

Parish Update

March 2024

Lots to report, especially for residents in the newest parts of Wavendon

Local Centre – Glebe Farm

The Parish Council has received an update from developers L&Q about the local centre at Glebe Farm which seems most encouraging. I am repeating it verbatim so local residents will know as much as me for now, but I will keep trying to find out what I can and keep you updated.

They report 'We're expecting to exchange contracts with our purchaser in the next couple of weeks (there have been a number of complications). We (L&Q) will then be submitting an application within a month or so and subject to a quick planning consent I think they're looking at a 9-12 month build programme with a tenant lined up for the food store. I'd anticipate spring next year for the shop opening'.

Play Park and open space on the field north of the Stables Theatre

Fairly slow progress at this stage due to staff resource constraints in the Landscape Architects team at MK City Council. MKCC is verifying the deliverability of the designed scheme (again plans are a bit dated now) and assuming that does not need significant revision I would hope MK City Council can move forward reasonably quickly from there.

The council did find one or two oddities on its site inspection so they are trying to identify what those might be. Don't want to find we disconnect the water supply to the Stables or anything else so they will need to tread carefully!

Crossing at St Marys CoE Primary School

The Senior Highways Engineer as MK City Council has now come back regarding the (Pelican / light controlled) crossing adjacent to St Mary's CoE Primary School. He thinks it might take up to a year for delivery as MKCC is still at the negotiating point and then the City Council will need design, technical approval and a completed safety audit. Again, the Parish will chase and confirm. Residents have also asked for a 20 MPH limit along the whole of Burney Drive, which MKCC has been asked to consider.

Bus Service along Burney Drive

Following pressure locally from a local ward city councillor and from the Parish Council, MKCC and Arriva now have got draft timetables for Burney Drive signed off with the Public Transport team, ready to commence 14 April 2024. The Parish Council is trying to do all it can to help ensure the road opens up as planned to enable that to happen!

The route onwards along Dankworth Way and Elmswell Road is something MKCC will look at further in the year, and will include a new bus shelter on Dankworth Way to serve the Stables Theatre, the Wavendon Hub and (after a short walk down Stockwell Lane) residents from the old part of the village (Walton Road etc)

Roadworks and road closures

The long overdue pot hole repairs and resurfacing on the A421 at the Fen Street Roundabout are scheduled to be undertaken on 12-17 April. This may require closures and diversions so keep an eye on social media and the parish Website for more details closer to the date.

Allotments

Update on planned Allotments Wavendon – the allotments will be managed by the Parish Council

Eagle Farm

There will be 22 allotments over four sites, six on site one, five on site 2, seven on site 3 and four on site 4.

Glebe Farm

In total there will be 29 allotment plots available in Glebe Farm and currently there are 39 residents to date that have expressed an interest in hiring an allotment.

Contact the Wavendon Parish Council Clerk at clerk@wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk for more details

Highways Issues – next stage ‘options meeting’

Will be held on Wednesday 22 May at 7pm in the Wavendon Hub off Dankworth Way. Senior Highways Officers will be in attendance to provide updates on options for Walton Road, Cranfield Road, Newport Road and Lower End Road.

Thames Valley Police Forum for Wavendon

Will be held on Sunday 21 April between 3pm and 5pm in the Wavendon Hub off Dankworth Way. Your local Police Officers will be in attendance along with representatives of the Parish Council.

MK Plan 2 (MK2050) - Further possible developments for the next 25 years!

MK City Council is planning to provide for an additional 65,000 dwellings in the city boundary of MK in its new local plan. That is 30,000 that remain to be built from the current plan plus 35,000 in sites to be selected.

A long list of 14 ‘areas’ in and around MK have been identified including sites to the east of Newport Road in Wavendon and Woburn Sands (sites south of Lower End Road and Eagle Farm South etc).

Details of the presentation made to local Danesborough & Walton Councillors (City and Parish) are available at the Wavendon parish Council website <https://www.wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk/>

There is a planned consultation that will run for 12 weeks from late summer.

Protect our valued Greensand Ridge at Woburn Sands

MK City Council is reviewing the Historic Areas of Attractive Landscape across MK, including the Greensand Ridge in Woburn Sands. The consultants undertaking the review are looking forward to receiving your comments on the proposed designation options as Special Landscape Areas in Milton Keynes.

A recording of a workshop session held in March is available on the MK City Council YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MSTd4zGspI>

The online consultation hub is here. <https://milton-keynes-llc.co.uk/>. This site includes a tutorial video explaining how to use the hub – this is also covered in the recording of the workshop session. Comments can be submitted using points on the interactive map, or via the online survey. You can use either or both of these options to submit comments, the questions are the same on both.

There is also the option to submit comments via email to ncp.engagement@milton-keynes.gov.uk . Please also use this email address if you have any queries or issues regarding the consultation.

Remember

To contact Wavendon Parish Council go to clerk@wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk or visit us on the web at <https://www.wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk/>

Interested in hiring one of the Parish Halls such as the Community Centre or Wavendon Hub, then email hallmanager@wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk for details.

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