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The Parish Office is open to receive phone calls and emails to our staff, however, we are limiting visits to the Office by arrangement only. Whilst there will be some things that may take longer, we will endeavour to ensure that we continue to respond where we can and continue to support our community. Our Advice Service can still be accessed via email and phone.

MEETINGS

All meetings to be held at the Oldbrook Centre, Oldbrook Boulevard, Oldbrook. Due to the fluid nature of Covid-19 restrictions, the venue for meetings may change, please see our Notice Boards, website and social media pages for update information on Council meetings.

Please note that it may be necessary to restrict the number of members of the public attending Council meetings.

See page 4 for next meeting dates

Community Hub Update

Campbell Park Parish Council

As you will be aware from the last magazine, we were in the process of submitting a planning application to Milton Keynes Council to start the formal process in seeking permission to demolish the existing building (the former Springfield pub) to clear the plot in readiness for the next stage of the Hub development. This planning application also sought outline permission for the construction of the Community Hub.

We are pleased to see that a number of positive comments were lodged with Milton Keynes Council, and no objections raised to this application. MK Councils decision on this application is expected imminently.

Ecology Survey

Due to outcome of the ecology surveys and the possibility identified of bats hibernating in the building currently, we have had to delay our plans to demolish the building until the beginning of March (subject to received planning permission to do so). For the protection of the bats, this is considered a safe time to demolish. So, we will mobilise our appointed demolition contractors accordingly and hope to have the site cleared by Easter.

As we start to develop the detailed plans and building designs for the Community Hub, community engagement and consultation with our residents will be a key part of the process. Please look

out on our website and social media for details of our consultation event/s.

Resident input will be critical in making sure that the services the new Hub will deliver best match the community needs across all of our estates. The Hub will be the first purpose-built property of its type in Milton Keynes, with the Parish Council making an investment of around £1.8m into its construction, to achieve this.

To help fund the project, Campbell Park Parish Council made the decision to apply to the Public Works Loan Board for up to £1.5m. The Public Works Loan Board is a statutory body of the Government which provides loans to local authorities such as town & parish councils to enable them to invest in their communities. The repayments of this loan will be funded from within the existing budget, and it is not our intention to increase the precept for this.

Our main aim is to provide a community building that residents can be proud of and increasingly value through the services and initiatives that it delivers. If the past eighteen months have taught us one thing, its that we need to ensure that the plans that we make are sufficiently flexible to meet your ever-changing needs for many years to come.

We will be holding a consultation event in late February 2022, please see next magazine for details



The recent 2022-2023 Budget/Precept Level Consultation, identified that your priorities for the Community Hub were that it:

1. Allows residents to get involved
2. Aspires to be carbon neutral & promotes biodiversity
3. Is financially affordable & sustainable

We will ensure that these priorities remain in sharp focus as the plans evolve.

We will soon be starting to develop the detailed architectural designs for the construction of the Community Hub. In preparation for this next stage of the programme, we would like to provide you with an opportunity to input to this process to help shape our emerging plans. We are particularly keen to hear your ideas on the services you would like delivered from the Hub.



Santa's Naughty List

There is a lot of waste created at Christmas.

Check out Santa's Naughty List of what **cannot** be recycled in the clear sack and must be placed in the **black rubbish sack**.



In the black rubbish bag

- Pulled Christmas crackers
- Used napkins
- Sweet wrappers
- Crisp packets
- Biscuit wrappers
- Broken glass (wrap to prevent harm)
- Metallic wrapping paper
- Items with glitter on, including cards & wrapping paper
- Polystyrene
- Broken decorations
- Old tinsel
- Broken fairy lights – please take to the Household Waste Recycling Centre (the 'tip') to be recycled with other electrical items.



