



Wavendon Parish Council

Chairmans Report – January 2025

Since the December meeting I have met with or attended

- The funeral of local resident Alan Savage. Alan undertook numerous electrical works for the parish over many years in the various community buildings, often free of charge, including annual electrical testing and inspections and will be sadly missed.
- A meeting of the Woburn Sands Futures Group at which L&Q, O&H and EWR were present and provided updates. Included in the revelations were that O&H had been served with compulsory purchase notices by Network Rail which far exceeded the area of land envisaged and which O&H were now disputing through lawyers. As a result there will not be any planning applications for the land north the railway during 2025.
- A workshop hosted by EWR during which EWR revealed that should a new station for Woburn sands (option 2) be selected it could only happen with developer monies contributing extensively to its construction (and that of the other new stations at Ridgmont, Stewartby and Lidlington).
- A meeting with our solicitors to discuss the Lease and other related matters relating to the Wavendon Hub. The Parish Clerk will provide an update on these issues.
- A meeting with Redrow – the major (potential) developer of land east of Newport Road and upon whose cooperation any public parkland in that area would be dependent.

Bus Services

I am delighted to announce the creation of the Loop bus service, enhancing services through Woburn Sands and Wavendon <https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/find-a-service/loop-circular-service-to-and-from-central-milton-keynes> and the number 3 now routing along Elmswell Road and Dankworth Way (through the bus only access). <https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/find-a-service/3-3s-milton-keynes-to-magna-park> We now need to lobby MKCC for bus shelters to be installed at various location on Burney Drive, Dankworth Way and, of course, a replacement at Newport Road opposite the Wavendon Arms.

Arts 106 monies

I have been in contact again with Fiona Boundy regarding the large outstanding pot of 106 monies available for the arts in the Parish. She responds as follows *'We will come back to you as soon as we have appointed some additional support to develop a plan for the funding in consultation with yourselves and others. This is likely to be early to mid-February.'*

With thanks and all good wishes'

Fiona Boundy - Creative and Cultural Manager

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The 106 spreadsheet can be viewed at

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/developingmk/planning-obligations/exacom-live-s106-monitoring-information>

The link to the Public Facing Module (PFM !) is near the top of the explanatory text.

Highways Issues

The Parish Clerk will provide an update and a meeting is scheduled with Phil Jeffs (MKCC Highways) before the February meeting. The agenda to be ...

1. Walton Road – progress towards public consultation
2. Burney Drive, adoption and 20 MPH implementation
3. Yellow lines and other parking restrictions outside Glebe Farm School
4. School crossing on Burney Drive outside Wavendon St Marys
5. Newport Road speed limit – timescales
6. Junction of Elmswell Road and Groveway (safety improvements)
7. Dualling of Groveway and
8. Improvements to Kingston Roundabout (timeframe)
9. Stockwell Lane repairs (very urgent)
10. Bus stops on Burney Drive

Gigaclear

Residents have been in contact regarding Gigaclear installations along Walton Road. Both I and the Parish Clerk have written to GigaClear for clarification as to their intentions. To date Gigaclear maintain the issues re with MKCC and permissions and access to poles and rod openings etc. MKCC deny this.

Stockwell Lane

I continue to press MKC Highways for urgent repairs to Stockwell Lane. Whilst accepting the weather has not helped the lane is in a dangerous state and the latest from MKCC is as follows

There won't be a full resurface of this road however we are planning to revisit the location in early January to do some patches of Elastomac which should be marked up already on the road and will include those defects within those markings.

Rachel Munday - Community and Engagement Manager

Milton Keynes City Council

Contact me on Teams or on 07425 302231

Youth Club and Community Infrastructure

I welcome the Friday evening Youth Club (Unite Youth Hangout) at Glebe Farm school on a Friday evening but understand that alternative options could and perhaps should be made available. I have written to the Head teachers at Glebe Farm, Fulbrook and St Marys Primary asking if they could undertake some research with students (and parents) to assess the levels of demand for (and the type of youth provision required) in the parish.

The clerk and I (along with representatives of Woburn Sands Town Council) will be meeting with Pulse Youth (who manage youth services in other parts of the City and beyond – including Walton) later in January and will report back at the February meeting. I have also written to every house in the parish on this and associated community infrastructure issues and will collate those responses and report back also in February.

Parish Boundary Proposals

Shortly after decisions have been made reading ward boundary decisions the parish's will be approached and asked for any review of parish boundaries. As mentioned in previous correspondence, I know that Walton Community Council has two proposals. Firstly, and one I would suggest we support, moving the western boundary to run along the route of Ortensia Drive and thus allowing all of Glebe Farm to be a part of Wavendon Parish.

The second, and one I would not support, is that Church Farm move into Walton Parish. Their rationale being that residents will look to Walton for services accessed from Bletcham Way. However, I would feel that in the medium, to long term all SEMK residents north of the railway and in that part of SEMK will look to Wavendon and thus the existing boundary should be maintained.

Future of Community Hub at Glebe Farm School

A meeting has been set for Tuesday February 11th February at 11am to discuss options for daytime community activities at the Community Hub which have had to be curtailed for education and safeguarding reasons. The meeting will be at Glebe Farm school. Shaaron has kindly offered space to meet. Josan Race from Community Action who is their Community Development Manager will be attending.

Future options include a temporary building and / or design alterations at the hub to safely accommodate both education and community use operating simultaneously.

Cllr David Hopkins

Chairman – Wavendon Parish Council (January 2025)