



Chairmans Report – March 2026

Parish Council Meeting – 16 March 2026 at 7.30 pm - Public Question Time: The time allocated is at the discretion of the Council/Chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself. A Councillor with a prejudicial interest in a particular issue may address the Council on the issue during Public Question Time subject to the Councillor leaving the room in the event of an exchange of the issue between the public and the Council during this period. 3 minutes per person if public wish to speak, or at the Chair's discretion.

Enquiries to Wavendon Parish Council Clerk clerk@wavendonparishcouncil.gov.uk



Walton Road 'S' Bend options consultation now open

Start Date: 06 March 2026

End Date: 15 April 2026

Email: highway.consultations@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Phone: 01908 253817

The Traffic and Transport team have reviewed the available data that shows the traffic levels at different times at this location.

The layout of the road is restrictive and has:

- No footway.
- Restricted width for two-way traffic.
- Limited visibility due to the alignment and boundary hedges.

Safety concerns are greatest at school and nursery opening and closing times, when there are more vehicles and more children, young people and adults walking, wheeling and scooting through this narrow section.

Any potential scheme aims to balance three community objectives:

- Create a safer pedestrian environment.
- Reduce vehicle speeds.

- Reduce through traffic / cut-through movements using Walton Road.

To help inform the discussion, MKCC also gathered evidence on how Walton Road is being used at peak times.

Responses will be reviewed to see which of the proposed options have support from those who use this road and from residents nearby. Go to:

<https://mktransportconversation.commonplace.is/en-GB/proposals/v3/walton-road-s-bend-safety-options-consultation?step=step1>

Wavendon Community Day

Saturday 11th April | 10:30am – 12:30pm

Wildwood Park, Glebe Farm, Wavendon, MK17 8XL

Wavendon Parish Council and Inter-Action MK are excited to invite you to a FREE community event!

Whether you live in Eagle Farm, Glebe Farm, the older parts of Wavendon Parish, or nearby, come along for fun, creative activities for all ages.

Take part in planting sunflower seeds, arts and crafts, and share your stories and ideas about your community.

This is a great opportunity to connect with neighbours and tell us:

- What you love about Wavendon
- What makes Wavendon unique
- Your favourite places or activities in the area

Your feedback will help shape Wavendon's public art plan through a series of community consultations.

In partnership with Wavendon Parish Council, Community Action MK and Inter-Action MK



All of the up to date information about Oxford to Milton Keynes is on the website, here: <https://www.chilternrailways.co.uk/oxford-to-miltonkeynes>. Chiltern Railways cannot provide further information at this time.

Harry Burr - Stakeholder Executive (Chiltern Railways)

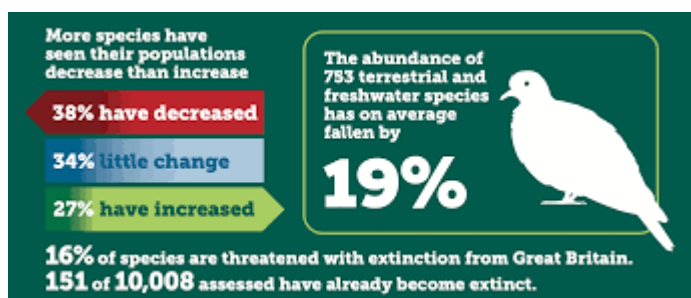
Balderstone Road connectivity and Newport Road

MK City Council has drawn down S106 funds for cycle/Redway improvements from a number of developments in MK East and pooled these into a pot for Redway improvements in the area. They have navigated the internal approval processes successfully and the money is now available for the highways team to spend, subject to local councillor approval. The total sum MKCC has gathered is £1.026m and it proposes to use it to deliver the two projects - although it is unsure yet if the budget available will deliver both schemes in full, and whether it may have to look at a phased delivery approach on Newport Road.

Aecom's specialist cycle design team based in Birmingham will do the detailed design work for MKCC, and the council will manage the consultations via Commonplace, and then they will hand the schemes over to Ringway for delivery.