 Milton Keynes recycles

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling



COUNCIL MEETINGS

All meetings to be held

16th November 2021, 7.30pm

21st December 2021, 7.30pm

18th January 2022, 7.30pm

COMMITTEES

Planning, Infrastructure & Transport

Monday 1st November 2021, 6.30pm

Monday 6th December 2021, 6.30pm

Monday 4th January 2022, 6.30pm

Monday 31st January 2022, 6.30pm

Finance, Administration & Policy

Tuesday 7th December 2021, 6.30pm

Tuesday 1st February 2022, 6.30pm

Buildings & Property Portfolio

Tuesday 9th November 2021, 6.30pm

Tuesday 11th January 2022, 6.30pm

Tuesday 8th February 2022, 6.30pm

Community & Social Wellbeing

Monday 22nd November 2021, 7pm

Monday 24th January 2022, 7pm

Monday 21st February 2022, 7pm

Communications

Tuesday 23rd November 2021, 6.30pm

Tuesday 25th January 2022, 6.30pm

Tuesday 22nd February 2022, 6.30pm

PART-TIME COMMUNITY CENTRE / PARISH OFFICE / ALLOTMENT CARETAKER/ CLEANER VACANCIES

£10.00 per hour

Campbell Park Parish Council (CPPC) controls and manages community centres in Oldbrook (next to Oldbrook First School) and Springfield (next to the One Stop Shop). Both are open seven days a week, providing facilities used by a variety of community charity and faith groups. The Parish Office is in Fishermead and is open Monday to Friday. The Parish also operates two allotment sites in Willen and Woolstone.

The Parish Council is currently recruiting Part-Time Caretaker/ Cleaners for the centres, the office, and the allotment sites – a minimum of 12 hours per week (Monday to Sunday, 5 days out of 7, including weekends and evenings).

The Parish would like to hear from local candidates interested in applying for those posts. Ideally the candidates will have experience in a similar post, as well as a flexible approach to duties, location, and hours of work. Good Communication and customer service skills are required.

Successful Candidates will be required to undertake a DBS check.

Previous Applicants need not apply.

Potential candidates for the post should email admin@campbell-park.gov.uk or call **01908 608559** to request an application pack. CPPC is an equal opportunities Employer

FREE ACTIVITY PACKS

Campbell Park Parish Council

FOR CHILDREN



The popularity of the Activity Packs continues with the Summer & October Activity Packs running out in just a few days!

The packs contained a range of paper-based activities including colouring sheets, wordsearches, mazes, spot the differences, code words etc along with some pencils, pens/crayons.

The summer pack contained craft supplies to enable the children

to make an animal mask and the October pack contained a range of autumn themed activities and crafts. We hope to share photos of these in the next magazine.

To ensure as many families as possible can benefit from this, please only take one pack per child. The packs will be limited in number and only available while stock lasts.

We would appreciate any feedback on the packs. Also, if you have ideas of how they could be improved or ideas for the content of future packs - we would love to hear from you.

We would also love to see any photos of the children enjoying the packs or the completed activities that we can share. Most of all – we hope that the children enjoy them.

The activity packs can be collected from the Parish Office in Fishermead:
Parish Office, 1 Pencarrow Place
(behind the Trinity Centre)
MK6 2AS –
Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm

If you have any queries, please contact
admin@campbell-park.gov.uk
or 01908 608559

The next Activity Pack will be available for the Christmas Holiday and will be ready for collection from

**WEDNESDAY
15TH DECEMBER**

COME ON MILTON KEYNES! HELP FILL SANTA'S SLEIGH!

This November, MK Food Bank will be running their annual Reverse Advent Campaign. The campaign runs to ensure that those in need of food across Milton Keynes are provided for over Christmas and New Year.

We're encouraging everyone to take part in the Food Bank's **'Reverse Advent Scheme'** by bringing 30 essential food and treat items to Fill Santa's Sleigh on **Saturday 27 November**.

Santa's Sleigh will be parked up at Milton Keynes Christian Centre in Oldbrook between 1:00pm - 4:00pm.

Every item of food will help to make Christmas a special and joy-filled time for people in need across Milton Keynes.

If you can't get your food donation to the Sleigh on 27 November, that's not a problem. Your donation box can also be dropped off at the Food Bank depot at 14 Burners Lane, Kiln Farm, between 1 November to 3 December, Monday - Friday between 9:00am - 4:00pm.

Full details of the campaign can be found on the MK Food Bank website: mkfoodbank.org.uk (Christmas Appeal)

**FILL
SANTAS
SLEIGH**



Welcome to **Francis Mensah**

My name is FRANCIS MENSAH, a Ghanaian by birth and a professional trained teacher.

I am married with five children. My family and I stay in Springfield, Milton Keynes for the past 12 years, a quiet and lovely place.

I am a Councillor representing Springfield on the Campbell Park Parish Council in Milton Keynes.

I have been involved with collecting food items and delivering them to the vulnerable people staying in the Campbell Park area and beyond on Thursdays and Fridays.



My mission statement is to promote peaceful coexistent between communities to communities.

It is my hope that with the covid-19 pandemic going down I will be able to expand my reach and strengthen new and existing relationships with Springfield community, with my Sister City organisation.

