

ISSUE: MAY 2021

The magazine from Campbell Park Parish Council

# Homeground

WILLEN WINTERHILL OLDBROOK FISHERMEAD SPRINGFIELD NEWLANDS WOOLSTONE



*Councillors and Officers  
look forward to welcoming you  
back to the Parish Office*



**Community Hub** page 15



**Road Safety Concerns Woolstone** page 5

**Planning Application for Major Development  
next to Willen** page 18

follow us on



[www.campbell-park.gov.uk](http://www.campbell-park.gov.uk)



CAMPBELL  
PARK  
PARISH  
COUNCIL

*Caring within the community*

# MEET THE COUNCILLORS

## WILLEN



**VACANT SEAT**



**VAL DIXON**  
07596 264040

## OLDBROOK



**KATHERINE KENT**  
01908 331935



**CHRISPINA ODUNEWU**  
07459 889199



**VICE CHAIR BRIAN GREENWOOD**  
07956 384000



**KEITH JONES**  
07719 897101

## WOOLSTONE



**JOHN HOWARD**  
01908 941584



**DAVID PAFFORD**  
01908 608559



**VACANT SEAT**



**VACANT SEAT**



**RAY GOLDING**  
07540 283157

## SPRINGFIELD



**VACANT SEAT**



**KARL KAVARANA**  
07702 026414



**NANA OGUNTOLA**  
07737 750394

## FISHERMEAD



**CHAIR OF COUNCIL TERRY BAINES**  
07846 697237



**PENELOPE HALTON-DAVIS**  
01908 696034



**DARRON KENDRICK**  
01908 669067



**MARTIN PETCHEY**  
07712 485255



**DAVID PRIEST**  
07572 910692

## Parish OFFICE STAFF

CLERK TO COUNCIL  
**DOMINIC WARNER**

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER P/T  
**ELAINE WEBB**

COMMUNITY OFFICER / COMMITTEE CLERK P/TIME  
**TRACEY JONES**

ENVIRONMENT OFFICER  
**JOHN McLINTON**

RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER P/TIME  
**LISA BRADLEY**

ADMIN ASSISTANT  
**TRACEY WAISTNEDGE**

LANDSCAPE MANAGER  
**DANIEL MOTT**

LANDSCAPE SUPERVISOR  
**SOPHIE GIBBENS**

ADVICE WORKER  
**PRISCILLA HOGAN**

## HOW TO CONTACT US

**T:** 01908 608559

**E:** [admin@campbell-park.gov.uk](mailto:admin@campbell-park.gov.uk)

**W:** [www.campbell-park.gov.uk](http://www.campbell-park.gov.uk)

The Parish Office has now been closed but will still be "open" for phone calls and emails and our staff will continue to work remotely. 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 whilst maintaining the "social distancing" that has been encouraged. Our Advice Service can still be accessed via email and phone.

## MEETINGS

All meetings to be held remotely, members of the public can access and participate at the meetings through the use of Microsoft Teams – see Parish Council website [www.campbell-park.gov.uk/](http://www.campbell-park.gov.uk/) for details.

**See page 12 for next meeting dates**

A live stream of the proceedings will be available at the following link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOSIXXjdIEzu2sxQODiNCQ>

# Chair of Councils Report 2020/2021

Campbell Park Parish Council

*A year of Covid 19 Regulations and Lockdowns has meant very much reduced activity in our Community Centres, the closure of the Parish Office to all but essential staff, no physical Council meetings and no in person contact with residents through organised events.*

Council meetings were very quickly arranged through Microsoft Teams as part of Office 365 which we transferred over to as quickly as we could. All of our Councillors and Officers very quickly learnt what a superb platform Teams is and soon became accustomed to meeting virtually. We have also streamed our meetings on our You Tube Channel as often as possible and when the technology enabled us to do so. Council may well be forced back to in person meetings from May 7th due to Central Government not extending the regulations. I am surprised that this is the case as many Councils have seen more Councillor and Resident involvement in meetings over the year.

Both of our Community Centres were totally closed for a very long period at the start of the Covid Pandemic meaning a big dip in income to the Parish. We did however receive a grant from MKC for income lost supplied by the Government.

## **Helping in the Community**

Many Councillors have had to shield during the Pandemic but those that could were busy with Foodbank deliveries and Prescription pick ups and deliveries to residents who could not leave their homes. We also delivered hot meals supplied by



Melting Pot to families in the CPPC area. We allowed Melting Pot free use of the Springfield Centre where they were producing upwards of 250 meals once a week for families of the Borough.

## **Landscape Service**

If a Parish Council was starting a new Devolved Landscape Service at any time then it wouldn't want it during a Pandemic, but that's exactly the position CPPC found ourselves in, starting ours on April 1st 2020. I do have to thank the team for the massive effort they made in ensuring the service ran as we wished. Even with staff shortages due to isolation etc the Parish were complemented by so many residents on how good our grassed areas looked throughout the summer. The team have also managed to improve so many ugly and unkept areas of shrubbery around the Parish that have not been touched for several years. It will take another two winter cuts to deal with the whole area.

## **Still Working for you**

Although the Parish Office has been closed and many Officers have worked from home where they could, it hasn't meant they have sat back and not been working to our plan during these difficult times. Our finances have still been managed, Council and Committee meetings have taken place, our centres have been looked after and made Covid



safe throughout, we have worked with MKC to deal with fly tipping and ensuring evidence, where found, has been passed to MKC Enforcement Officers, our own land has been kept litter and dog waste free and of course we have worked with Thames Valley Police when we have needed to. During this year we finally crossed the hurdle of acquiring the Springfield Pub site and have started the process of redeveloping the site into our Parish Community Hub.

