



**KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH!**

*Welcome to the July 2014 issue  
of the Old Woughton Parish  
Council Newsletter.*

**New Councillor - Philip Nash**

We welcome Phil, who has recently joined Old Woughton Parish Council. He lives in Baskerfield Grove and has been a resident for 25 years. He is married with 2 children and has worked as an IT project manager. His personal interests are travel and sport in general; he is a season ticket holder at MK Dons.

**A421 and Kingston Roundabout 'Pinch Point' improvement works**

1km of the A421 from east of Fen Roundabout will be upgraded to a dual carriageway. At the same time, Kingston roundabout will be improved to relieve congestion at this other 'pinch point' area. Milton Keynes Council's £16m project includes £8.81m of grant funding which it successfully secured through the Government's Pinch Point bid process in mid-2013. Balfour Beatty will carry out the improvement works.

This route to Junction 13 of the M1 sees high volumes of traffic at all times. With future development areas nearby, traffic will increase and therefore we are making these improvements now so that future needs are met early. Site clearance work was completed in February and the main work commenced on 16 June 2014. The work is planned to be complete by the summer of 2015.

**War Memorial Update**

Work on the war memorial will commence in the first week of July. Cleaning will occur first which will then be followed by replacing the letters. Some details of the names on the memorial can be found on the following site [www.roll-of-honour.com](http://www.roll-of-honour.com).

**Conservation Area**

In 1978 a conservation area was designated for part of Woughton on the Green. This was part of a block designation of at least 18 areas in Milton Keynes. Unfortunately there is no documentation to support this designation. Since 1967 local authorities have been able to protect areas which are valued for their special architectural or historic interest. Such areas should ideally be evidenced through a conservation area appraisal. The Parish council will be considering this at their next meeting. Further details can be found on [www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk).

**Road Safety on H7 Woughton/Woolstone Junctions**

There have been 10 casualties between 2011 and 2013 at these junctions including 1 fatality. 60% of these have occurred in the winter months. As a result of the Eastern expansion and the new shopping development at Oakgrove there has been a significant increase in traffic. Peter McDonald, in conjunction with Campbell Park, Milton Keynes and Broughton Parish Councils is asking the Borough Council to look at these junctions and come up with some options to improve safety. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Dog Bin and Pigeons**

A new dog bin will be installed shortly on the Passmore side of the canal at Bridge 90. If anyone noticed that the heavy duty wire netting under the H8 road bridge had been vandalised, we hope you have also noticed that it is now repaired and any pigeons that had found their way in behind the wire have been humanely removed.

**Newport Rd. re-surface Olde Swan to H7**

We have now received confirmation that this is planned for November with a possibility of it being brought forward.

## Number 18 Bus

Stuart Bennett, who is leading a small inter-Parish working group in conjunction with MKC, is in the final stages of producing some marketing literature which will be distributed to all households in the area.

## Allotments

There are a couple of plots available but we anticipate that more will become available after the start of the allotments year in October. If you are interested, please contact Roy Kenyon.

## Woughton Playing Fields

Following the successful campaign by your Ward Councillor, Peter McDonald and the Parish Council to stop the sale of the freehold to an outside organisation, MKC are now holding a public meeting on **July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** at the Pavilion. The purpose of the meeting is to get your feedback on what protections you want incorporated into any lease to an outside organisation. Please come along and show your support to ensure these open spaces are protected. Refreshments will be provided.

## Defibrillator at the Sports Field



Milton Keynes Council has recently installed the only publicly accessible defibrillator in Milton Keynes. We hope you will not need it, but if you do, dial 999 and they will give you the code to open it.

## QE2 Status

Milton Keynes Council is currently applying for Queen Elizabeth 11 status for nine sites in Milton Keynes including the playing fields. The QE2 status will be granted by a charity called Fields in Trust. This charity is part of the National Playing Fields Association. The NPFA was formed in 1925 by King George V. Their mission is that everyone should have access to free, local outdoor space for sport, play and recreation. Further details on [www.fieldsintrust.org](http://www.fieldsintrust.org)

## Village Green Status

There is no update on our first application but the Parish is now working on the next two applications. If you have lived in the area for over 20 years or just want to help please email [peter.mcdonald@oldwoughton.org.uk](mailto:peter.mcdonald@oldwoughton.org.uk)

## Parish Council Meetings 2014:

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 7.30 pm** - St Mary's Church, Woughton on the Green

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 7.30 pm** - Mercure Parkside Hotel, Newport Road, Woughton on the Green

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.30 pm** St. Mary's Church, Woughton on the Green

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

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