As a councillor for Springfield, one of my priorities will be to protect the environment by

controlling litter and looking after the recreation grounds, parks, children's play areas, playing fields and many of the other points. I will as much as possible dialogue with the Campbell Park Parish Council to create more activity centres in Springfield for our brilliant families to spend some time there now that the pandemic has gone down.

Thank you.

Grants

We recently awarded a grant of £500 to the **Keech Hospice Care** towards their community nursing support.

We also supported **Willen Pavilion** with a grant of £1000 towards their Summer Fun Day. See more information and photos on page 14.

We received a letter of thanks from **MK Melting Pot** following the grant we provided:

"Dear Campbell Park Parish team, the MK Melting Pot team would like to say a 'BIG thank you' for your support and help for our hot meal feeding and food box delivery programme and towards our mission. Thank for awarding our parish grant application for the feeding project. Your grant will help us to make a real impact on your parish residents' life to fight against the food poverty and reflect the needs of the Milton Keynes communities."

We are pleased to see that the community bench is now available for all to use at **St Mary Magdalene Church** in Willen following the grant awarded earlier this year. This was installed as part of their church yard reclamation project.



Results of 2022-2023 Budget/Precept Level Consultation

Campbell Park Parish Council

Thank you to everyone that participated in this year's annual budget/precept consultation. We received over 550 responses – which was great!

We are grateful that, year on year, you continue to take the time to complete this consultation and provide us with responses to the questions we ask you. **The feedback we receive is so valuable to us** to ensure that our plans for the coming year reflect what is important to you.

This year's consultation asked you to prioritise issues in your area. **The overwhelming priority** for our residents was the Parish-wide landscaping service, with the frequency of Street Cleansing service (currently provided by MKC) also identified as being of high importance to you.

In terms of **landscaping**, you told us that the landscape maintenance to alleyways and access routes, and sightlines on roadways were the top priorities.

Your feedback regarding your priorities for the development of the **Community Hub** are on page 3.



We also asked you to comment on the **2022/23 income** of the parish council and the % increase you think would be appropriate for the 2022/23 Precept.

The majority of respondents (54.5%) told us that it would be appropriate to increase the Precept by 1% to 5%.



OPENING

OF NEW PATIO AT FRANK HOWE COURT

Following the award of a grant of £1000 by the Parish Council to Frank Howe Court Social Club earlier this year, we were very excited to be invited to attend the official opening event on 8th September.

The residents all gathered together for tea and cake and the impending opening ceremony. For some residents it was the first time they had ventured out of their flats to socialise since the covid-19 lockdowns, and they were greeted with a lovely sunny day and the reveal of an exciting new facility for all the residents to enjoy.

Councillor Brian Greenwood and Community Officer, Tracey Jones attended on behalf of Campbell Park Parish Council, with Councillor Greenwood given the honour of cutting the ribbon.

The residents were very appreciative of the support the Parish Council had given them to enable this valuable space to be achieved.



WHAT A SUMMER!

We had a really busy summer programme this year and were pleased to see so many children getting involved.

SUMMER YOUTH CAMP In partnership with Springfield Initiative Youth Club we delivered a 2 week Summer Youth Camp. The youth camp was really popular with 24 children attending every day. There were a range of activities on offer which included a daily cooking and craft activity, outdoor games, dancing and competitions. A movie afternoon with popcorn and drink and also an extra special fun day which included chocolate fountain, candy floss, face painting and glitter tattoos.



FOOTBALL SESSIONS We also had weekly football sessions at Willen Pavilion run by MK Dons SET attended by around 25-30 children on most weeks! Unfortunately, on the last session, and typically the day the photographer came, only a few children attended! We had some great feedback that these sessions had been really enjoyed by all.



BASKETBALL SESSIONS The weekly basketball sessions during August were a success with 12 children taking part in some sessions. With similar sessions being delivered across Milton Keynes, it was great to hear from the coaches that the 14 -18 year olds age group session in Oldbrook was one of the best attended for this age group across MK.

MK PLAY We were also pleased to host MK Play Association in Oldbrook and Fishermead each week during August. The sessions, delivered as part of MK Council's Summer of Play initiative, were very popular.



A big **THANKYOU** and **WELL DONE** to all the children (and adults) that joined us over the summer at our **'Kids Clean Up Crew'** sessions. We picked up A LOT of litter in Fishermead, Oldbrook and Willen and the kids had "so much fun"! We are so proud of all the children that took part and the effort they made to make a difference to where they live.