*I wish to close with my personal thanks to you the residents for supporting CPPC through this difficult year, and to all of the Councillors and Staff for continuing to support the residents of the Parish. Hopefully at some point in our 2021/2022 Council year we will all be able to come together at the end of this horrible Pandemic.*

## **Cllr Terry Baines**

Chair of Council



**The Parish Council wishes to give a vote of thanks to all the staff and all the medical professionals at the Medical Centres within the Parish and over the whole country, for all their hard work in keeping us safe - Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.**

**And for us all, please keep wearing the face coverings at all times.**

# Our First Virtual Community Forum with Thames Valley Police

**Campbell Park Parish Council hosted its first virtual Community Forum with Thames Valley Police (TVP) on 8th March via our You Tube Channel.**

We received a range of questions in advance of the meeting that we put to TVP and also welcomed participation during the event

We intend to host Community Forums with TVP on a regular basis – **the next Forum will be held on 30th June 2021, 6.30pm**

with questions sent via You Tube comments. Thank you to everyone that participated in the event.

The questions and concerns raised related to a variety of topics including Police visibility and response to crime locally, knife crime, engaging with young people, Covid-19 and gatherings, speeding, parking on pavements, abandoned vehicles, electric scooters, theft of catalytic converters, noise from high performance cars on residential streets and Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.



**The 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 please let us know by email **admin@campbell-park.gov.uk** or by telephone to the Parish Office on **01908 608559**



## Local charity St Marks MK tells us about their St Marks Meals Project

*“6 years ago a head teacher from within the Campbell Park Parish Council area told us that they kept a toaster desk to provide breakfast for the many children who were coming in to school hungry. Digging further into this and other stories from conversations, St Marks realised that there were many children across the city of MK who were relying on their school for breakfast and lunch, but who then had nothing to eat at home each evening.*

Prompted by this, and research from MK Community Foundation, St Marks began running “Make Lunch” in schools across MK (including Fishermead) where hot lunches were served throughout school holidays to families who would otherwise struggle to eat. Over time, this evolved into St Marks Meals. Now, we are able to help struggling families on any day of the year, not just school holidays.

Schools and childrens’ centres throughout the CPPC area now store boxes packed with ingredients for an evening meal along with a recipe card with easy



instructions to create a tasty dinner with the ingredients provided. Staff can give them to children in their care anytime. They are for families who find themselves unable to put food on the table for any reason.

Angie Row, of St Marks Meals told us *“all parents find dinner-time stressful sometimes, having to be inventive, cooking something the kids will eat and doing so on budget...but at the moment, many of us are struggling with this more than ever. Covid, loss of jobs and higher prices make it incredibly hard. We don’t want any adult to have to look into an empty food cupboard without the ability to feed their children that evening. We really want our kids to go to school without having to worry about feeling hungry or if they will be hungry again tonight”.*

Thanks to the support of Campbell Park Parish Council, schools across this region have been able to open store-cupboards of meals boxes.

# Concerns about Road Safety Issues in Woolstone

Campbell Park Parish Council

*There are concerns in Woolstone about road safety, the relaxed peaceful area appears to be under threat.*

Residents in Woolstone have noticed an increase in traffic during lockdown with the area becoming a destination with people visiting the lovely greenspaces and play areas, with their links to the Ouzel Valley Park, Willen Lake and The Grand Union Canal.

In addition some traffic uses Pattison Lane as a rat run between Chaffron Way and Childs Way, including many Heavy Goods Vehicles which appear to be lost or following a misguided SatNav.

There is also a blind bend at the junction between the link road between the two roads, opposite the old school. This dangerous corner will be considered as part of improving road safety in Woolstone, very often traffic going around the bend end up on the wrong side of the road.

Local resident and retired Highways Engineer commented "The existing junction would fail a highways safety audit, if it was considered under current Highway Regulations. This junction needs to be re-designed. "

There is a concern that not every road user is adhering to the speed limits of 30mph, there have been a number of near misses and indeed one resident was knocked off their bike.

Parents of local children who walk and cycle in the area and to and from school are very concerned that things are becoming so



dangerous.

One parent said; "I am worried when the boys leave the house just to cross the road outside, it's so dangerous"

With the easing of lockdown, there are concerns that the roads will become even busier when the popular local pubs The Barge and The Cross Keys reopen fully. A number of residents have taken the initiative to make the roads in Woolstone safer for the community and any visitors.

Another resident said; "I was almost mowed down by a car on Newport Road when we were walking the dog, if my partner had not pulled me back from the road, I dread to think what could have happened"

We need to change things now to prevent any serious accidents and reduce the chance of injuries and possible deaths.

Another resident living on Newport Road said; "It's a real problem with cars speeding along the road here"

"The bend in the road where Pattison Lane merges into Newport Road is dangerous. Vehicles travelling along Newport Road and vehicles travelling round the bend, both drive on the wrong side of the road in opposite directions. Woolstone resident and Highways Design Engineer."

The proposal is to reduce the speed limits and make most of Woolstone a 20mph zone. The idea is to target the two main arterial roads Pattison Lane and Newport Road as the primary locations for the reduced speed limit.

We are in talks with Milton Keynes Council who are supportive of the proposals and may introduce additional traffic calming measures following a study of traffic speeds in the area. Campbell Park Parish Council supported the proposals at a recent meeting of the Planning, Infrastructure and Transport Committee.

Under Covid-19 restrictions we cannot carry out the usual consultation and petition, but we would welcome people living in Woolstone to send us their views and support to the following email [woolstone20@gmail.com](mailto:woolstone20@gmail.com)

## GEOFF TAYLOR EDUCATIONAL TRUST

**ARE YOU A STUDENT, AGED 16 OR OVER?**

**DO YOU NEED FINANCIAL HELP TO PURSUE YOUR STUDIES OR APPRENTICESHIP?**

**DO YOU LIVE IN THE PARISH OF CAMPBELL PARK?**

If you can answer **YES** to all three questions then this could be for you

**Application forms are now available for consideration in September.** (These may be obtained from the Secretary of the Trust, email [david.pafford@campbell-park.gov.uk](mailto:david.pafford@campbell-park.gov.uk))

Or can be downloaded on the Parish website at [www.campbell-park.gov.uk](http://www.campbell-park.gov.uk)



Figure 1- David Pafford, Trustee handing over a cheque to Joseph Dyson, undergraduate studying Aerospace engineering

Closing date for applications is **Friday 27 August, 2021**  
Applications received after this date will not be considered.

