

# COMMUNITY NEWS

The official source of Parish Council news and information to residents of Little Brickhill

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## The Chair's REPORT **Graham Bushell**

### **SOUTH CALDECOTTE**

Our biggest current issue is the development at South Caldecotte. The impact on the surrounding villages is likely to be substantial – there will be a significant increase in traffic particularly at the Kelly's Kitchen (Macdonalds) roundabout. We have now heard that Brickhill Street will be closed from April to November and a diversion system will be in operation recommending the use of the A5. However, we are concerned that local traffic will use Woburn Road and Longslade Lane and that is likely to impact on our village. I have asked Cllr. David Hopkins to request that an alternative solution is considered but I do know that he is struggling to get support from the decision makers.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Milton Keynes Council is divesting their responsibility for landscaping and this will shortly become our responsibility. We were given options as to how to manage this change; Option 1 is that we could manage the landscaping ourselves by employing contractors directly. Option 2 is to use the existing contractors and fund them from the village precept. MKC has allocated an annual contribution which will go some way towards funding the cost.

Your Parish Council has reviewed what other parishes are doing and the vast majority are opting for option two and only the larger town councils have

considered option one. So we will also go with Option 2.

### **HIGHWAYS**

We are still in contact with MK regarding the 20mph speed limit for the village. It is taking longer than we expected to get a definitive answer but we are still hopeful of a positive outcome.

There are a few highway issues that we want to resolve with MK and Highways England and we have arranged a meeting in April to discuss the matters. Among the issues is the barrier at the exit junction to the southbound A5 carriageway; it is frequently hit by cars and there have already been injuries. If action is not taken to mitigate the problem, there could be a fatality.

### **PARISH COUNCIL AGM**

The AGM will be on 10th May at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. All villagers are welcome.

### **COUNCILLOR REQUIRED**

The Parish Council has 4 serving councillors but we are permitted to have 5. If you would be interested in becoming Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk at: [clerk@littlebrickhillparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@littlebrickhillparishcouncil.co.uk)

### **GRAHAM BUSHELL**

Chair, Little Brickhill Parish Council

# MEETING DATES

## LITTLE BRICKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council meets in **Little Brickhill Community Centre** on **Watling Street** at **7:45 PM** every month on the **1st Monday of each month** except in January, May (when the annual parish and village meeting is held) and August when there is no Meeting, unless business dictates.

*Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings but whilst members of the public cannot participate a short period of time is given over for members for the public to air their views on matters directly related to the parish council.*

Dates for the next three meetings are:

**10th May 2022** (AGM/Village Meeting)

**6th June 2022**

**4th July 2022**

## LITTLE BRICKHILL COUNCILLORS

### CHAIRMAN

Councillor Graham Bushell

Councillor Tim Wheaton

### VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Dave Lewis

Councillor Martin Goddard

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### UPDATE FROM C9639 AMY RYAN



In the coming weeks we are looking to start the **Community Forum** for the area, this is your chance as residents to raise your concerns and work with TVP and other partner agencies to tackle issues that are important you. This aims to increase Community Resilience by us all working together to achieve a positive outcome. We will be communicating the date and location of the meeting in due course. We would like to see you there as the Forum process relies on the participation of the residents.

As the lighter evenings are approaching we can sometimes see an increase in Anti-Social Behaviour. If you have concerns or witness anything then please let us know via 101 or by using our Website. If there is an emergency then please call 999.

In other parts of the Local Policing area there has been some incidents of Theft from Vehicles where items have been left on show. Please remember to remove any valuable items and secure your vehicle to reduce the chance of you becoming a Victim of Crime. Advice on how to protect your property can be found on our Website under the Crime Prevention section.

