



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Working group meetings are held using zoom electronic meetings. Full Council meetings are in person, currently held at the Youth Club in Wolverton Road. You can email the clerk to attend any meeting or to give us your comments on any item.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council—8 pm at Youth Club
13th Sept, 11th Oct, 15th Nov, 13th Dec.
Culture, Events and PR — 8 pm
5th Sept, 13th Oct, 17th Nov.
Policy and Finance-8.00 pm
27th Sept, 25th Oct, 29th Nov.
Parks and Property Management—8 pm
8th Sept, 6th Oct, 2nd Nov.
Allotments— 2.00 pm
19th Oct, 16th Nov.

NEW ELECTRONIC SIGNAGE FOR THE TOWN

Want to know what's happening in Newport Pagnell. Look no further than the new electronic signage on the side of the bus stop near the public toilets at Boots, the Chemist.

The Town Council has installed new electronic signage to help to attract visitors to our wonderful town, to tell residents what's on, and to help retailers signal special offers to everyone.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

Town Planning Interim—7.30 pm
8th Sept, 6th Oct, 3rd Nov, 8th Dec.
Town Planning Full—8.00 pm
22nd Sept, 20th Oct, 24th Nov, 22nd Dec.
Business Development—10.30 am
20th Sept, 18th Oct.
Health, Wellbeing, Sports and Recreation—7 pm 25th Oct, 29th Nov.
Neighbourhood Plan Steering— 11 am
2nd Sept, 21st Oct, 9th Dec.

EVENTS

Day's Musical night —7th October at Parish Church TBC.
Memorial Event—26th October at Baptist Church TBC.
Fireworks Event—TBC.
Christmas Lights— TBC.
Farmers' Market— 3rd Friday/month.



OTHER AGENCIES IN NEWPORT PAGNELL

RIVERS—Environment Agency for water quality, silt deposits, land owners for other blockages.
NATIONAL MOTORWAYS— All highways such as M1 and A5. Call 0300 123500
ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR—Police. Call 101 when it is happening.
SPEEDING—Police. Best to attend one of the Police Community Forum events—not being held at present.
FIRE—Buckinghamshire and MK Fire Authority—Ring 999 and ask for the fire service

WHO DOES WHAT IN NEWPORT PAGNELL?

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL 01908 691691

- BENEFITS
- EDUCATION—Some schools.
- ELECTIONS
- HIGHWAYS—Roads, footpaths, redways, pavements
- HOUSING
- LANDSCAPING
- PLANNING AUTHORITY
- RUBBISH COLLECTION & WASTE
- SOCIAL NEEDS— Especially children, older people & safeguarding
- STREET & TRAFFIC LIGHTS
- WASTE & RUBBISH COLLECTION

NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN COUNCIL

- ALLOTMENTS
- BURYFIELD COMMON
- CONSULTEE ON PLANNING
- COMMUNITY CENTRES
- EVENTS—Mini-music festival, vintage event, help to other events.
- GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGS.
- MIDDLETON LEISURE CENTRE & POOL
- NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
- MOST PARKS AND PLAY AREAS
- SPORTS and RECREATION
- TOWN FLOWERS AND FLAGS
- TOWN REJUVENATION—Ranger
- YOUTH CLUB & YOUTH SERVICES

NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN COUNCIL

Town talk

Issue 99

SUPPORTING LOCAL RETAILERS

Newport Pagnell Town Council has applied, through MKC, for Government Funds available to boost High Streets. These funds will go towards a variety of improvements including repainting the historic lampposts, creating an improved garden gateway to the High Street at Station Road Car Park, and additional seating.



We have also sought funding to put on four weekend shopping events for the town which will include a pop-up shop at the Swan Revived to display the goods and services of home businesses, music at both ends of the High Street, discount offers from retailers, late opening times for shops, food truck festival, free #loveNewportPagnell merchandise, an art display, ghost tours (which must be booked in advance) and historical tours. The first such event takes place on 17th and 18th September. For details see www.newport-pagnell.org.uk



TRANSFER OF BURY FIELD COMMON AND DETAILS OF OTHER PARKS



Newport Pagnell Town Council is delighted to announce that a decision was made by Milton Keynes Council (MKC) on 20th July 2021 to transfer Bury Field Common and Meadow to Newport Pagnell Town Council. However, the transfer won't take effect until all the legal paperwork has been completed.