# SCHOOL REPORTS



Last term was another eventful term with the majority of children remaining at home, accessing remote learning whilst children of key workers or who may be vulnerable attended school. Remote learning and live lessons were a new experience for the teachers and pupils alike and something that evolved since 4th January. The pupils and families were amazing during this time, rising to this new challenge.

We are extremely grateful to members within our community who kindly **donated laptops** and devices which we have been able to utilise to support children with limited technology to access their learning. It is this generosity and kindness that makes being part of the Oldbrook community great!

This term we also extended our Nursery offer welcoming children who are entitled to 30 hours free childcare. The children have flourished and are enjoying more time in the setting to explore and play and building on their social, emotional and academic development to support them when they start school in September.

The staff couldn't wait to welcome all our children back to school on Monday 8th March. It was a day of celebrating all being

back together again. As a school we pride ourselves on the relationships that we build with children and families and the high-quality early years education that we offer.

In the **Foundation Stage** this term, the children have immersed themselves in all things cold and wintry, using their senses to explore the frost, ice and snow. They have read 'The Tales of Jack Frost' and used their imagination to create magical, icy settings. The children had fun doing lots of icy science experiments and made ice bubbles. They also found out about how hedgehogs hibernate in winter and compared this to how animals adapt to the cold in the Arctic.

Children in **Year 1** learned all about different fairy tales. In Science they explored light and dark carrying out their own experiments and investigating objects which are transparent, opaque, shiny and dull. The children have enjoyed developing

their creative skills through making sculptures, producing art about different fairy tales and sewing.

This term in **Year 2** the children all became trainee space astronauts! They learnt all about the Solar System, the history of space and found out about famous historical figures who changed astronomy forever. They even emailed NASA to try and find answers to the many questions they had about current space missions and can't wait until they reply!

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2021 or 2022 or are requiring a nursery place in a school-based nursery and would like to find out more then please contact us to arrange a tour. Your child's first educational experiences can set the tone for their future academic career and happiness. Our nurturing school and nursery will enable your child to reach their full potential in a happy and caring learning environment.

☎ 01908 604689  
✉ [office@oldbrookschool.co.uk](mailto:office@oldbrookschool.co.uk)  
🌐 [www.oldbrookschool.co.uk](http://www.oldbrookschool.co.uk)



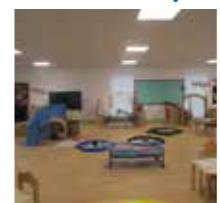
## Oldbrook First School Nursery



**15 AND 30  
HOURS  
FUNDING  
AVAILABLE**

### 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.



**FULLY  
QUALIFIED  
TEACHER**

In March, **Willen Primary School** reopened its doors after being closed to the majority of pupils since January. After an extended period of home learning, the staff and children were thrilled to be back in the classroom with their friends. Since the return, there has been a focus on the wellbeing of the children and rebuilding relationships amongst teachers and peers.

Since the return to school, the children have been participating in lots of exciting learning! **Year 3** have particularly enjoyed learning about the artist **Sonia**



**Delaunay** and creating art inspired by her work. They loved creating geometric patterns and painting using complementary colours. **Year 1** have enjoyed learning about animals and their different classifications in Science. Who knew that a dolphin was classed as a mammal? That one tricked lots of us!

We recently had a **mysterious egg** land on our school site! After careful inspection by each year group, the children decided they needed to write some instructions for the adults in school on how to look after this egg. They also predicted what could be inside of the egg. It is yet to crack open but the children are hopeful it will soon!



Since the beginning of the academic year we have had some exciting **new equipment installed** in our playground. The children have thoroughly enjoyed using this equipment at break and lunchtimes, and it has encouraged them to get out even more. We have also invested in some new play equipment that the



children are enjoying playing with. We have a vast school field and the children are looking forward to playing there too as the weather brightens up.

**Are you looking for a new school?** We would be delighted to welcome you to the Willen family. We are a school that focuses on the whole child and believe that Willen is a place where everyone flourishes. Please contact the school office with any enquires, we would be glad to show you around our wonderful school.



☎ 01908 690098

🌐 [willenprimary.org](http://willenprimary.org)

## AMAZING things happen at the

## WILLOWS SCHOOL & NURSERY

Children were welcomed back after the lockdown; we are so proud of all the work they did at home. They have quickly settled into their learning at school and were thrilled to see their friends and teachers again.



Nursery places are available in September for children aged 2+ years. If you would like to find out more, please visit our website: [www.thewillowseyc.org.uk](http://www.thewillowseyc.org.uk) or pop into the school office.

Come and find out how we can help your child grow



The Willows School and Early Years Centre  
Fishermead Boulevard, Fishermead, Milton Keynes MK6 2LP  
Tel: 01908 528803 Email: [office@thewillowseyc.org.uk](mailto:office@thewillowseyc.org.uk)  
Website: [www.thewillowseyc.org.uk](http://www.thewillowseyc.org.uk)

# THE LEWIS WENMAN MEMORIAL BENCH

*Lewis Wenman was 17 years old when he died in November 2020, three months before his eighteenth birthday. The shock and outpouring of grief at the loss of such a young man was palpable and deeply felt.*

Living in Oldbrook with his mother, he attended Jubilee Wood School in Fishermead and the Milton Keynes Academy. Up to the six month period preceding his death he lived in Springfield where he was fatally stabbed.

Campbell Park Parish Council have purchased a bench in his memory to be sited on Oldbrook Green. A plaque from his mother will be placed on the bench.

Nana Oguntola, the Chairman of the Communication Committee stated:

*‘This was a sad event for the Parish and in particular the young people in this Parish. We want to make sure that this Parish remembers Lewis and make the statement that he is not just a statistic to us. His life mattered and his loss is deeply felt’.*

Terry Baines who is the Chairman of Campbell Park Parish Council said:

*‘The Council wholeheartedly supports this idea. A young man from our Parish has tragically lost his life and we cannot change that but we can support having the bench there for his family, friends and the entire Parish*

*to remember Lewis. Hopefully it will go further to deter young people from using knives’.*

Lewis’s mum stated that she was grateful to the Parish Council for helping her to keep the memory of her beloved son alive.