*If you need to raised anything of a non-urgent nature then please contact the Neighbourhood Team via **101 MKSouthCluster@thamesvalley.police.uk***



## LITTLE BRICKHILL CHURCH

You will recall from the last Village Newsletter that our lovely 13th Century village church is facing some very significant challenges. If the church is to have a future in the village, we urgently need village residents to take ownership of the church and get involved with saving it from further deterioration and the risk of closure. A major project to maintain and, hopefully, develop our church as a central and treasured focus in our community was launched before Christmas.

*We have formed four working groups to get this project underway and we have some signed-up supporters for each one. These are:*

- **Inside the church** – to look after regular cleaning and maintenance, assisting Peggy Bellingham and Celia Ho-Yen with their work in caring for the church;
- **Churchyard** – to do regular gardening tasks, to assist Philip Skeet in keeping the churchyard tidy and well cared for;
- **The church building** – to carry out minor repairs and painting, mainly to the outside of the building;
- **Fundraising** – to be a focus for fundraising ideas, plan and co-ordinate events and investigate and apply for sources of funding.

Although the response to the original appeal was very encouraging, we desperately need more people to get involved, particularly with the fundraising group. So do let me know if you'd be interested or would like to know more. The more people who are involved the more we can achieve and the more bodies to share the load!

Once we're through the last of the really cold winter days we'll be getting organised with launching this project, firstly with a thorough deep spring-clean of the building. Then, later in the spring/early summer we hope to organise another Weed and Feed Day to have a good clear out and tidy in the churchyard, as we have in previous years.

We'd love as many people as possible to come along and help with these working parties. It's always fun to be involved in a communal task like this and it's a great

way to meet and get to know people. Over the past sad couple of years many of us, by enforced isolation, have missed the contact with neighbours and friends. Now that we're beginning to be able to enjoy some more freedom, these could be a very good way to rediscover and form new friendships.

Once dates are agreed I'll send out further details via the village Facebook page and the email contacts list. If you're not on this list, but would like to be included, do contact me (details below). If you're new to the village or you know of any newcomers, do let me know so I can make sure all are informed about all village news and events, not just church issues.

### **Easter 2022 Sunday 17th April**

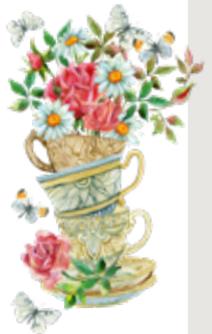
The next big celebration in the church will be the Easter season. The church will be open for private prayer during the morning of Good Friday (15th April).

For some years, before the pandemic hit, several of the village children helped to build an **Easter Garden** in the church porch. This is a lovely celebration of the beauty of spring, and it helps them to understand the story of the first Easter. I'm planning to do this again this year and I'm inviting any children who'd like to help with this to come along on Good Friday at 2pm.

I'll send out further details nearer the time.

### **Easter Coffee Morning - Saturday 16th April**

10.30am – 12.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is warmly invited to come and join us for an Easter themed cuppa and cake – bring your friends, encourage our new neighbours to come. *Further details and reminders to follow.*



On **Easter Day** there will be an **all-age Family Service**, with Holy Communion for those who would like to take part. Afterwards there'll be an **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children while their parents enjoy a cuppa and chat with friends.

***We'd love you to come and join us!***



**Friendship Group** – every Thursday from 3pm at The George. Do come along for tea and cake and a chance to meet and make friends – everyone always very welcome!

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# Little Brickhill Residents' Association



After a successful Christmas with the Jenny Wheaton Children's Party and the Senior Citizens' event all going ahead, many thanks are owed to Louise, Simon and the team at The George for stepping in to help during the COVID chaos.

In the next few months we're planning **Litter Picks** around the village to keep it smart. Please watch your noticeboards, letter boxes and the village Facebook page for exact dates and times.



## PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The aim is to close Watling Street from Great Brickhill Lane to outside the Old Green Man (as was) between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm on June 4th 2022.

The plan is to have a **street party** from 12:00 to 2:30 outside Dukes Cottages with music and entertainment for children.