We have been asked to run more sessions like this - **so watch this space!**

In the meantime, if your family would like to be **#LitterHeroes** we have some litter pickers which you can use and some guidance on how to litter pick safely. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



The Trustees had their AGM on the 20th of September 2021 and have re-elected the Chairman Karl Kavarana and Val Dixon as Vice Chair. The Grant applications for this year were 21 in numbers. All the existing trustees were re-elected. There were apologies from Chrispina Odunewu and accepted.

Geoff Taylor Trust has received the grant from Campbell Park Parish Council which allows the trust to make the awards. The number of applications this year meant that the **grants given out were £500** as a Maximum amount.

Some of the applicants have had grants over the last few years towards their studies. Grants given out were across the parish of Campbell Park.

The level of the applications was good and supporting information helps the trustees when making the awards.

The trustees always like feedback from previous applications and how the grants had helped towards their studies and thanking the trustees.

The trustees when making the awards do ask about the feedback on how well the applications are doing from the previous year.

The **total amount for grant** applications this year to be given out by the trust will be for £10,500. The Trust also agreed to seek funds elsewhere to support the charity.

The Trustees would like to thank again the Campbell Park Parish Council for its support over the years for the grant funding to enable the grants to be paid out. And to allow the trustees to use the meeting place for their AGM.

The Trustees had their Annual AGM at Ravenstone Community Centre on the 2nd of October 2021, which alternates with Woolstone and Ravenstone every other year.

The election of the chairperson was Christa Pumfrey the vicar of Ravenstone, the Membership of the committee was approved, and the Minutes of the video meeting on the 10th of October 2020 were agreed. All other Trustee's remain the same. The Question has been asked about the village hall deeds and to apply to the land registry for copies.

The committee approved the Clause 16 amounts of **£250 payments which are for Sunday schools** in Ravenstone and Stoke Goldington and asked for an update on last year's grant to the Woolstone church before any payments would be made for this year. The committee had a report from the Village Hall Management of Ravenstone which the Charity owns and supports for repairs and updating the hall fabric of the Hall. The question of the heating was raised as there are some signs of dampness to the building and to apply if they agree to the trust for the funding. Also, they are looking to upgrade the dryers in the toilets.

Grant applications to the Charity for this year were 15. And are spread across the Villages from Ravenstone, Stoke Goldington, Woolstone, The Funding of the Grants comes from the investments made by the Charity. The total amount spent for this year was just under £9,000 for the grants to the applicants the committee when looking at the applications looks at where the help is most needed by the applicants.

The committee approved the accounts and to reappoint the auditors and acknowledge the Charity Commission returns 2020.

The committee noted the letters of thanks received for grants for 2020 the meeting for next year takes place in Woolstone community Centre.

MORE INFO AT

<https://www.campbell-park.gov.uk/services/education-support/>

Mayor Presents Laptops to Fishermead School & Community Centre

Campbell Park Parish Council

At a celebration breakfast organised by Citizens:mk and hosted by Fishermead Trinity Community Centre, MK Mayor Mohammed Khan presented community leaders with 35 laptops.

The devices were donated by **Veritas Digital**, an organisation which collects large companies' redundant devices and repurposes them for use by people who are digitally excluded. 30 devices will be used by pupils of Jubilee Wood Primary School and 5 will be used to start an internet café at Trinity Centre.

This initiative follows a **listening campaign** involving 61 residents. 41% had trouble accessing the internet and 59% said they would use the internet cafe.

A survey of school pupils showed 114 pupils can't access devices at home for school work. *"What we have received will make a huge difference to them,"* said head teacher Matt O'Brien. *"It's good to work alongside others who take pride in the community and want to make it as good as possible for our children."*

To celebrate the handover, 28 children from Willows First School sang 'Together in Electric Dreams' to great applause.

Cllr Mohammed Khan, Mayor of Milton Keynes, presenting 5 laptops and a partnership certificate to Heinz Elbers, Trinity Centre trustee.



Local resident Ophelia Cole, Chair of Trinity Centre Management Committee, who has been trained by Citizens:mk, said: *"I strongly believe in working with institutions who contribute towards developing residents and changing the negative press about Fishermead. It is my hope that this centre will one day become the hub where all residents meet to support and encourage each other, where those who are strong give a helping hand to those who are struggling."*

The event was also attended by Debbie Gockelen, Assistant Principal of MK Academy secondary school, who said: *"Our work with the community through Citizens:mk has encouraged active citizenship and empowered our students to make a difference in their communities. It's good to be here and see other schools getting together to support digital inclusion."*

Rev Ian Herbert, a Trinity Centre trustee, said: *"We need to reach out to residents who are digitally excluded. Working together with schools, faith and other community groups, we can."*

**NOW
OPEN**

**TRINITY CENTRE'S
INTERNET CAFÉ**



now open on Thursday afternoons
between 1pm and 3pm

Come along to enjoy a hot drink,
meet old friends and make new
ones, and learn about and use
the internet.