## Willen Hospice's Relaxing Remedy

*The charity cares for people with life-limiting illnesses and supports relatives and friends who are facing the death of someone important in their lives. As well as providing care in people's homes and in their In-Patient Unit beside Willen Lake; they offer a range of outpatient services to help people's emotional, social and physical wellbeing. One such service is complementary therapies, which provides a range of treatments, including reflexology, Reiki and aromatherapy, for patients, relatives and carers.*

Jo Stewart, Complementary Therapy Lead at Willen Hospice, explains the positive impact of the grant on patients:

*‘The funding has provided equipment to help with therapies that relax people who are going through an extremely difficult and stressful time, which has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.*

*People from across our charity have been referred for treatments to help with their overall wellbeing, reduce stress levels and to*



*manage their symptoms. The Campbell Park Parish Council's grant funded equipment, such as aroma sticks and rollerballs, for these sessions. These included items we can give to patients so they can continue aromatherapy treatments at home, using the techniques they are shown during appointments.”*

To find out more about Willen Hospice, visit their website [www.willen-hospice.org.uk](http://www.willen-hospice.org.uk)

or find them on social media

**@WillenHospiceMK**





# Budget Planning and Achievements

Campbell Park Parish Council

February witnessed the completion of the Springfield pub purchase. With the site due to become home to our Parish Community Hub, the move represents a massive step towards our number one strategic goal.



## Perimeter Fence

At the same time, the new perimeter fence was installed at Willen allotments. The project was put forward in 2017, and placed in the forward budget for delivery in 2021.

## New Social Housing

March saw Fishermead residential development sites 6 and 7 from our Neighbourhood Plan cleared ahead of new social housing imminently being built on the site.

## Landscape Service

We are fast approaching the end of the first year of the devolved landscaping service, a service that we have already invested over £300,000 in. During a meeting with our Landscape Manager we discussed the draft spring/summer programme.

These are all signs that our shift in 2016 to long-term planning and budgeting is showing yet more dividends.



**Figures 1 & 2 –**

*two development sites on Talland Avenue*



## Are you going to University or College or taking up an apprenticeship this Autumn?

If you live in certain parts of central/eastern Milton Keynes you may be eligible for a grant from Chapman's Educational Foundation towards your costs.

**Closing date 13th September 2021**

To check eligibility or get an application form, send your name and postal address to

**helenhanderson@btinternet.com**

or phone **01908 551440**.



## LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We have been advised by Milton Keynes Council that the 15 candidates nominated to the seats on Campbell Park Parish Council have been duly elected for a 3 year term, as of the 6th May 2021. The election was uncontested. The elected Councillors for each ward are as follows:

### FISHERMEAD – 5 SEATS

Cllr T Baines

Cllr P Halton-Davis

Cllr D Kendrick

Cllr M Petchey

Cllr D Priest

### OLDBROOK – 7 SEATS - 2 VACANCIES

Cllr R Golding

Cllr B Greenwood

Cllr K Jones

Cllr K Kent

Cllr C Odunewu

### SPRINGFIELD – 3 SEATS - 1 VACANCY

Cllr K Kavarana

Cllr N Oguntola

### WILLEN – 2 SEATS – 1 VACANCY

Cllr V Dixon

### WOOLSTONE – 2 SEATS

Cllr J Howard

Cllr D Pafford



We have 4 vacant seats on the Parish Council. If you are interested in your community and would like to be involved, then do consider becoming a Parish Councillor. You can make a difference.

Contact the Parish Clerk on **admin@campbell-park.gov.uk**

or ring on **01908 608559**

# Landscape Update

Campbell Park Parish Council

*It has now been a year since the Parish took on the mammoth task of managing the landscape of the Parish from Milton Keynes Council.*

When we took over the service it was at a time when we had just gone into the first lockdown. This caused some minor problems to begin with, but we were able to overcome them and over the last year despite restrictions we have been able to make some positive progress with the condition of the landscape.

Over the last year we have learnt a great deal about the condition of the various wards of the Parish and have a clearer understanding of what we will need to do for the landscape to be in a condition that would be sustainable and allow us to maintain all the Parish to a reasonable standard.

## Planned Program

We have planned a program of works for the summer from looking at the work we undertook last year to make sure we have the most efficient and effective grass cutting program and have time to address the weeds and sightlines through the summer months as well.

We have just completed our winter maintenance program. Within this program we tried to address some of the larger more challenging areas first. As we progress in the programs for the

following winters, we can build on the work we have already undertaken. By planning our work and doing work in the way we are we will be able to see more easily what is working and what we may need to readdress.

## Prioritising

Through the winter we have been addressing many of the enquiries that have come to us. Through this process we have had to prioritise all work as to the impact it has on the residents. Currently, we are looking at the areas which impact the wider community. As we progress, we can start to focus our effort more on areas to undertake specific projects.

We have found much that we expected and much that surprised us as the team undertook the task of tidying up the Parish. We were not surprised to see many shrubs and plants that were in a poor condition either through lack of maintenance or due to them being past their best and starting to go into decline. We were surprised as to what we found hidden in amongst the shrubbery which was a great deal of rubbish and dumped items.

Finding and dealing with this can hinder us and will increase the amount of time we need to spend tidying an area so we do less than we would ideally like.

## Resident's Help

I would urge residents to help us with this process of keeping the Parish tidy and to look to dispose of rubbish and waste material in the correct way.

We continue to work hard to make the landscape better for all. We will shortly be consulting with you on our winter programme as part of our annual Budget/Precept consultation and would encourage you to complete the questionnaire to help us draw up the programme of work.

