

Wavendon Parish Council
Chairman's Report – July 2024

General Election

Congratulations to Emily Darlington who is the newly elected member of parliament for Milton Keynes Central.

Barclays Bank

The Clerk and I have spent many happy hours with Barclays trying to confirm the new banking arrangements. Alan will update at the meeting.

SEMK

It seems likely (but is subject to confirmation) that the SEMK special meeting to consider the L&Q and O&H applications will be heard at MKCC on Thursday 19th September. As soon as this is confirmed (or otherwise) obviously I will let everyone know.

Highways matters and proposed Walton Road Consultation

I have received an update from Murray Woodburn.

Sorry for not having responded to your earlier message, and I agree we do need to meet to discuss what a sensible consultation area might look like.

By way of an update, I think you can safely say that officers are continuing to develop the consultation materials for the forthcoming informal engagement exercise (making sure that the advantages and disadvantages of each option are set out as clearly as possible), and that a meeting is to be arranged with Councillors to discuss an appropriate boundary for the initial consultation area. We hope to have this process completed by the end of August, so that we can commence the consultation once the summer holidays are over, and the schools have returned in September.

In other relevant news for local residents, we had a successful meeting with the Thames Valley Police head of Road Policing, DCI Mike Bettington, and we now have a way forward where TVP have in principle objections to our speed limit reductions. This means that the speed limit reduction to 30mph for Newport Road will go ahead without any associated traffic calming features against the TVP recommendation.

Also, the statutory consultation on Lower End and Cranfield Road is now complete and those speed limit reductions will be implemented shortly.

Kind regards – Murray

MK2050

The consultation period for the proposed new local plan MK2050 opens on 17th July and concludes on 9th October. More details in my Ward Member report (see separate report). There is a briefing at

MKCC on Monday 22 July MK by MKCC officers. This City Plan Information session commences at 19.00 in the Council Chamber.

This session is open to all City, Parish and Town Councillors.

Arts Project

I have received the following update from the Arts Officer, Louise Izod.

Hi David, Apologies I have been off sick.

Whilst I was off I have been asked to delay the procurement whilst we get further approvals for the process. We have had the funding agreed but I believe we now need to get approval to start new projects – this affects several projects, not just Wavendon and hopefully will not create too much delay.

Thanks – Louise

Glebe Farm and Eagle Farm South parts of the Parish

Concrete blocks are now in place MKCC Cabinet needs to meet to agree the confirmed funding for the Elmswell Park and Play Area north of the Stables. As soon as officers get the go ahead, they will commence with the Procurement process.

Regarding the Glebe Farm shops MKCC is about to agree a couple of minor amendments to the original Outline Planning Permission which will allow for the scheme the developer wishes to submit for Reserved Matters. Officers are hoping all of that can happen this month so that MKCC can get the application 'live' on the Planning Portal and residents will be able to see it. No change from what we can see regarding an update on the Sainsbury's at Eagle Farm South but I am led to believe it is on track for an opening in September/October.

Road Safety at St Marys School

I have received a report back from Keith Wheeler (Road Safety Officer at MKCC)



I visited your school this morning to look at how best to prevent parents mis-using the one-way system in your car park.

I think there is space in the car park entrance to fit a small traffic 'island' (as per the attached picture, sorry about the quality), though I would have to measure up properly.

You should be able to achieve this fairly simply, possibly with concrete or wooden planters and a couple of small road signs and it needn't be permanent.

I'd be happy to discuss this further if required.

Keith Wheeler - Road Safety Officer

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Community Project – Outdoor Community Library



The school, Alise Trendall and I are working with local developer and Men in Sheds to build and install an outdoor community library adjacent to Wavendon St Marys primary school.

Ofsted – St Marys Primary School – Wavendon

I am Chairman of Governors at St Marys. We had an Ofsted inspection two weeks ago and I will report verbally on the outcome at the meeting.

Cllr. David Hopkins

Chairman – Wavendon Parish Council