CONTACT

info@fishermeadtrinitycentre.org.uk
about specific issues you may
have like your broken computers,
computer training, preferred opening
hours.

**The internet café looks forward
to meeting you.**

Landscape Update

Campbell Park Parish Council

The Landscape Team have been incredibly busy over the summer trying to keep up with the excessive growth caused by the warm and wet periods we experienced. As well as their normal maintenance programme, they have also been attending to a range of issues reported.

Final Cut

We will be completing one final grass cut this year so we can go into winter with lovely short grass to look tidy.



**Springfield, Turnmill Ave clearance:
(before & after)**



We are now moving into the winter maintenance schedule. We have begun with work in Fishermead and we will then move onto Oldbrook, Springfield, Woolstone and Willen. Each estate is allocated a set amount of time, which will take us up to April.

Clearance project in Woolstone (before & after)



Fishermead & Oldbrook

The work on Fishermead will include clearing and cutting back shrubbery up and down the main roads. In Oldbrook we will be clearing sightlines on the roads, courtyards and undertaking work in the playparks.

Springfield, Woolstone and Willen

In Springfield we will be concentrating on footpath clearance, attending to the shrubbery around Springfield Court and clearing sightlines. When we move on to Woolstone we will be attending to the big hedge lines, clearing sightlines and undertaking some clearance work on the car park at the Local Park and finally in Willen we will be clearing sightlines, crown lifting some trees and clearing footpaths.

On each estate, approximately a week is allocated to attend to reports made by residents about specific landscaping issues so we will attend to as many as we can during these periods.

Our winter maintenance schedule has taken into account resident responses to the landscape section of our Annual Consultation, so thank you for responding in such large numbers.





regular maintenance regime in pace for their upkeep. Some of the alleys and access paths in Fishermead are good examples, with their condition becoming increasingly of concern to you.

We are in discussion with Milton Keynes Council about the best way to tackle the issue, including putting a formal fix in place, so will keep you updated with any developments. Whilst investigating the alley issue, it has become evident that overgrown landscaping from the rear of some houses is adding to the problem, so clearly there is a part for us all to play in improving our patch to ensure that it is the best it can be.

Alleys and Access Paths

Having taken over the devolved landscape service a little over 18 months ago, a reasonable resident expectation is that the Parish Council are responsible for maintaining all landscaped areas – the reality is that responsibility across the Parish is split between ourselves, the Parks Trust, Milton Keynes Council (in limited situations) and private landowners.

We always strive to deliver the best landscaping outcome that we can, but know that sometimes your expectations are different. One limitation we face is the maintenance of areas that are not part of our contract, but at the same time do not have a

Additional Resources

We knew that taking over the devolved landscape service was likely to be one of the biggest challenges that we had ever faced, and that improving neglected areas was not going to be a quick job, with some benefits needing several years before they are felt. Reflecting on the delivery of our first winter maintenance schedule, we have added more seasonal resource and expanded our team for this coming winter, including the voluntary services of Cllr Ray Golding. Councillor Golding represents Oldbrook Ward, but will be working with the team throughout the Parish until next March.

We are also exploring

the possibility of other Councillors volunteering with the team, with a real determination by all to turn the landscaping around and maintaining it in a condition that we can all be proud of.



Cllr Golding pictured with the Landscape team



Fun

for All the Family at Willen

Willen Pavilion was delighted to welcome back members of the local community to its Summer Fun Day on Saturday 21 August.

The fun day was a joint venture organised by the **Pavilion** and **St Mary Magdalene Church** and despite a gloomy weather forecast for the day, the organisers were delighted that plenty of fearless local residents and friends were undeterred and came along to join in the many activities available on the sports ground. Their confidence was rewarded by a mostly dry afternoon, with just a splash of rain late in the afternoon whereupon they donned their rain jackets and carried on!

Children of all ages were able to use the huge selection of play equipment available, provided by and staffed brilliantly by **MK Play Association**. These included an amazing bouncy castle, Zorb balls, skittles, archery and buggy rides. We were also joined by Elsa from Frozen and Spiderman much to the delight of all their fans.