Lindford Lane



Woolstone - Pattison Lane



*Willen Park*



*Just a few of the comments we have received from residents*

*"Your team have cut the hedges in the lane in Butterfield Close and they have done a wonderful job. Please thank them from us."*

*Oldbrook - Oldbrook Boulavard*



*"I would like to thank you and the CPPC Team who have worked a miracle on Rendlesham - not only have the cut back the offending bush but they have made the entrance to the close 100% safer and clearer."*

*Turnmill Avenue*



*"I can't thank you enough - please pass on my message - your team are marvellous!"*

*I have noticed over the last couple of days that you have had a team of people working on sorting out the shambles of the "grass/bush area in the middle of Aldrich Drive by Bates Close. I have lived in Willen for 20 years, the last 6 of which have been directly opposite that area. It was messy, overgrown and full of brambles. So much so that I considered sorting it out myself! It is fantastic to see your team working hard and making it look better and cutting back the absolute mess it has become. I know it looks a bit severe at the moment but it truly was just full of weeds and brambles. I would also like to commend your landscaping team who are carrying out the work, probably the two hardest working people I have seen in a long while. They literally didn't stop all day and have made it look so much better."*

*Springfield - Stamford Avenue*



*Before*

*After*

*Before*

*After*

# Woolstone Sports Ground

Campbell Park Parish Council

Residents in Woolstone may have noticed our Landscape Team working on the Sports Ground in late March. As part of the tree surveys we undertake on a regular basis, one of the Horse Chestnut trees was identified as being in a poor condition and deemed unsafe. This has now been replaced with a Hornbean tree.



Figure 1 – Horse Chestnut tree



Figure 2 - Tree trunk in a poor condition



Figure 3 – Members of the team replacing the old tree



Figure 4 - New Hornbean tree in situ

## MEETING DATES

The dates are provisional and subject to change. Please check our website and Facebook page for confirmed dates.

### COUNCIL

The following 3 meetings will be held at the Christian Centre, Strudwick Drive, Oldbrook

Annual Meeting of Parish Electors,

**Tuesday 18th May, 6.30pm,**

Annual Meeting of Council,

**Tuesday 18th May, 7pm**

Meeting of Council,

**Tuesday 18th May, 7.30pm**

If you would like to attend these meetings, please contact the Parish Office in advance to register your place, as spaces are limited

**Tuesday 22 June, 7.30pm Springfield Centre**

**Tuesday 20th July, 7.30pm**

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Community & Social Wellbeing

**Monday 28th June, 7pm**

**Monday 26th July, 7pm**

Communications

**Tuesday 29th June, 6.30pm**

**Tuesday 27th July, 6.30pm**

Planning, Infrastructure & Transport

**Monday 5th July, 6.30pm**

**Monday 2nd August, 6.30pm**

Buildings & Property Portfolio

**Tuesday 13th July, 6.30pm**

## Grants

In January a grant of £1000 was awarded to **St Mary Magdalene Church** in Willen to purchase benches, for the use of all the community, to be installed as part of their church yard reclamation project.

In February, Bedford & Milton Keynes **Waterway Trust** were awarded a grant of £1000 as a contribution towards the Milton Keynes Community Boat Set-Up project. Milton Keynes Community Boat Set-Up project is to help equip the new 12-passenger MK Community Boat with everything it needs on board prior to the planned start of public cruising in June 2021. The new Milton Keynes Community Boat will run trips on the Grand Union. It is currently in construction as a result of work by the Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust

[www.bmkwaterway.org](http://www.bmkwaterway.org).



In March, **St Marks Meals** were awarded £500 to provide family meal boxes for distribution to those in need via schools and childrens centres. More information about this project can be found on page 4.

If you're from a community group or charity, who is supporting local residents in the Campbell Park Parish, visit our website to discover more about our grant funding:

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

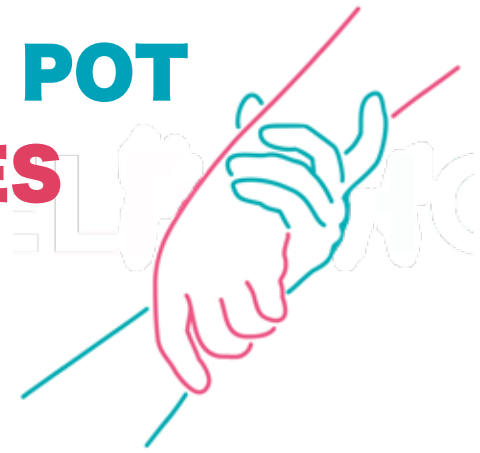


Figure 1 - Churchyard in need of a tidy up



Figure 2 - Volunteers get busy

# SUPPORTS MK MELTING POT TO HELP LOCAL FAMILIES



**Campbell Park Parish Council has been very pleased to be able to support MK Melting Pot this year. We have provided the group with a grant and also provided them with the use of the kitchen facilities in one of our Community Centres to enable the group to reach out to over 25 local families in need, by providing them with cooked meals and food boxes. MK Melting Pot also enabled families to improve their cooking skills through online cookery lessons.**



MK Melting Pot's mission is to empower people, to end hunger and overcome hardship. MK Melting Pot are a community interest group working with the diverse communities represented in Milton Keynes. Their focus is on providing a wide range of cooking and cooking online, training, events & social opportunities, employability for young people,

adults and their families throughout the year; celebrating cultures, bringing local people together and empowering them to learn new skills that will enrich their lives.

Throughout the covid-19 period, the group have adapted their work to provide responsive, emergency support for individuals and families across Milton Keynes.

MK Melting Pot tell us

“Most recently a grant was awarded to support the group to deliver food items and hot meals to the residents' homes that would benefit families from the additional support during lockdown.

*We would like to say thank you to Campbell Park Parish Council for giving us their hall free of charge during 1st lockdown and February half term project initiative with Milton Keynes Council and MK Melting Pot to provide 225 food boxes, a cooking book and cooked food.*

*Thank you for your appreciation and cooperation in running our hot meal and food parcel delivery programme to fight against food poverty and reflect the needs of the Milton Keynes communities.*

*Thank you for being part of our journey during this COVID 19 pandemic time”*



# Free Activity Packs for Children

**We were really pleased to see that the activity packs we put together for children in the Parish in January/February were really popular – with us needing to print over 150 packs to keep up with demand.**

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.