We have been working closely with MKC for several years to improve the management of the common and we were very instrumental in putting together a management plan to protect this ecologically valuable site. Wetland meadows are some of the rarest pieces of land in Europe, and the supply has diminished significantly in recent years. We will be engaging an ecological specialist for help in managing the resource, and have also been working closely with the Common Holder's Association.

The site serves residents in many different ways, from dog walkers and beach visitors to birdwatchers and ecowarriors. Balancing everyone's different interests will be part of the hard work the Town Council needs to do to ensure the Common meets everyone's needs, whilst remaining the ecological asset that it is.

In news on other parks and play areas in Newport Pagnell four parks remain unmanaged by the Town Council because they are in private ownership. These are Wordsworth Ave, Friary Gardens, Sorrell Drive and Glenwoods Parks. Progress on negotiating with the owners has been made on the latter three, and it is hoped that it will not be too much longer before the Town Council can start to maintain these, but Wordsworth Ave Park remains a sticking point, and is unlikely to be transferred in the foreseeable future. MKC are currently looking after these parks.

Since taking on the parks and play areas we have upgraded Chicheley Street and Riverside Meadow play areas as well as individual pieces of equipment elsewhere, are turning Milton Drive into a remembrance garden, and start work soon on Hornbeam's new cycling facility. Next on the agenda is a local consultation on adding allotments to Burgess Gardens, and most importantly an upgrade of play area surfacing and paths, especially in Castle Meadow where walking is now difficult because of the poor condition of the paths. There will also be additional tables and benches.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Some aspects of life have begun to return to "normal" as the vaccine roll out has reduced the risk to everyone's health, but we've not yet seen the end of the virus so please continue to take suitable steps to minimise risk to yourself and others.

Aside from the pandemic, a big challenge for town is making sure our high street prospers in a post Covid world full of online shopping. The Town Council is doing what it can to support town based businesses and to encourage visitors to come and

enjoy Newport Pagnell and spend their money here, supporting local jobs and our economy. Please do what you can to support local businesses including our local retailers and eateries.

We're always trying to maintain and improve our town, so if you have an idea or comments about what would make Newport Pagnell even better, please tell me, or any of the other town councilors, what you think.

THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN

From 29th September to 3rd October 2021 the circus will visit Newport Pagnell. The big top will be on Riverside Meadow for a few days either side of these days for construction and removal.



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN VERSION 3

Neighbourhood Plan Version 2 has now been legally ‘made’ and forms part of the planning policy of Milton Keynes Council. As it is the most up to date planning document for Newport Pagnell, all planning officers must take it into account when making planning decisions.

We’ve started work on fleshing out Neighbourhood Plan Version 3. The scope of this is likely to exclude further development on open green space and will instead focus on the town centre. Are more residential properties here desirable or possible? Are there opportunities for additional floors of residential property—bearing in mind that people living in the town centre tend to use and support a High Street very well—how can exterior stairwells aid this, what can be done to protect unlisted buildings of high historical value at all cost, are there buildings that would be better demolished? There have been many recent changes to planning introduced by the Government and more are yet to come. Some of these allow for change from retail to residential without planning permission so are there ways to prevent this where it is undesirable? Please remember that we can’t influence what shops there are in town– this is a matter that is between landlord and tenant. Even our influence over ‘use classes’ of properties is very small.

We’ll also take advice on what environmental policies we need to add to the Neighbourhood Plan, take a look at the industrial site of Interchange Park, and continue to enhance and improve existing policies.



EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT RECYCLING

Waste & Recycling	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling
What can I recycle in MK?	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mk-recycles
Clear sack FAQs	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/clear-sack-faqs
Blue box FAQs	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/blue-box-faqs
Green bin FAQs	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/green-bin-faqs
Yellow bag FAQs	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/yellow-bag-faqs
A to Z of recycling	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mk-recycles-a-to-z
Recycle right	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycleright
Collection days	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/collection-days
Recycling Centre	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/hwrc
Bulky Waste	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/bulkywaste
Reuse	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/reuse
Hazardous waste	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/hazardous-waste
Flytipping	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/flytipping
Recycling Pilot	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling-pilot
Recycling Pilot FAQs	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling-pilot-faqs
Home Composting	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/composting
Ecowarriors	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/ecowarriors
Litterpicking	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/litterpicking
Real Nappies	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/realnappies
Report or Request it category	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/report-it-waste
Order boxes and bags	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/order-bags
Order bins	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/order-bins
Order sacks	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/sack-deliveries
Report a missed collection	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/missed-collections
Report litter, glass, flytipping	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/report-it-litter
Request assisted collection	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/assisted-collection
Request clinical collection	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/clinical-waste
Report abandoned vehicle	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/abandoned-vehicle
Report unwanted vehicle	www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/unwanted-vehicle

