



KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH!

Welcome to your November issue of the Old Woughton Parish Council Newsletter.

Budget and Precept for 2013

Every year the parish council must set a budget for how much it wants to spend and decide how much the residents need to pay to cover it. This is your parish precept on your council tax bill. April 2013 will be the first time that Old Woughton has decided how much precept to raise. To do this we must set and agree our budget, a group of your councillors are working on this now. The first draft will be presented at our November council meeting and the final budget agreed in December, along with how much precept we want to collect.

Is there anything you would like to see happen next year? Either an investment in something that will save money or improve something in the long term, or perhaps a service. Do you have a view on how much precept we should raise? This year we have invested in; new notice boards, dog bin maintenance and a new toilet for the allotments.

Notes for your Diary

Watch this space for date and time of the Annual Parish Meeting!

The draft budget will be available to view on our website at:

www.oldwoughton.org.uk/budgets

between Wednesday 21st November and Friday 14th December for you to comment.

Please contact the budget review group on Budget@oldwoughton.org.uk or by writing to the 'Budget Review' at our postal address. You can also attend our November and December meetings and tell us during the public forum.

Pigeon Problem

Local residents aired their concerns about the pigeon problem under the Newport Road bridge. In view of



this Milton Keynes Council will be clearing the nests at the end of the nesting season and then preventative measures will be put in place under the bridge to stop pigeons roosting there in the future. We would also kindly ask residents not to feed the pigeons as this not only encourages them to roost but also encourages rats that eat the leftover grain and seeds.

Your Local Environment



There are two key areas that you have told us are important about where you live. These are local crime and environmental issues such as overgrown hedging and dealing with vermin.

For any matters relating to crime please email your local contact at Thames Valley Police local community team: Andrew.O'Hanlon@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk, or alternatively ring 101.

For matters relating to the environment, we are using a log to record all reported issues and then manage them with Milton Keynes Council or directly. You can report matters to the council and then let us know, or just tell us and we will take it up with them on your behalf. The more detail you can give about the location and nature of a matter, the easier it is to take action.

Milton Keynes Council Contact Details:

By Phone: 01908 691691

By email: info@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Parish Council Meetings:

Monday 19th November 2012 - St Mary's Church Woughton-on-the-Green 7.30pm.

Monday 17th December 2012 - St Mary's Church Woughton-on-the-Green 7.30pm.

Monday 21st January 2013 - St Mary's Church Woughton-on-the-Green 7.30pm.

Monday 18th February 2013 - St Mary's Church Woughton-on-the-Green 7.30pm.

The first 15 minutes of the meeting is reserved for the public to address the Council with questions or issues you wish to bring to our attention.

How to contact us:



- Email us through the clerk: clerk@oldwoughton.org.uk
- Telephone: **Landline:** 01908 465811
Mobile: 07706 709310
- Write to us:
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- Visit our website:
www.oldwoughton.org.uk

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Allotment News

Have you thought about having your own allotment? October is the annual rental renewal for



The Patch Allotments in Woughton-on-the-Green. We expect to have a number of vacant plots to make available to new tenants. If you would like to have an allotment then please contact us to obtain an application form.

All applications will be considered in line with our policy and it is our wish that Old Woughton residents are able to have plots on the allotment site.