As a result of their popularity, our Community & Social Wellbeing (CSW) Committee decided that we would provide a new Activity Pack for each school holiday this year, to provide local children with a range of activities for them to enjoy doing.

Since, we created Activity Packs for collection during the Easter School Holiday. These contained paper based activities as well as some craft items and an instruction sheet to guide the children through creating an Easter Bunny Wreath.

As the CSW Committee were very disappointed to have to cancel their annual Easter Tea Party for local children due to the covid restrictions, they decided, as a special Easter treat, the Easter activity packs would also contain a chocolate egg! These were a lovely surprise for the children.

**The next Activity Pack we will be creating will be for the May Half Term holiday and will be available for collection from Wednesday 26th May.**

The packs are being looked after by some of our Parish Councillors and can be collected from the addresses listed below. The packs will be left outside in a plastic box. Please sanitise your hands before opening the box. To ensure as many families as possible can benefit from this, please only take one pack per child. (The contents of the packs are all the same)



*We thought this Easter Wreath made by Kory and Kyron was fantastic – Well Done to you both. Thank you for sharing your colourful creation with us.*

*Thank you and Well Done to Kade who send us this lovely Easter colouring using the items from the Activity Pack – excellent job Kade.*

*Well done to Aizs age 6, for making this fabulous wreath:*



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 Collection Points are:

**Fishermead:** Parish Office, Pencarrow Place (behind the Trinity Centre) – Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm

**Springfield:** Outside 12 Beverly Place Springfield MK6 3LK

**Willen:** Outside 4 Dolben Court Willen MK15 9HS

**Oldbrook:** Outside 11 Bridgeford Court Oldbrook MK6 2NA

Unfortunately, we do not currently have a collection point in Woolstone.

If you have any queries, please contact

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

# Community Hub

Campbell Park Parish Council

*It has been a long-held aspiration of the Parish Council to provide a centre for residents of all ages to access a range of services and leisure activities, and to accommodate our Councillors and staff, in a purpose-built welcoming environment.*

Those of you that have visited us in Fishermead, will know that we currently operate from a former residential property, with a series of small rooms spread over four floors. Although the property initially suited our needs, it no longer does so and restricts the services and activities we can offer you, at the same time the layout and design mean that accessibility can be a real issue.

Although we have two community centres, one in Springfield and the other in Oldbrook, both are in constant use with nursery schools during the day, private hire in the evenings and faith groups and private parties at the weekend. This means that we are unable to deliver new services and activities from them.

Over the years we have explored a number of improvement

options, including extending our current premises, and developing one of the buildings on Oldbrook Green. But these have proved unfeasible, with one of the underlying causes being that we do not own the properties. Of the land and properties that we do own, (Fishermead and Woolstone Sports Grounds, and the Springfield community centre), after lengthy consideration and external advice, we had to accept that none of the sites were suitable.

In late 2018, the Springfield Public House came on to the market. It had not traded as a pub for a number of years and the then owner had plans to develop the site for housing, but a covenant on the site restricted its use to community use. We were very keen for the site to have a long-term future as a community asset, and following a lengthy negotiation, have now purchased the site. The existing building will be demolished and out of the ashes, a phoenix will arise in the shape of the new Parish **Community Hub** – the work to make this happen, starts now, and we want you to be a part of this. To start the process, and as part of our annual budget

consultation, we will be asking you for your ideas on what the important elements of the new Hub will be, as well as the services and benefits it will bring to our area. The new Hub will be located in the centre of our area and accessible to all, so we would greatly appreciate residents from all of the estates getting involved.

This is an exciting time for us all and we want you to be involved in the planning of a Community Hub that will meet your needs.

## 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 from Monday-Friday.

The Parish Council 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 and would like to hear from local candidates interested in applying for the posts.

Ideally 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 essential.

Successful candidates will be required to undertake a DBS check.

Potential candidates for the posts, should e-mail

**admin@campbell-park.gov.uk**

or call **01908 608 559**

to request an application pack.

\_ CPPC is an equal opportunities employer



**gentlespaces**  
for those who are grieving

Have you recently lost a friend or family member? Would you find it helpful to meet with others who are also dealing with loss?

**gentlespaces** are safe places for those who are grieving.

If you would like to join one of our supported zoom groups, please contact 01908 382318 (10-12am and 6-8pm Mon, Weds, Fri) to book your place

A project by MK Mission Partnership  
with funding provided by MK Community Foundation



# Community Centres in our Parish

## Willen Pavilion

**Willen Pavilion is situated in the heart of Willen and provides a bright and airy hall, with an external terraced area, a modern kitchen and a separate meeting room with integral kitchen facilities.**

The Pavilion is available for hire for weddings, parties, social events, business meetings and community activities.

**For enquiries and party bookings, please contact Jo Arnone at [manager@willenpavilion.com](mailto:manager@willenpavilion.com) or telephone 07545 777585.**

Since its opening in 2008, the Pavilion has been used extensively by the local community and other organisations for sport, leisure and educational purposes.

The spacious main hall has capacity for 80 people seated or 120 for dancing. There are plenty of tables and chairs available for your use.

The modern, well equipped kitchen, which adjoins the hall, contains a cooker, fridge and dishwasher. A kettle, hot water urn, crockery and cutlery are provided.

A separate meeting room can accommodate 24 people seated and has integrated kitchen facilities to provide hot drinks and refreshments.

Our premises are fully wheelchair accessible and our toilet facilities include a disabled toilet.

Willen Pavilion has a free car park at the rear of the building.



## Fishermead Trinity Centre

The Fishermead Trinity Centre located on the Fishermead Boulevard is a community building comprising of three large halls and a meeting room which is separated by electronic shutters to open up into one huge building, with beautiful wooden floors and a fully functional kitchen. Ideal for both private and corporate functions.

We have something for everyone with our clientele comprises of Dance, Fitness, Sport, Wellbeing, Support, Social Gatherings, Art and Adult Back to Work courses.

To book please telephone **01908 660401** or email us at **[info@fishermeadtrinitycentre.org.uk](mailto:info@fishermeadtrinitycentre.org.uk)**.