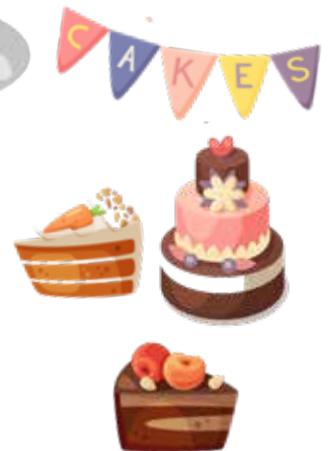
**Fancy Dress** on any theme for children, and for adults the theme will be "Red, white and blue"



A **best dressed dog competition** will be held outside the village hall.



A **cake competition** will be held in The George.



We hope that the whole village will decorate their homes for the jubilee. There will be a prize for best home decoration.

Prizes will be presented in The George in the late afternoon, with a raffle and food in the evening - the food will be ticketed, to keep waste to an absolute minimum.

Again, **watch your noticeboards, letterboxes and the village Facebook page for more details for timings, judges and any prizes.**

It should be a great celebratory day.



We've also had a few additions to the Residents' Association. We now comprise:

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|----------------|----------------|
| Tim Wheaton    | Anne Motson    |
| Cliff Roberts  | Julia Campbell |
| Carol Nicholls | Alison Cleave  |
| Liz Williams   | Howard Barclay |
| Dave Lewis     | Lucy Cockerill |





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# LITTLE BRICKHILL Street Party!

Saturday 4th June 2022  
from 12.00 - 2.30pm

Bring out your table and chairs and  
your celebratory picnic!

FANCY DRESS

Under 13's, any theme  
Over 13's - Red White and Blue!

CAKE COMPETITION!

Royal theme

BEST DRESSED DOG!  
Judging at Village Hall

BEST DECORATED HOUSE!  
in the village

Prizes awarded at The George  
at 4pm after the party

Please note: The main road in the village will be closed  
from Great Brickhill Lane down to George Farm  
for the duration of the celebrations

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## SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Milton Keynes Council has amended its proposals for the so-called South East Milton Keynes Development SEMK area (the land identified for up to 3000 new houses plus associated infrastructure) in the land between Woburn Sands, Wavendon, Bow Brickhill and Wavendon Gate/Old Farm Park. This follows the consultation held earlier in 2021. I 'called-in' the original decision made in November 2021 and various improvements and amendments were agreed with the leader of MK Council, Cllr Peter Marland.

The masterplan (SPD) was subsequently adopted as a Delegated Decision by Cllr Pete Marland (who has Cabinet responsibility for Strategic Planning at MK Council) on 11th January 2022. Go to <https://milton-keynes.cmis.uk.com/milton-keynes/Home.aspx> for the latest details.

*In brief the proposed changes can be summarised as being;*

- One main option for crossing the Bedford to Bletchley railway at V10 (Brickhill Street) rather than V11 through Old Farm Park and Browns Wood
- Relocated primary school closer to Wavendon
- Gypsy & Traveller site proposed now to be located at the far western end of the SEMK site close to Bow Brickhill railway station
- Widened buffer area around Wavendon
- Playing fields preferred on Woburn Sands (eastern end) of the site offering more buffer between the Groves and the new development areas
- Open space network added along Bow Brickhill Road
- Future linear park off Caldecotte Brook Linear Park, extending along Phoebe Lane (Wavendon) and passing along the southern edge of Wavendon and connection to potential future growth areas to the \*east of Newport Road (\*to be decided in the Plan:MK2 review due to be published in 2025)
- Removed V11 (Tongwell Street) future proofed corridor south of railway line but retain open space network
- Stronger vision landscape led approach
- Focal open space provided adjacent to Spine Street
- Extended interconnected open space network

A copy of the presentation prepared by MK Council Planning Officers showing the changes can be found on the Milton Keynes Council website