Dean Maudsley, a super **magician**, kept adults and children amused and amazed with his close up magic and everyone was pleased to be able to pet the farm animals provided by **Ark Farm**.



Everyone took full advantage of the many food and drink stalls available, including the traditional tea and cakes provided by **Willen Church**. Live music was provided by Eddie Robbins.

Scott Kelman, the Chair of Willen Pavilion commented,

"We were delighted by the success of the afternoon. We felt it was more important than ever to hold the Fun Day to bring the local community together after a very difficult year to give them the opportunity to meet friends and neighbours and have a good day out with all the family. We would like to record our thanks to Campbell Park Parish Council for its generosity in giving us a (£1000) grant towards this community event and to Terry Baines, the Chair of the PC for his musical contribution!"

WOOLSTONE TO BE IN **SPRINGTIME** BLOOM

Thank you to all the local residents who joined us on Saturday 2nd October for a morning of spring bulb planting at the Local Park.

6 residents helped us to plant around 400 spring bulbs, English bluebells were planted within the woodland area surrounding the car park and daffodils were planted around the park, and around the signs and benches.

Thank you to our MK Council Ward Councillors (for Woolstone) – Cllr Baines and Cllr Hall for contributing some funding towards the cost of this activity.

We hope that these will be enjoyed by all next Spring and beyond.



**ALLOTMENTS
WAITING LIST OPEN!**

We have re-opened the waiting list for allotment plots within the Parish.

If you are interested in taking on an allotment in the near future in Woolstone or Willen please contact the Parish Office to register your interest on

01908 608559

or email

admin@campbell-park.gov.uk

**WOOLSTONE
Community
ALLOTMENT**

Local residents and allotment holders Fred and Jacqui decided to create the community plot.

"We decided to create the community plot to encourage other plot holders to get to know each other a little better because we were aware that people only really nodded to each other and didn't really engage with each other."

Almost 2 years in, some of the gardeners enjoy the shade and now with the new flower beds and seats are able to relax in the shade here. Obviously, there are some who prefer to keep to their own plots, but as we continue to plant and grow the flower beds for all to enjoy, our hope is that this will change."



MK East Development Update

Campbell Park Parish Council

Following our consultation in May with residents about the original highway proposals, (the results of which were shared with the Developer and informed our formal response to MK Council on the application) and alongside feedback the Developers, Berkeley St James, received at the Willen Public Meeting in July Berkeley St James agreed to re-look at their proposals and make some amendments to the highway plans.

On behalf of Campbell Park Parish Council, Councillor Phillip Dunn actively engaged with the Developers to ensure that the outcome of the consultation was reflected in the changes that were made.

This resulted in the Berkeley St James presenting their amended proposal to residents at a Public Meeting on 14th September at Willen Pavilion.

More information about the plans and the amendments can be found at <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/mk-east>

Following the Public Meeting, Campbell Park Parish Council undertook a further consultation with Willen residents to gauge feelings across Willen on the amended proposals.

We hand delivered the consultation questionnaire to



every home in Willen (nearly 600) and, again, received an excellent response rate with just under 100 replies received.

Thank you very much for taking the time to participate!

The responses were presented to our Planning, Infrastructure and Transport Committee. **The responses received showed a clear majority in support of the closure of Carleton Gate.** This data informed the Parish Councils formal response to Milton Keynes Council to support the amended planning application and the proposed closure of Carleton Gate.

We now await the outcome of Milton Keynes Councils consideration of this application later in the year.

Members of the public who wish to speak at the Development Control Committee meeting at Milton Keynes Council when this application is decided can do so.

Please visit <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/your-council-and-elections/councillors-and-committees/have-your-say-at-council-cabinet-and-committee-meetings> for more information.

As the plans for the MK East development progress, there will be further planning applications submitted to MK Council.

On the 27th of August Bloor Homes distributed a leaflet regarding their proposed development covering the building up to 800 dwellings, which includes public open space, sports pitches, a local centre and a primary school. Residents were encouraged to visit the website www.willenroadeast.co.uk and provide feedback by 14th September.