MKCC is aware that Balderstone Road could be a tricky one, as there is a structure needed, and quite a level difference to deal with - so MKCC has estimated this to be around the £400k mark, leaving c.£600k for Newport Rd, which looks a bit on the light side to complete the project - hence MKCC may have to deliver it in phases. However, as MKCC received a lot more money in its local transport settlement for the coming years, it can deliver the remaining phases sooner rather than later - as it was identified as one of the top priority schemes in the LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans).

MKCC will have to speak to local parish councils about these projects to seek our agreement on the use of S106 for them as part of the approvals process, so MKCC plans to convene something once we have a bit more detail of the proposed schemes to show the parish council. MKCC already has some preliminary design sketches for Balderstone Road, on which the rough costing has been based, but no such thing for Newport Road as yet, so MK City Council need a few weeks to work that up.



Biodiversity

I attended a BALC Biodiversity course delivered by Mike Deegan on 5th March.

Mike has over 20 years' experience working in nature conservation and a decade as a parish councillor, where he developed award-winning biodiversity and community projects.

This topic has never been more relevant; particularly as town & parish councils now have a duty to help tackle the growing biodiversity crisis.

The session identified the practical changes and steps councils can realistically implement; to make a genuine difference and help enhance wildlife within your community. I have made the presentations from the course available to colleagues.



Levante Gate Expansion Site in Little Brickhill

<https://gallagherdevelopments.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Levante-Engagement-leaflet.pdf>

Gallaghers have produced a masterplan for Levante Gate (Little Brickhill Parish) a site which appears in the mk2050 local plan (yet to be adopted) as one for housing expansion.

'A residential-led development for circa 1,250 new homes and associated facilities.

An event is being held on Monday 16th March 2026 at Bletchley Rugby Club, Manor Field, Fenny Stratford, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK2 2HX between 3pm and 7.00pm for members of the public.

Levante Gate Strategic City Extension is proposed to be allocated for a new, mixed use, residential-led, strategic development to the south of the A5 and east of the A4146 in the emerging MK City Plan 2050. The proposals include circa, 1,250 new homes, a new primary school, local centre, mobility hub, public open spaces and sports pitches.

Representatives from Gallagher Developments and the project team will be in attendance to talk through the proposals and to answer questions. If you are unable to attend the event, you can view the proposals on the project website:

www.gallagherdevelopments-levantegate.co.uk which will be live for the event.'

ONH

Planning for Good On 27th February I attended a BALC training course entitled *Planning Demystified*. I have circulated the presentation slides to colleagues

"The presenter's recommendation with these for parishes was that they look through the slides, make note of the paragraphs that are relevant to them and they have concerns about, and then only reply to the consultation questions about those sections."

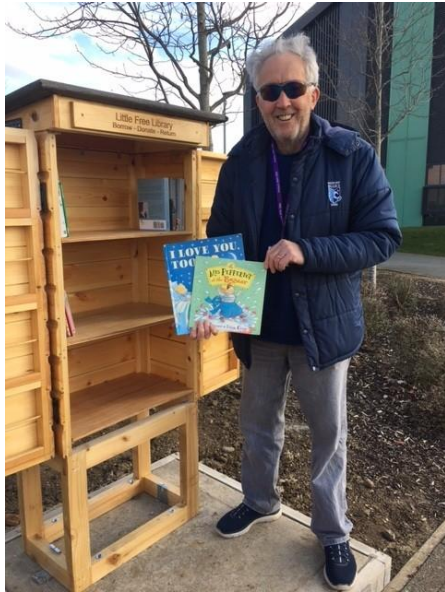
The presentation was given by ONH. ONH is a social enterprise providing a range of planning and development services to town and parish councils, neighbourhood forums, landowners and developers from Norfolk to Cheshire and Dorset to Kent. Our social mission is to enable community-supported, high quality and sustainable development to be delivered and to engage successfully with local communities along the way. Our small but growing team is a unique blend of highly experienced and expert professional planners, architects and former senior town council officers.

info@oneillhomer.co.uk / location - Sarsden, Oxfordshire / website - www.oneillhomer.co.uk



Tree Planting – Marston Forest have advised us that it has instructed the Maintenance Contribution payment due under Wavendon Parish Councils Trees for Climate Grant Funding Agreement to be made to the WPC account on 18/02/2026.