<https://milton-keynes.cmis.uk.com/milton-keynes/Calendar/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/6993/Committee/1422/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

or on the Little Brickhill Parish Council web site at <https://www.littlebrickhillparishcouncil.co.uk>

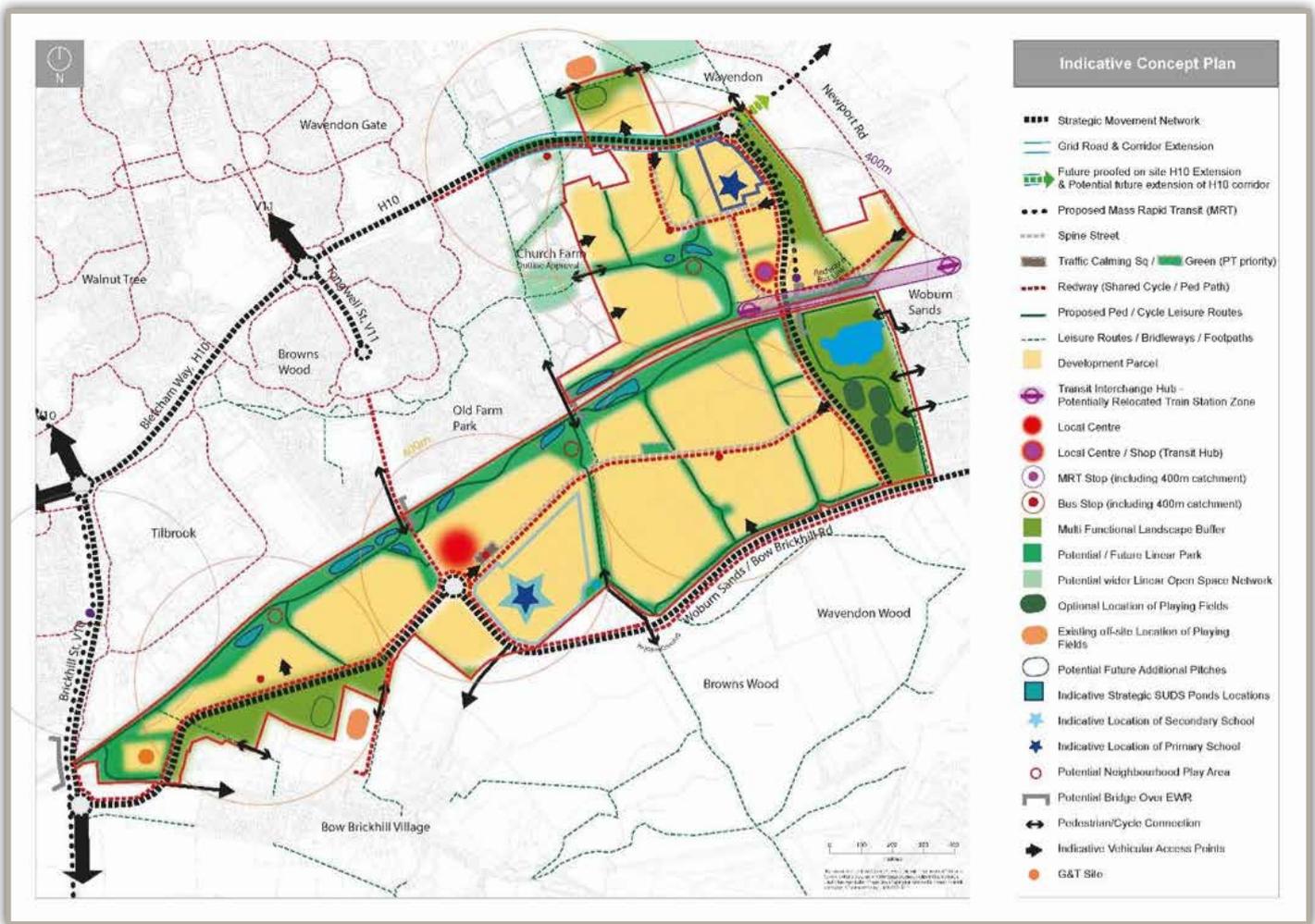
I requested that a Local Stakeholder Group made up of representatives of Little Brickhill Parish Council, Walton Community Council, Woburn Sands Town Council and Wavendon and Bow Brickhill Parish Councils and ward members for Danesborough and Walton be established to oversee planning and highways issues on SEMK – and this was agreed.

