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

Woughton Parish Council – Vacancy

Old Woughton Parish Council is very pleased to announce that during the council meeting of 20th January 2014 we co-opted Robert Grindley to fill the vacancy in Woughton on the Green South. Please join us in welcoming Robert to the council.

Parish Precept

At its meeting on 20 January, Old Woughton Parish Council recommended a precept of £9000 for the year 2014-2015. This translates to a levy of just £21 on a Band D property, one of the lowest figures in Milton Keynes. After barely two years in office, your Parish Council has reduced the precept to just 16% of what was levied in 2012-2013.

BOOK-WORMS ...*Young & Old* ...

The **MOBILE LIBRARY** is timetabled to call at Woughton on the Green throughout the year, nominally every two weeks. It stops on Fridays at **LUCAS PLACE** from **11:45 to 12:15**; manned by librarians **Steve** and friends. Collect leaflets on borrowing a variety of books from the Central Library, select books for all ages from toddlers to large print readers; choose CD's and DVD's for home

listening and viewing; collect pink sacks, bus timetables, etc. The mobile librarian can also help with surfing the internet, in the mobile library, in search of information about - well just about anything.

February 7 and 21, March 7 and 21, April 4, May 2, 16 and 30, June 13 and 27

As 18 April is Good Friday, there is a gap of 4 weeks before the next visit. In any instance where the Friday is a non-working day the return date will automatically be extended by a further 2 weeks. Regular users of the library will be personally alerted.

More at:
01908 254050;

central.library@milton-keynes.gov.uk;
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/libraries

The MKC Community Asset Transfer Initiative

The MKC's CAT concept is to transfer ownership of resources to parishes, commercial organizations and other bodies in order to make them more locally accountable and to save money. In our parish Woughton on the Green Pavilion and Playing Fields is classed as a major leisure asset with the potential for CAT.

Having worked through the bid applications in the last 6 months, MKC's public consultation received numerous objections from your Parish Council, Ward councillors, user groups and residents. There was deep concern that the CAT arrangements left scant



protection and controls in the long term to residents with a real danger that these amenities might be lost to the community behind fences or within piecemeal developments. As a result, Woughton on the Green Playing Fields and Pavilion was withdrawn from the programme and will become part of a larger procurement exercise (30 year lease with service specification/contract) along with Windmill Hill Golf Centre and Woughton Leisure Centre. Council officers will undertake an engagement exercise in early 2014 to ensure our concerns raised through the CAT process are addressed.

Footpaths in our parish

OWPC has been working with the Ward Councillors to protect our footpaths.



We all appreciate living in an area which includes so many green open spaces and some of our pathways have now been preserved for future generations.

Did you know.....?

Woughton on the Green was originally just called "Woughton", but by 1750 it was already being referred to as "Wofton on the Green". In the Domesday Book of 1086 Woughton on the Green was recorded as Ulchetone. This is an Anglo-Saxon name, which means Eoca's Farm. The village had gained its more modern name by the mid twelfth century when the manor was recorded as belonging to the Verley family. By the time of the coronation of Queen Victoria, Woughton on the Green was a large village, due largely to the nearby Grand Union Canal and later to the (West Coast Main Line) railway that passed through to the nearby parish of Wolverton.

Parish Council Meetings 2014:

- Monday 17th March 7.30pm** - St Mary's Church, Woughton-on-the-Green
- Monday 7th April 7.30 pm** Annual Parish Meeting St. Mary's Church, Woughton on the Green
- Monday 19th May 7.30pm (AGM)** - St Mary's Church, Woughton-on-the-Green
- Monday 21st July 7.30pm** - 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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