Forest of Marston Vale Trust Team



The Community Library Box at St Marys School is now in place (thanks to Cllr Robert Hill).



Is anyone interested in joining a new neighbourhood watch scheme?

If so, please come along to a meeting with Nick King the Chair of Milton Keynes Neighbourhood Watch association.

The meeting is on the 29th of April at 11.00 am in the classroom, which is in the former School building, opposite St Marys Church, Wavendon .

Two residents from St Marys Close have decided to explore the idea of signing up for the Close.

Nick King has kindly arranged to meet us and go through the information. He is very happy for folks from other parts of Wavendon who may be interested in joining the scheme to come along. He is OK with folks coming along without having gone through the process of registering as described in his email below.

Would you be kind enough to let Yogini Thakker know if you decide to come along as it would be helpful to have an idea of the numbers expected.

Play Area Elmswell Gate – work is well underway



Thanks to Cllr Jan Flawn who has been working tirelessly placing dog poo stickers on lampposts across the newer parts of the parish.



...and local councillors have captured HGV vehicles parking overnight on Glebe Farm.

Local Issues



Join the Youth Council

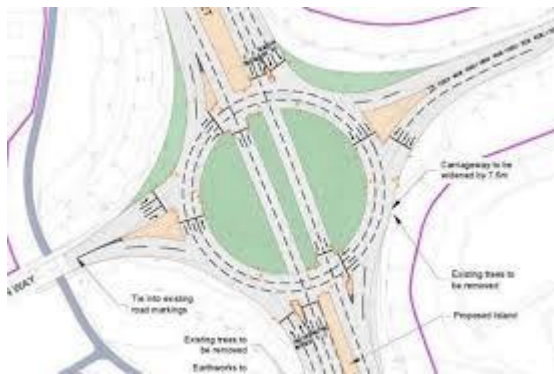
Wavendon (Proposed) Youth Club / Possible Youth Parish Council

The Clerk, Cllr Nabeel Kasmani and I have now met with Pulse Youth and the YMCA and we shall update the March meeting with our recommendations.

Litter Picks

The Great British Spring Clean runs from 13–29 March 2026.

Kingston Roundabout to become a Hamburger Roundabout



A hamburger roundabout, or "throughabout," is a road junction where a main road passes directly through the centre of a roundabout, with the central island split in two, resembling a burger. These, often traffic-light-controlled, junctions are designed to improve traffic flow on major roads by allowing straight-through traffic to bypass the circular part.



Thames Valley Police Have your Say meetings – Reporting back

Crime Prevention Stand	10:00AM - 2:00PM, Sat 14 March 2026	Woburn Sands Market, Woburn Sands
Have Your Say	7:00PM - 8:00PM Tue 31 March 2026	Woburn Sands Memorial Hall, High Street, Woburn Sands

1. An increase in illegal use of E-scooters within Glebe Farm.

Action taken:

The NHPT are aware of the use of illegal e-scooters within numerous geographical estates. PCSOs can now use legislation to seize e-scooters and will continue to provide high visibility patrols, target harden areas known for regular use and road traffic legislation will be used. NHPT will continue to educate members of the public, we have now run successful monthly policing operations working jointly with our Roads Policing department to seize e-scooters being ridden illegally within the neighbourhood. The team have run a number of operations targeting the use of e-scooters illegally and have seized over 150 e-scooters since the summer 2025.

2. Reports of speeding and racing on the V10 Brickhill Street and H10 Bletcham Way

Action taken:

This links in with the Police Operation on Sundays OP Chromium which is all about Car meets and street racing. The neighbourhood team support this operation every Sunday and patrol this area to prevent speeding and racing and enforce any illegal driving. The V10 Brickhill Street by Walton Park is a 40MPH road. The neighbourhood team are having a visible presence on this area and are in the process of arranging speed enforcement there.

3. 155 crimes were reported in Danesborough in February 2026

Crime type	Instances
Violence and sexual offences	69
Anti-social behaviour	18
Criminal damage and arson	16
All other crime	52



New Local Plan – MK2050 (Reg 19 Consultation now closed)

Following the re-opened Regulation 19 consultation (closed 16 February 2026), the MK City Plan 2050 is expected to be submitted to the Secretary of State in March 2026. A Planning Inspector will then conduct an Examination in Public to test for legal compliance and soundness before final adoption.