## THE H10 EXTENSION INTO THE SOUTH EAST MILTON KEYNES SITE

A separate decision was made by Cllr Marland on 25th January 2022 regarding the future design of the extension to the H10. Cllr Hopkins (together with a representative of Walton Community Council) was present at the meeting and put forward issues important to local people highlighting the need for this road to be 'grade separated' as it passes across Byrd Crescent and close to Ravel Close and Gable Thorne, to ensure the safety of children attending the local schools at Wavendon Gate and Walton High. This will also apply to access to the schools yet to be built in SEMK (a Primary and a Combined Primary and Secondary school) as well as ensuring safe movement across the site for cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders. The road through SEMK should be single carriageway, with a 40 MPH limit and a traffic light controlled (30 MPH to 30 MPH) junction for local traffic as it meets Newport Road in Wavendon and Bow Brickhill Road in Woburn Sands. The final design will be agreed with the newly formed local stakeholder group.

Remember, SEMK will be a phased development between now and the mid 2030's. Cllr Marland has also confirmed that there will be no further development east of Newport Road in Wavendon until the 2040's at the earliest (and preferably later than that!). The H10 will be a phased build out, mirroring that of the SEMK expansion area itself, between now and the mid 2030's. Emerging developer plan for part of SEMK.

The agents for some of the developers and landowners with interests in SEMK have already started the ball rolling with a proposed public consultation exercise.



On behalf of their client, they have written to Ward and Parish / Community Councillors regarding their emerging outline planning application for the first major phase of SEMK.

Their clients are Fox Land and Property and L&Q Estates. They have apparently been awaiting the adoption of the SEMK Masterplan (SPD) to allow them to move forward with their planning application. Their clients apparently own/control much of the land south of the railway line.

*Their proposals for the site are seeking to align with the now adopted SEMK SPD and will include:*

- Provision of around 1700 new homes, that they feel will enhance the area's community;
- Development infrastructure, including upgrading and extending the walking and cycling network;
- Associated green public open spaces and playing fields;
- One of the new local centres/community hubs and the delivery of a new primary and secondary school site; Should you have any questions, the agents invite local people to contact [jack.boyce@lexcomm.co.uk](mailto:jack.boyce@lexcomm.co.uk) or

call him on **07969 399 458**.  
More details at [www.lexcomm.co.uk](http://www.lexcomm.co.uk)

### EAST WEST RAIL

The East West Rail company has formed local consultative groups with representatives from Walton Community Council and the other parishes in the Danesborough ward, together with local ward councillors. Cllr David Hopkins (together with one representative from Little Brickhill PC) will represent ward issues on this group. The first meeting took place in mid-February 2022.

The Statutory Consultation regarding the EWR rail development and the infrastructure that will surround it is set to take place in late autumn 2022.

I will keep you informed.

### CLLR DAVID HOPKINS

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## USEFUL CONTACTS FOR RESIDENTS OF LITTLE BRICKHILL PARISH

### EMERGENCY HELP

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Electricity (all suppliers:)	105
Gas (all suppliers:)	0800 111 999
Anglian Water:	0345 714 5145

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Website

Find your nearest doctor, school etc

<https://mapping.miltonkeynes.gov.uk>

Access to the Internet at all local MK Libraries including Woburn Sands, Kingston and Bletchley

Refuse Collection day: **Thursday**

If you have any Parish issues or ideas you would like to share then write or email me at:

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