The third and final project of the MK East development is Newlands Property Development, consisting of two large warehouses on the land

bordered by Willen Road, H3 Monks Way and the M1. The work also includes improvement to Willen Road and the Marsh End Roundabout. The project is called Caldecote Farm. In July this year Newlands Property Development distributed a leaflet regarding their proposed development and directed Residents to their website www.cadecotefarm.co.uk and requested feedback by 19th July. On the 23rd September Newlands Property Development published their outline application, which can be viewed on the MK Council website

<https://publicaccess2.milton-keynes.gov.uk/online-applications/> under the planning application reference 21/02440/OUTEIS.



WOOLSTONE DEFIBRILLATOR RE-LOCATED

The Defibrillator in Woolstone, purchased and maintained by Campbell Park Parish Council, has now been re-located and is now at the Cross Keys Pub.

Thank you to the landlords of The Cross Keys for offering to site the cabinet in a visible location.

Please note the cabinet can only be opened by inputting a code, which will be provided by the ambulance service if required.



Community Forum with Thames Valley Police

Our next Community Forum with Thames Valley Police will take place on Thursday 18th November at 6:30pm

We will be discussing range of topics and current issues with representatives from TVP and you will be able to watch and participate too.

The Forum will take place on-line and will be broadcast on our You Tube Channel. You can send us any questions you have in advance or you can ask questions by sending them on the 'Comments' on You Tube throughout the meeting.

The last Community Forum is still available to view on our You Tube channel – **'Campbell Park Parish Council'**.

If you have any questions that you would like to raise at this Forum or any particular topics you would like to be discussed by TVP and our Parish Councillors please let us know by email admin@campbell-park.gov.uk or by telephone to the Parish Office on **01908 608559**



CAN YOU HELP SOME OF OUR ELDERLY RESIDENTS?

Some of the older residents of our Parish who live in Dexter House, the Sheltered Housing complex in Oldbrook, need some help to maintain their small, allocated gardens.

We are looking for some community-minded volunteers to help them with some gardening on a regular or occasional basis.

Could this be you? The tasks would include helping the residents keep their outside space tidy; helping to trim plants & bushes etc so they can enjoy their gardens.

You would only be asked to do relatively simple tasks, that they are no longer able to do for themselves.

If you are able to help, or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office in the first instance and we will put you in contact with Dexter House.

01908 608559 or email admin@campbell-park.gov.uk



t. 01908 604689 e. office@oldbrookschool.co.uk

Oldbrook First School

www.oldbrookschool.co.uk

This Autumn we welcomed our new Reception and Nursery children into our care to start their school journey. They have been fantastic and are enjoying the wonderful range of learning experiences on offer in our well-resourced learning spaces, both inside and out.

We opened our school gates to the community on Saturday 25th September for our Summer Fair. It was great to see lots of fun and laughter as well as re-connect following the recent social distancing. Thank you for your generosity and community spirit. The funds raised will be used to develop our school library and children's love of reading.

This term the children in **Year 1** have been learning about our local environment as well as where animals live and plants grow. They particularly enjoyed exploring the Oldbrook park and surrounding areas to support their learning.

Children in **Year 2** have been learning about the Great Fire of London. They have learnt how the fire started, how the fire spread so quickly and which historical figures gave accounts during this time.

We are always looking to make links with local business to support our pupils learning and understanding of the world or work around us. This could be through coming into school to talk to our children about your job role or allowing the children to visit a place of work. Please do make contact if you or somebody you know could offer this great opportunity to our children.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2022 and would like to find out more about our amazing community school then please contact the school office to arrange a school tour.

Your child's first educational experiences can set the tone for their future academic career and happiness. Our nurturing school will enable your child to reach their full potential in a happy and caring learning environment.

Mr Hopkins - Headteacher



Oldbrook First School Nursery

ENQUIRIES

Please contact the school on 01908 604689 for further information or to arrange an appointment to look around our purpose-built Nursery providing high quality nursery education for 3 and 4 year olds.



NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

15 & 30 HOUR FUNDED PLACES



KID'S CORNER



Hello Children,

First of all children, I would like to apologise for The Halloween Tea Party being cancelled. Sadly, Covid 19 took over the last 2 years, and this year I could not get enough help from the team. So children, look forward to the Easter Tea Party, hopefully it should go ahead.

The evenings are now getting darker now that the clocks have gone back, the Christmas lights will soon be up too. Maybe you could make a poster to go in your windows for Christmas. Also, I should be starting my visits into schools in the New Year. However, I have decided to drop off some plates for Christmas for you to decorate, and the most successful topic has been jumpers. So we will see who can create the best jumper.

Send in a Poem:

Has anyone got a poem about the weather, sunny days or rain or wind. The best poem we receive will be printed in the next Homeground magazine and you will win a prize.

