available at <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways-and-transport-hub/bus-and-taxi/bus-timetables-maps-and-travel-updates>

6. **Provision for Cycles at Walnut Tree** - I received a request from a resident regarding the provision of cycle racks at the Local (shopping) Centre at Walnut Tree. I raised it with the clerk to Walton Community Council and the Vice Chairman of that council responded;

There are a few bits at Walnut Tree local centre we are looking to address with the site owners:

- a) Need for cycle racks
- b) Somewhere more sensible for the Starships to park as they're in the middle of the queue / dogs / cycle dumping ground outside the main door at the moment
- c) Need to widen the splay coming into the car park (as there is no separate in/out, it gets clogged by cars a lot as its tight 90 degree)
- d) Removal of the side concrete "bumpers" as you drive into the car park – or at least shortening of them as again they make a 90 degree turn left or right into the car park proper which slows cars down to one in, one out (no comment on some people's ability to drive well!) which leads to 2 or 3 cars queueing back onto the main road which can be dangerous.
- e) Great time to pop a fence in on the Tesco side behind the WCC noticeboard to stop people running across the road from the pub when it re-opens (cars are coming in from the grid road at that point, still capable of doing 40, 45mph on the turn in, close calls all round.

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Cllr David Hopkins

Chairman – Wavendon PC