**Fishermead Trinity Centre,  
Fishermead Boulevard,  
Fishermead, Milton Keynes  
MK6 2LA**





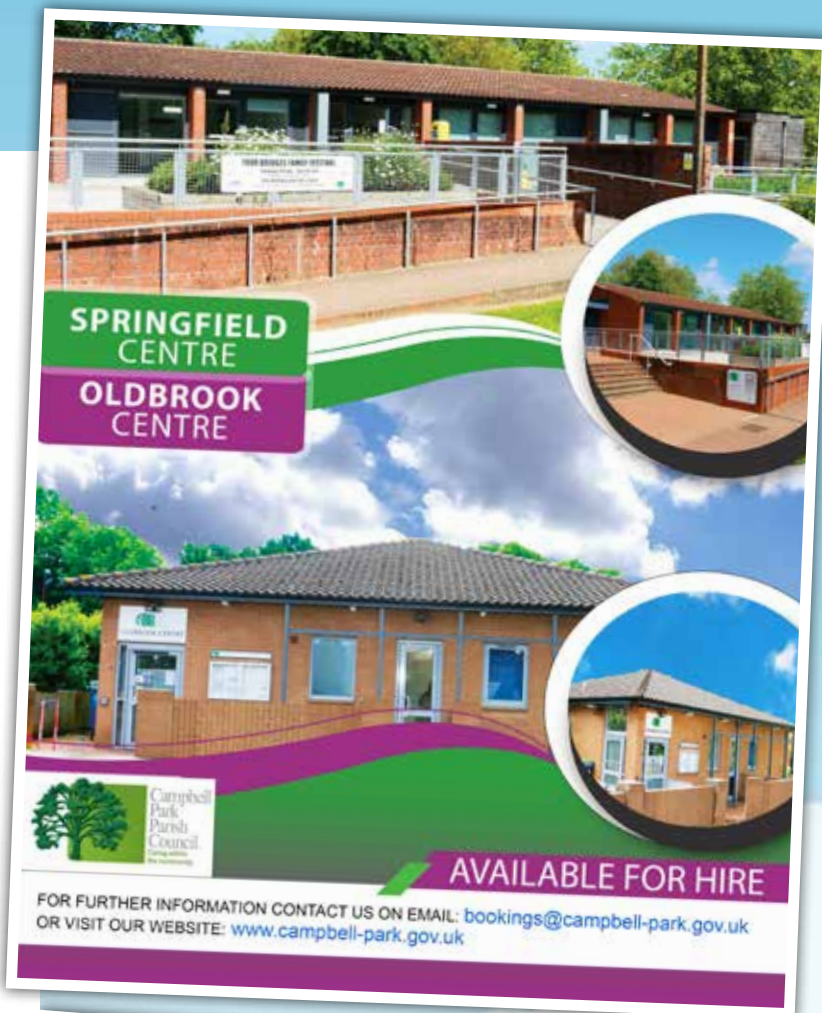
# Woolstone Community Holy Trinity Church

**The Little Woolstone Church goes back to the 13th Century and is a listed building along with the church grounds. When the church was closed down in 1969 and made redundant, the Development Corporation under the New Towns Act agreed with the residents of Woolstone to carry out works so that the residents would have a Community Centre in Woolstone.**

The work included the removal of the church pews, wooden floor laid over the existing floor tiles, new heating system and installation of a kitchen and toilets. External repairs were carried out to the stone work, repairs to the roof and new roof tiles. Repairs were made to the Bell Tower which still has 3 no bells, dating back to the 16th century. The bells were made at Drayton Parslow. The cladding around the Bell Tower was also renewed. Access to the Bell Tower, which is inside the building, is by a ladder which has a date of 1822 on the side. The bells cannot be rung because of their weight and one has a section missing. There is a disabled car park to the side of the building with a side access to the rear door. Inside the Chancel there are two plaques on the wall for three men killed in the second world war and for Dorothy Pattison who was a schoolmistress at the local school in 1861 and then went on to become famous as Sister Dora.

The church yard was tidied up with some headstones moved to the boundary wall. Records of the church and the location of the graves are held in the diocese of Oxford and the maintenance of the headstones & graves is with Milton Keynes Council who now own the building. The church has a lease on the chancel end and services are held on Sundays and other religious days. With the repairs to the building being completed the Development Corporation then spoke to the residents of Woolstone to use the building as a community centre along with the church. The Corporation then helped to draw up the documentation on how a Management Committee would be able to run the building as a charity and a registered company. The Church was opened on the 18th of November 1982. The old community Hall, next to the school building was sold off and removed now forms the car park next to Woolstone green and the Barge car park.

**David Pafford**



SPRINGFIELD CENTRE  
OLDBROOK CENTRE

Campbell Park Parish Council

AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT US ON EMAIL: [bookings@campbell-park.gov.uk](mailto:bookings@campbell-park.gov.uk)  
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.campbell-park.gov.uk](http://www.campbell-park.gov.uk)



## Woolstone Community Centre

To hire the Woolstone community centre for parties why not book this outstanding venue for your next event.

This community Centre/Church can accommodate functions ranging from birthday and anniversary parties to wedding receptions and evening functions. Can also take bookings for the hire of the hall for user groups for week days & Saturdays

The perfect setting for your event photos Facilities include. Seating for approximately 70. Car park, fully equipped kitchen, free Wi-Fi, beautiful maple floor, disabled access and toilet with wheelchair access.

Call  
07840-924532

E-mail  
[woolstonecommunitycentre@outlook.com](mailto:woolstonecommunitycentre@outlook.com)



# Planning Application for Major Development East of M1

*The Consultation is open for comments on the planning application in relation to the proposed new neighbourhood east of the M1. The boundary for the development site borders Willen, Newport Pagnell, Moulsoe and Pineham.*

The development has been identified within Milton Keynes Council's Local Plan (Plan:MK) as the Milton Keynes East Strategic Urban Extension and aims to provide approximately 5000 new homes, employment, infrastructure and open space.