Activity Packs:

I hope some of you managed to collect one of our Activity Packs to do in the October Half Term, if the weather was too bad to go out and play.

P.S: If you send anything into Kid's Corner we need to know your name, address, your age, and what school you go to, or we cannot send you your prize. The address is: 1 Pencarrow Place, Fishermead, Milton Keynes, MK6 2AS.

REMEMBER STRANGER DANGER.

Talk to you next time. Until next time - Cllr Penny.

can you do Sophie?" Isabell said. Sophie replied "You are just going to have to wait and see". Sophie told Isabell, "We are going to find some magic acorns, but Isabell shook her head, "This squirrel must think I am potty". "Magic acorns, magic acorns, It is just not going to happen!! My head is full of nonsense". "It's a joke, right?" Isabelle said to Sophie.

Now Sophie is cross, she has had enough. She gives Isabell a I Am Not Happy Look! "Sophie, we are not going to get on at this rate" Isabell said. "OK, OK, I will try to understand. A white talking squirrel, it isn't easy you know, I am only 6. It is a bit hard, a white talking squirrel. My Mum will never believe me!" Sophie told Isabell, "You will not be able to tell your Mother you have spoken to a white talking squirrel. Isabell said "And why not? I tell my Mum everything, I do" "Well Isabell, you won't be able to tell your Mother about me" said Sophie. Isabell continued "But she will ask me what I have been up to". Sophie said "The words you say won't come out, because the will all be one big jumble. "Why?" said Isabell. "Because, Its magic!!" The Tracey Sisters are looking for Isabell. They are shouting really loudly. Tracey J told Tracey W, not to get so fed up. "I'm not fed up, I just want a cup of tea. This is all taking too long. Where do you think she has gone?":

If they had only looked up, they would have seen Isabell swinging on a branch above their heads. Isabell was giggling because they couldn't find her. Time was getting on. Sophie and Isabell are both feeling hungry. Sophie told Isabell to close her eyes, stand on one leg and with one big swish of her white fluffy tail, sparkles, glitter, and silver stars fell to the ground and they had a wonderful pink, sparkly picnic.

All of a sudden, the Tracey Sisters found them. There they were, eating and laughing. Tracey W said "Oh No, your Mum is going to be very upset. It's tea time and we have got to take you home. Sophie is full up with acorn crumble, brown custard, and runny cream. Isabell is eating butterfly cakes and crisps. The Tracey Sisters looked at each other, "What are we going to say to her Mother?"!!!! Until next time.....

NATURE WATCH

You can now start to collect acorns, conkers, and dry leaves. Not wet soggy ones! You can make a collage. Take a photo of your work, and send it into Kids' Corner. Just like Fathima's picture of the Koala Bear.



PETS'S CORNER

This is our pet Poppy. Edward is now nearly 3 years old and they are best friends! Poppy is 7 years old and a girl. She loves to eat treats and play in the garden.

Sophie Meets Isabell At Buttermilk Farm Woods



The story so far.....

Isabell is busy doing her Activity Pack, The Tracey Sisters have taken Isabell to the farm to collect leaves, and other bits and bobs. Isabell was amazed that Sophie Squirrel could talk to her!!!! Sophie told Isabell to stand on one leg, close her eyes, to make a wish, but Isabell did not believe this was going to happen, but!!!!!!!

"Oh" yes it did!! It really did! Isabell stood on one leg and made a wish that The Tracey Sisters did not remember that they had been a very long time in the woods. Isabell was amazed that it had worked. " How did you do that?" she asked. Sophie began to laugh a lot. Sophie said "I am the only white squirrel in the wood, and I am magic". "Oh yeah, I've heard that before" "What other things

CAMPBELL PARK ADVICE SERVICE

FREE SERVICE

Are you struggling with money?
Do you need a listening ear?
Pop along and speak to our
advisors in confidence




SOME OF THE ISSUES WE CAN ASSIST WITH ARE


- Any housing matters related to rent arrears and or Discretionary Housing Payment
- Benefits (advice or form filling)
 - Rent or Council Tax arrears
 - Family or domestic difficulties
- Any other concerns you would like to discuss




To find out more, please pop into the Parish Office, or contact us on the details below

CALL US NOW! 01908 608 559

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Resident from Fishermead was helped with form filling,
"Priscilla is thorough, has time and patience and a personality that all people need when it comes to help".

Resident was helped with Universal Credit, "The Advice Worker was very professional and made me feel calm and relaxed".