Next Steps After March 2026:

- Examination in Public: An independent Planning Inspector will review the plan to ensure it meets legal requirements and national policy.
- Plan Adoption: Following the examination and any required modifications, the City Council will formally adopt (or "make") the plan, replacing the current Plan:MK.

- Implementation: The plan will guide development to deliver over 38,000 new homes, with a focus on urban areas, sustainable transport, and green initiatives.
- Strategic Projects: Key focus areas include transforming Bletchley, integrating new Metro services, and adopting a "tall buildings" strategy for Central Milton Keynes.

The plan aims to manage growth up to 2050, supporting a population projected to reach 410,000

Where to Find More Info: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/mk-city-plan-2050/mk-city-plan-2050>

Walton High de-amalgamation (Press announcement)

5 Dimensions Trust is delighted to announce that Walton High will de-amalgamate into two separate secondary schools from 1 September 2026, to be known as Walton High and Brooklands Academy. Both schools will remain as members of 5 Dimensions Trust, and the day-to-day experience for students will remain the same.

This decision has been made jointly by the 5 Dimensions Trustees and the DfE's Regions Group, with the full support of Milton Keynes City Council. The decision follows the Trust's consultations during 2025, on the de-amalgamation proposal and the admissions criteria.

The de-amalgamation will allow Walton High and Brooklands Academy to continue to develop through sharing and shaping best practice across the 5D community, while also evolving their own distinctiveness to best meet the needs of their local contexts.

March 2nd was also national offer day, on which children in Year 6 receive an offer of a place at a secondary school. The de-amalgamation does not affect this admissions process for these children. As in previous years, we will communicate shortly with the parents of all children who have a place at Walton High from September 2026, identifying which site they have been allocated to, and explaining the process for requesting a change if necessary. If parents have any questions, they should contact the relevant site at the email address given on the letter they will receive.

Community Issues Audit

CrimeWave

In answer to a question raised recently by residents at the January TVP Have Your Say event regarding tackling crime locally I can report that Woburn Sands Town Council contracts with Crimewave (who are also MKCC approved) as Security CCTV suppliers

Contact: Luke Denton - Senior Consultant Luke.Denton@cwsolutions.co.uk

Office: (01908) 511965 Mobile: 07875 320702

www.crimewaveltd.co.uk

<https://www.crimewaveltd.co.uk/local-authorities.html>

Crimewave offer Local Authorities & Parish Councils the following service support for sector products – Crimewave claim to 'provide an expert, impartial, fully managed and comprehensive fixed cost service including':

- Anti-social behaviour

- Fly tipping and littering
- Dog fouling
- Illegal parking (for example at schools)
- Dangerous driving
- Protection of school crossing patrols and pedestrians

Road Works and Repairs

- Following reports from Wavendon Parish Council, MKCC undertook emergency pothole repairs on **Walton Road** on 10 March.



MK City Council Transport Strategy

Local Transport Plan 5

End Date 31 March 2026

Contact Transport Policy

Email transport.policy@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Consultation The MKCC Local Transport Plan 5 (LTP5) sets out the Council's transport policies and schemes for the next 10 to 15 years. As key stakeholders, we welcome your views on our direction of travel.

A short consultation summary is available on the engagement website and forms the basis of the stakeholder questions. The full draft LTP5 is also available for anyone wanting more detail, though it may be temporarily unavailable while updates are uploaded. The summary will remain unchanged throughout the consultation.

LTP5 is a high-level 'parent' document, supported by more detailed plans such as the Bus Service Improvement Plan, the Local Cycling and Walking Implementation Plan, and the Highway Asset Management Plan. These and other subject-specific documents are signposted within the main LTP.

You can also give MKCC your views by email to transport.policy@milton-keynes.gov.uk

And you can also respond by post to:

Transport Planning

Milton Keynes City Council

Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East

Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ

A report of consultation will be produced and a revised LTP5 document responding to the feedback received will be prepared for Council approval in the spring/summer.