## The planning application seeks outline planning permission for

“a large-scale mixed-use urban extension (creating a new community) comprising: residential development; employment including business, general industry and storage/distribution uses; a secondary school and primary schools; a community hub containing a range of commercial and community uses; a new linear park along the River Ouzel corridor; open space and linked amenities; new redways, access roads and associated highways improvements; associated infrastructure works; demolition of existing structures”

## It also seeks permission for

“detailed element for strategic highway and multi-modal transport infrastructure, including: new road and redway extensions;

a new bridge over the M1 motorway; a new bridge over the River Ouzel; works to the Tongwell Street corridor between Tongwell roundabout and Pineham roundabout including new bridge over the River Ouzel; alignment alterations to A509 and Newport Road; and associated utilities, earthworks and drainage works”

A number of residents of Willen have raised concerns about the development and its potential impact. A public meeting has been arranged by Cllr Sam Crooks at 7pm, **Tuesday 29th June**, venue to be confirmed, (see our Facebook page) with the developer to find out more information and to discuss their concerns.

The development includes major works to the highway network with an extension to the grid network. The proposals include changes to the grid road layout with the dualling of the V11 Tongwell Street on the eastern boundary of Willen. Proposals include connecting the new development to the existing grid system to the V11 via a bridge over the M1 with a roundabout at Carlton Gate.

To view more information about the development please visit [www.miltonkeyneseast.co.uk](http://www.miltonkeyneseast.co.uk)

If you wish to view or comment on the planning application please visit [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/publicaccess](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/publicaccess) using the reference **21/00999/OUTEIS**

**The deadline for comments on this application is 21st May 2021.**

*At the time of publication, we are aware that Cllr Sam Crooks has asked MK Council to permit late representations (after the published consultation deadline) following the meeting on 29th June, as it was not possible to hold the meeting any sooner due to the dates for lifting Covid-19 restrictions.*



## JOB VACANCIES AT MK MELTING POT

Both Roles in partnership with the Kickstart scheme

The MK Melting Pot is a non profit organisation that strive to help the local community by providing cooked meals, food packages, online classes and much more we are looking for bright and talented people to come and join the MK Melting Pot team and become a part of our journey.

We currently have the following vacancies in our team. **Applicants for both roles must be on Universal Credits and under 24 years of age**

### CATERING AND HOSPITALITY ASSISTANT

You would be working with the kitchen to provide excellent service to our trainee participants or guests, promoting exceptional standards of customer service, ensuring that all services and hospitality areas are operated in a smooth, friendly and efficient manner at all times.

Interacting with customers at every service period ensuring that the service is running smoothly and that the customers are happy with the service that they are receiving.

### ADMIN ASSISTANT

In this job role you will be answering customer questions, providing information, Collecting, processing orders and addressing complaints. You will also be answering phone calls and calling customers to follow up on appointments and

deliveries. Compiling, maintaining and updating records. You will also be required to send and reply to emails and help out with day to day office needs.

### Both Roles:

#### Skills, Experience and Qualifications:

GCSE / NVQ LEVEL 2 or equivalent.

25 hours per week. Hours are flexible

Hourly rate of pay: National minimum wage

#### Location:

10 Winchester Circle, Kingston, Milton Keynes, MK10 0BA

**Contact Details: Jade Jaiyeola**

**Email Address: [mkmeltingpot@hotmail.com](mailto:mkmeltingpot@hotmail.com)**

**Tel: 01908 585537**

# KID'S CORNER



## Hello Children,

"Hooray" Lockdown is almost over. I must say it has been a wonderful sight to see so many of you out playing again especially in the play areas on Fishermead and Oldbrook. We now have the lighter evenings, so I see a lot more of you all, so if you see me please come and say hello.

Please remember to wash your hands as soon as you get home after playing out, also if you have furry pets that go outside like cats and dogs, wash your hands after playing with them too.

The reason I am talking to you about washing your hands so much is lockdown is almost over, however, it has not gone away. Covid 19 is invisible, you cannot see it, and we all have to be careful for a long time to come.

### Pets Corner:

We have not had any pet photos for quite a while. If you have a pet then take a photo and if it goes into the magazine you will win a £10 Pet's at Home gift card.

### Send in a Poem:

Has anyone got a poem about the weather, sunny days or rain or wind. The best will also be printed.

### Activity Packs:

The last activity pack was about Easter. Why not send in one of your pictures to win a prize in Kids Corner?

**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 to keep safe, look after your Brothers and Sisters.

### REMEMBER STRANGER DANGER.

Talk to you next time.

### Hello from John and Daniel

If you see them when you are out, say hello, they will be happy to talk to you.

John



Daniel



## NATURE WATCH

**How many different birds have you seen?** I have seen magpies, starlings, robins, goldfinches, bluetits, pigeons, gulls and a redkite. They fly around in circles looking for prey, that is food for birds. Now write and tell Kids Corner how many you have seen. **You could send in a drawing of one or two and if it is printed in the next Homeground, you will win a Nature Watch book and some coloured pencils.**

## joke!

This issues joke is:

**Q: Why cant puffins play football?**

**A: Because there snowballs.**

Sent in by Karl from Orchard Academy



**This is a picture of Isabelle Clark.** Here she is with her Easter Wreath that she made from the Activity Pack.

## THE JOHN BADGER AND DAN FOX DIARIES

This is the last part of the Sunflower story:

The last time in our story we left John looking on the internet trying to find out about the barge called "The Sunflower"

It took John some time, but in the end he found it.

One sunny afternoon the owner hit an object under the water. The water started to gush in and they had to get off the barge very quickly. This happened sometime in the 1960's. The "Sunflower" barge in its working life used to transport food and household products from Birmingham to London. The owners of the barge also had a big shire horse that helped to pull the barge along the canal. The horse was called Poppy. Fortunately, Poppy was not in any danger when the barge sank.

However, the family, and all their goods that they had to transport just sank to the bottom of the canal. That is how the Sunflower sign was just laying at the bottom when John Badger saw it shining.

The End

Next time look out for Sophie Squirrel!!

# 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



Campbell  
Park  
Parish  
Council  
Caring within  
the community

## 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