

Old Woughton Parish Council Newsletter

Woughton Park

Woughton-on-the-Green

Passmore



KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH!

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

Parish Council Tax 2016 - 2017

At the meeting of Old Woughton Parish Council on 9 November 2015, the first steps were taken to set the parish precept for 2016-17. Further work will take place before the final recommendations are presented in January. The proposed budget will be based on a continuing tight management policy.

Precept payers will pay no more than this year (once again a reduction in real terms). The precept will be supported by a contribution from reserves which will continue a planned slow reduction.

Motorcycle Nuisance in Woughton Park

There has been an increase in sightings of motorcyclists using the redways in the parish illegally. The route from Tinkers Bridge through Woughton Park towards the Open University is used frequently and sightings on the Playing Fields have also occurred. This activity is extremely dangerous and it will not be long before someone is injured or worse, but it also causes unsociable noise levels and damage to grassland. If it is at all possible to photograph the offenders, with date and time, this is extremely helpful to the police in identifying the offenders. Each incident should be reported to:



communityranger@theparkstrust.com or
Colin.Cooper@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or
clerk@oldwoughton.org.uk

Parish Hall, Woughton on the Green

The Village Hall at Woughton on the Green is managed by the St Mary's DCC. Due to the need for extensive maintenance work, it is not available for hire at present. There is no parking nearby and it would cost about £1500 per annum to maintain. The Church is therefore considering its options, including potential redevelopment. If you have any comments about the Hall, please pass them to the clerk clerk@oldwoughton.org.uk

Litter Picking Schedules

Milton Keynes Council

Woughton on the Green – every 4 weeks, Tuesdays, week 3

Passmore - every fortnight, Friday's weeks 1 & 3

Woughton Park - every 4 weeks, Monday's week 3

Parks Trust

All areas monthly - except these pockets



Fortnightly: The area by the bridge over the canal to Peartree Bridge off Verley Close, Woughton on the Green.

Weekly: Woughton on the Green parkland around the lake

by Newport Rd/H7

Two areas by the Ouzel adjacent to Monkston Park.
Passmore – entrance area

Submitting Environmental Issues

Almost all new matters reported to OWPC recently for the Parish record of environmental issues, were 'copied' to us after reporting to the MK Environmental Online Portal. We welcome this development very much as it enables us to keep track of a broader range of environmental issues within the Parish and chase up if necessary. Please do this by sending a copy to the clerk via the website email address or the address on this newsletter.

Our Website



We are in the process of re-developing the parish website and are looking for help from residents.

In particular we would like to call on any budding graphic designers to send us any potential designs for a logo. We also need designs for an icon that would, for example, be visible in the tab at the top of the window in internet browsers, when displaying the website. It would be best if the design for the logo and icon were related. We may still retain the current logo which is based on the image at the top of this newsletter as this enjoys much affection. However, there is an opportunity to “re-brand”.

We could also do with the help of any photographers who can supply us with stunning photographs taken from around the parish. They might be landscapes or pictures taken at past events within the parish or historic photographs. We would add these to our growing library of photographs to make the website more visually interesting and to reflect the essence of the parish more fully.

If you can help, please email pnash@oldwoughton.org.uk or write to the parish mail address.

Woughton Park Estate BBQ

August Bank Holiday Sunday saw this year's annual BBQ, which was held in Northwich. Typically for a Bank Holiday it was wet, but this did not put off the 38 souls who turned out complete with tables and chairs and of course their choice of food, plus a contribution to the desserts table. There was some shelter, by way of a small marquee and a couple of gazebos, and also some refuge in the garage. Once the BBQ's were lit and the drink had started to flow, the atmosphere was quite jolly, and there were even some attempts at communal singing. Thanks to everybody for making this event the one we have come to enjoy, (whatever the weather).



Parish Council Meetings 2016:

Monday 11th January 7.30pm

Monday 14th March 7.30pm

Monday 11th April 7.30 pm [Annual Parish Meeting]

All held in 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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**All good wishes for a happy
and peaceful Christmas and a
prosperous
New Year from Old
Woughton Parish Council.**

