



Wavendon Parish Council

March 2025 – Chairmans Report

Girlguiding

Girlguiding is looking at setting up Girlguiding units on Glebe Farm and Eagle Farm South. They are experiencing pressures on the waiting lists for the existing units in and bordering onto our eastern development area due the number of young families moving into the new housing. Initially they would look at establishing Rainbows and Brownies as this is where the initial interest is likely to be.

They are talking with the Parish Council to agree how they approach this project, and how they can work with the Parish Council together on it.



VE Day - Plans for the day

Rev. Matt Trendall reports that *'Our thinking was that we have a short act by the War Memorial in the morning at 9.45am (incl lighting the peace lamp) and then have our usual community coffee morning in church 10-12 but maybe with a VE Day theme - bunting, 40s songs in the background etc.*

Are there plans to put up the beacon in the evening on the Rec? We could bring the lamp over for that to conclude the day?

Happy to chat further this week if you want to develop thoughts etc.

Road Safety Survey outside Glebe Farm School

A senior MK City Council highways officer visited the site in the first week in March and the city council will be implementing additional waiting restrictions outside the school to help address the issues at school drop off and pick-up times. MK City Council will be in contact with the Parish Council soon with a plan showing the proposed measures.

Daytime Community Hub at Glebe Farm

The Permission for the Local Centre at Glebe Farm was issued at the end of February.

Council officers have now had an initial meeting with developers Urban&Civic / Catesby about the possibilities for the remaining piece of land behind the Local Centre, which is actually a larger plot than anticipated. This could be the site for a much-needed community space now that daytime use of the Glebe Farm School community hub has been forced to end due to safeguarding and unexpected pressures on the education use at the school.

At the same time, the school (Glebe Farm Combined) is keen to have a portacabin on-site. There is apparently no need for a license, as it will be used for:

- Supporting and building community links,
- Signposting
- Connecting with local agencies and charities
- Driving community impact, transformation and engagement – not for educational purposes for pupils.

The Parish Council is supporting this either on a short, medium and/or long-term basis.

The Loop Bus Service for Wavendon <https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/latest-news/arriva-launches-loop>

Arriva now operate two yellow Loop branded buses, which work the 2x all day diagrams. These are supplemented in the off-peak by two blue buses, therefore totalling four buses for most of the day. One of the yellow branded has been in service since February, and following some TLC at the Arriva depot, Arriva expect the other bus to be in service in March.

Below is an image of the Loop bus on its first day in service.



Youth Club

The Clerk and I (together with a representative of Woburn Sands TC) met with Tayler Tookey from the YMCA. The presentation was well received and we are awaiting a formal proposal from the YMCA. The MK Safety Centre (Hazard Alley) have also contacted the Parish Council as they have been funded for two years youth club management at selected venues across MK and are considering Wavendon as one possible site.

Walton Road

As a temporary measure for Walton Road, Milton Keynes City Council Highways officers are proposing that a vehicle and pedestrian detection system is installed either side of the infamous double bend which will illuminate a sign to the other side, e.g. 'pedestrians in road' or 'vehicle in road' to warn those coming from the opposite direction. This could potentially be in place in less than 12 weeks if MK City Council decide to proceed. There is still intended to be a consultation later in the year on a broader range of options hopefully leading to a permanent solution to the road safety issues on that road.

Burney Drive

The image below shows the current roads that have been adopted in Glebe Farm. Until all the roads are adopted, the city council is unable to install a 20mph zone for Glebe Farm. Burney Drive is adopted through Glebe Farm but not, as yet, through Eagle Farm South.



Burney Drive won't be adopted until after the new pedestrian (light controlled) crossing is installed close to St Marys Primary School by the developer David Wilson Homes. The developer is aware of the requirement of the installation of the crossing, and it is reported that they are currently pricing it up for a start construction date of April / May this year.

Road Safety Issues outside Glebe Farm School

Wavendon PC asked MKCC Highways to investigate reports of road safety issues at the bus stops outside Glebe Farm School. Phil Jeffs of MKCC Highways reports *'We didn't witness any issues with the bus service during our visit. I think what might be best is for us to arrange for a camera to be installed within the vicinity of the school entrance to monitor all movements. The company we use will provide a report, identifying any potential issues. Once done I will share the report with you'*.

Lower End Road

Two speed indicator devices have been installed on Lower End Road to remind road users to slow down to the new 40 MPH limit and additional signage has been installed. A link (as requested by Lower End residents) into the redway system opposite the Crow Lane footpath as it emerges onto Lower End Road has been requested and is being considered by MKCC.

Dankworth Way Bus only Access to Glebe Farm

MK City Council is going through the process of obtaining CCTV cameras and setting up orders accordingly to police this bus only access.

The option for the Pit and Camera which is used in other authorities successfully is the option that was chosen by MK City Council, as it is an approved design for bus gates and the camera deters drivers though leading to fines and prosecutions without costing MK City Council the extensive ongoing maintenance costs that a raising bollard would have incurred.

