



**KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH!**

*Welcome to the April 2015 issue  
of the Old Woughton Parish  
Council Newsletter.*

**Annual Parish Meeting  
13th April 2015 19.30 hrs**

The Annual Parish Meeting is your chance to ask your parish council any questions on any subjects relating to the parish. We will present a short round-up of our achievements this year and our plans for next. There is no other agenda. We can also present information on particular matters, given advance warning. Either contact us beforehand or just turn up on the night with your questions. There will be tea, coffee, biscuits and cake. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you on Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Parish Precept**

The OWPC overall precept (including support grant) we requested is the same as last year at £9,104 as promised, but the MKC support grant has been reduced - across the city, but for OWPC it's a reduction of £1,059. In our case this has been exacerbated by the drastic reduction in precept last year. This means that our average household charge has increased by £2 per annum to compensate. This explains the 12% increase on our council tax bills. Our long term financial plan suggests that unless something untoward occurs, we should be able to maintain our spending without an increase. We will do our best to take into consideration any further reductions of central grant so that at least we 'hold the line' against increasing local taxes.

**Canal Towpath**

Councillors Peter McDonald, Mike Blomley and Judith Howson are working with Simpson Parish Council, the Canals and Rivers Trust and Milton Keynes Council to come up with a plan to repair the towpath that runs through Old Woughton Parish and Simpson Parish. The first stage is to understand the amount of finance required. This will be completed shortly. We will then need to identify sources for this finance. If you have any ideas or experience, or just want to volunteer please let Judith know. It is hoped the work will start in 2016



**Speeding in Woughton Park**

As a result of a number of complaints about traffic exceeding the 30mph speed limit, MKC installed traffic monitoring devices on the Old Newport Road for 10 days in March. Residents are asked to let us know if speeding is a problem in the Parish. It is possible that the police could be asked to do spot checks.

**The Patch Allotments**

There are still a number of plots available at the Patch Allotments in Newport Road. If you are interested in taking on a plot please call 07706 709310 or email

[Allotments@oldwoughton.org.uk](mailto:Allotments@oldwoughton.org.uk)

## Thank you letter

The Parish Council has received a thank you letter from Milton Keynes Cricket Club, to whom we made a donation of £200 earlier this year. The money has been allocated towards the repair and replacement of the twin bay bowling and batting carpets used for net practice at Woughton. This is an expensive project but so far good progress has been made.



Local and government funding for cricket is difficult to find so donations such as ours are much appreciated. This facility is used by local schools so that young people can be coached successfully and learn the necessary skills to forward the game of cricket.

## MK Business

### Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

On 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015, there will be a referendum relating to the adoption of the CMK Business Neighbourhood Plan. As this is a Business Neighbourhood Plan, there will be two referendums, one for residents and one for businesses.

The referendum area for both the residential and the business referendums covers the whole of the borough of Milton Keynes and all borough residents who are registered to vote in the local elections will be able to vote in the referendum. For businesses there is a separate registration process which will be starting shortly. If successful at referendum, the Plan will be made by MKC and will form part of the Development Plan with its policies used when considering planning applications for CMK.

Copies of the relevant documents are available at Milton Keynes Council's Civic Offices and at all libraries in Milton Keynes borough area. They may be viewed also on the website at:

[www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/  
CMKBusinessNeighbourhoodPlan](http://www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/CMKBusinessNeighbourhoodPlan)

## Parish Council Meetings 2015:

Annual Parish Meeting 13 April 2015  
Annual General Meeting 11 May 2015

Next Council Meeting 13 July 2015

***All held in St Mary's Church,  
Woughton on the Green at 7.30 pm.***

***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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