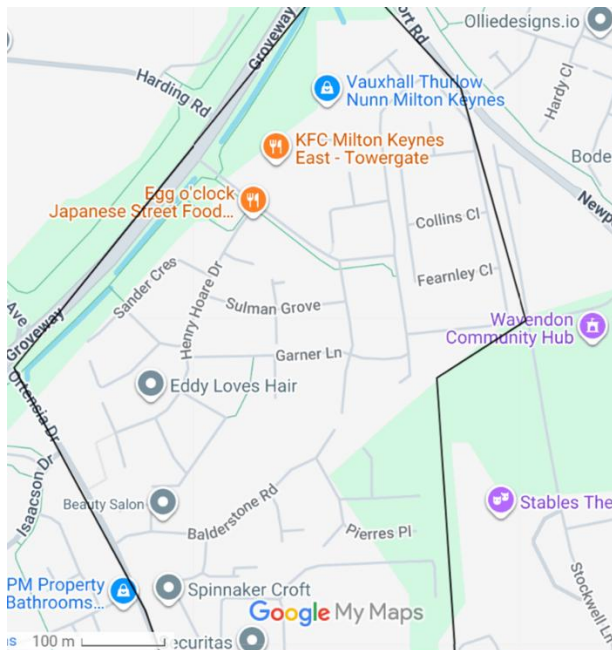
COMMUNITY ACTION: MK

Funding Available

Area Based Budget for Activities Criteria

Area Based grants are available to support:

- New and innovative projects within the area
- Extending established activities
- Voluntary Groups working across MK to deliver support, benefiting residents of Wavendon Parish Council - The area of focus is Glebe Farm.



Community cohesion is so important.

What is intended to be achieved by this funding.... Social Connectedness - generate activity and social - neighbourliness.

The projects must benefit the local communities; promote voluntary effort; encourage community involvement; be led by the community.

- Grants can be awarded for costs associated with the project.
- Only one application per project can be made to this fund, and total applications will not exceed £500.

Who can apply:

Individuals or groups (for the benefit of the local community) which are Milton Keynes based, run on a voluntary basis, and show leadership in starting community activities which need resources to enable them to do so.

Examples of funding:

Listed below are some examples of the type of things that can be funded through this grant programme.

The list is split into example categories; however, these are not the only categories that can be funded. You may have an eligible project idea that is outside of these areas.

Projects/ activities might include:

- Funding a community festival, street party or fun day
- Printing a community newsletter
- Paying for venue hire for a new group to hold a first meeting or an established group to extend outreach into the area.
- Paying for promotion and publicity for new groups or activities
- Public liability insurance
- Refreshments for a community activity
- Outings

This list is not exhaustive and many other ideas/ activities that are of benefit to the local community may be eligible for funding.

Additional Information:

Community Action: MK are working closely with Wavendon Parish Council to deliver a range of Community Development Support in the Wavendon, Wavendon Gate, Walnut Tree and Towergate area of MK. In particular our work will enable new residents to feel more connected to the community and provide some funds for social activities.

Projects or schemes must not be duplicating existing services

There is a simplified process for area-based grants of up to £500. New or existing groups that do not yet have a bank account are eligible to apply for up to £500. This will require the applicant to sign terms and conditions.

For area-based grants there needs to be evidence that the activity is needed. Quotes or estimates for any potential purchases will be required, and there will be an expectation that you are working with the Community Action: MK team and you can demonstrate this in your application.

Applications for up to £500 can be submitted at any time and you are notified of a decision within 28 days of receiving the application.

Exclusions:

The following exclusions apply:

- Projects/ activities that are outside Walton Community Council & Wavendon Parish Council areas
- Individuals are not eligible to apply if the project benefits themselves financially – i.e. must not be for personal gain
- Projects must not include party political activities
- The grant cannot be used where the project/ activity meets the needs of one specific religious group only
- Campaigning

Parishes Forum

I attended (virtually) the MKCC administered *Parishes Forum* on 12 March.

Topics covered were;

- Presentation from Victoria Mills – Parks Trust
- Nigel Hopper – Wildlife Trust
- James Dove – Suicide Prevention
- David Hiddle - Community Safety Officer
- Tom Golding – Corporate Customer Services Manager

Cllr David Hopkins

March 2026

Chairman of Wavendon Parish Council 2025/26