Balderstone Road

Residents have asked when Balderstone Road will be completed all through to Ortensia Drive (as indicated in the planning permission) thus offering a second access point to Glebe Farm (west end). The problem is apparently a combination of the levels difference and the presence of a large culvert and associated headwalls. MK City Council are still engaged with developers Crest on this, but the other developer involved has not engaged. Technically, there appears to be no breach of planning consent here, the situation on the ground is the consequence of an unfortunate lack of connectivity in the planning process.

The Parish Council is pressing MK City Council as to the best way to resolve this, the pragmatic solution might just be the pedestrian and possibly cycle link, and that may also be the one that has the wider public support – but we need you to tell us that. The alternative might be trying to devise a larger, more expensive, more disruptive scheme that might not be welcomed locally anyway and would probably take a lot longer to implement.

MK City Council Highways are not particularly happy about the single point of access and egress for both developments, more so the Elmswell Road / Groveway access.

To contact Wavendon Parish Council email:

The Wavendon Parish Council Clerk clerk@wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk

Stockwell Lane Potholes and Road Condition

The clerk and I have repeatedly reported the deteriorating condition of Stockwell Lane despite the repairs carried out recently by MKCC. We will press for a permanent rebuild of the lane rather than continual patching.



Caravans on Stockwell Lane

There are now two caravans on Stockwell Lane both of which appear to be in use. This has been reported (RE: FS695123507 Caravans on Stockwell Lane, Wavendon) and MKCC report

We have received the following update from the Environmental Enforcement Team,

- *We are aware of this, and we are currently investigating.*
- *At this stage we do not believe that this is a travelling group*

Covid Memorial Garden

In line with guidance provided in advance of the National Day of Remembrance, two Camellia Japonica Brushfield Yellow flowering bushes were installed in the memorial courtyard



Section 106

I know you are interested in seeing what section 106 money WPC has to allocate to local projects.

To find out what section 106 money is available follow this link.

<https://pfm.exacom.co.uk/miltonkeynes/index.php>

- This first page gives an explanation
- click on the 's106' in the menu top left of the page
- then click either parish or town on the left of the page
- and choose Wavendon from the drop down link on the right of the page

You should then see a list of all the funds received, spent, and available. Please note this is not all money that Wavendon PC can spend, for example, if it says 'primary education' then the education authority can apply on behalf of our catchment primary school but as the parish council has no authority on that spending and obviously, we cannot apply for this money.

Yellow lines as part of the Burney Drive / Wafadun lane scheme in Wavendon

Jonjo reports 'I've marked up the bus stop locations along Burney Drive on the plan below.

Eventually they will all be shown on google and GIS once constructed and adopted.

However, the red dots note installed stops with shelters.

Green is proposed stops with shelters being installed by developer.

Purple installed stop with no shelter – shelter to be provided by Passenger Transport

Black installed stop with no shelter – under review to be relocated away from houses. – shelter to be provided by Passenger Transport'.

Jonjo McBride - Senior Engineer Highways



Burney Drive Bus
Stops.pdf

The plan is also attached to this report for clarity.

Balderstone Road Grit Bins



Residents have requested a

grit bin be installed in this part of Glebe farm. MKCC respond as follows.

'Balderstone Road is unadopted so the resident will need to contact the landowner to request any grit bins. As part of the adoption process, we would look at whether grit bins are required in an area for safety reasons e.g., on a steep hill but otherwise they would not be installed by MKCC.

Residents can also approach their local parish to ask them if they would purchase green grit bins'.

Glebe Farm School housing a portacabin community facility

Glebe Farm however also report that they have checked with the Trust CFO, and they can have a portacabin on-site. There is no need for a license, as it will be used for:

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They are keen to push this forward and again Paul Van Geete is looking at this option.

Newport Road layby – MKCC Officer report back

'MKCC has looked at the layby area in the enquiry where a school bus is picking up/dropping off pupils. As there are no parking restrictions, so long as the bus or other vehicles aren't causing an obstruction then they are able to park here. The school bus is not under MKCC control.

For safety we would rather than school children are picked up and dropped off in this area than on the main road.

If residents are experiencing access issues to their driveway entrances, they could consider Access Protection Markings

Access Protection Markings | Milton Keynes City Council <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways/signs-and-structures/access-protection-markings>

If there was a significant, persistent issue with parked vehicles they may also consider a resident permit scheme, details are on our website here [Parking information | Milton Keynes City Council](https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/parking/parking-information) <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/parking/parking-information>

Residents should not drive over the public highway including the verge to access front garden areas. There is an application process for Vehicle Crossings/Dropped Kerbs and each location is assessed by a highways officer. Not every crossing can be built as there are other considerations to take into account even on the same section of street’.

Apply for a dropped kerb/vehicle crossing | Milton Keynes City Council <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways/highways-permits-and-licences/apply-dropped-kerbvehicle-crossing>

Youth Survey

I asked Year 6 at St Marys (where I am chair of governors) the following question.

The Parish Council are keen to find out what local youth activities you would like to see in Eagle Farm South and Glebe Farm.

The results are attached to this report.

Cllr David Hopkins

Chairman, Wavendon Parish Council

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