MEMORIAL EVENT 26th October 2021

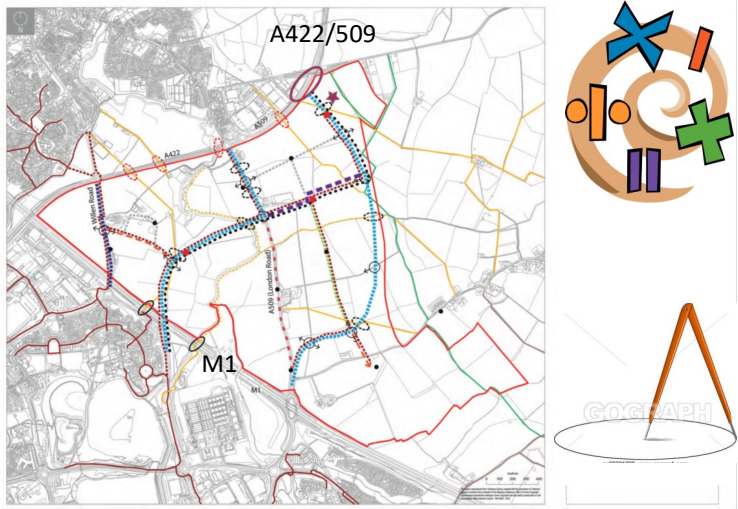


Many people in the town will have lost loved ones and friends during the pandemic, and this service is not only for those who died from Covid-19 but for anyone who has been unable to hold a proper funeral owing to the restrictions or who has suffered the loss of someone close to them through separation or divorce, someone who has been unable to grieve properly or who has had their lives otherwise disrupted in a major way by Covid-19.

The venue is the Baptist Church and the service will be held at 7 pm by the Baptist Minister and other contributing clergy, alongside the Newport Pagnell Mayor. We need you to book for this event so please drop Mandy an email on web@newport-pagnell.org.uk if you wish to attend, or phone Val, Tuesday to Thursday mornings between 9 am and 1 pm. It will be a time to look back and remember, but also a time to look forward to a brighter future.

The service will be a multi-faiths one, adopting a humanist and all-faiths approach. Join us as we mourn the loss of many Newport Pagnell residents including Cllr Wendy Egan who served as Mayor on the Town Council, and who contributed to many voluntary organisations in the town for the benefit of local residents.

THE MK EAST DEVELOPMENT 5000 new homes



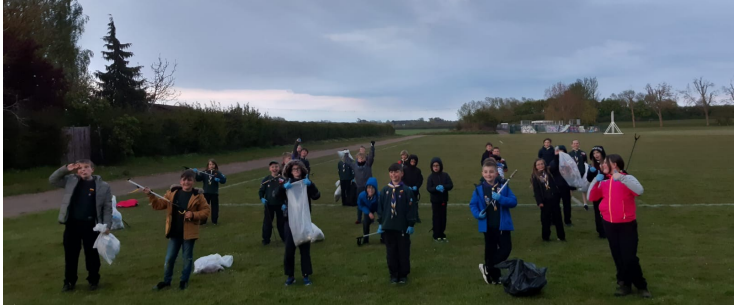
Residents will be aware that we have previously advised that in the area below Newport Pagnell between the A422/509 and the M1 Milton Keynes Council is planning an additional 5000 new homes and a large industrial site, having received funding from Government for additional infrastructure such as a new bridge across the M1.

Newport Pagnell Town Council has been talking with developers and Milton Keynes Council about our large concerns with the plans. Of primary concern is the fact that the two main roads going through the site, whilst called grid roads, will not be wholly dualled road. We’re also worried about the planned pedestrian/cycle crossings across the A422/509 which we maintain must all be underpass or overbridges, not at-grade crossings. We’re striving hard to protect the Newport Pagnell High Street and to make the best of the situation by ensuring infrastructure is adequate, there is provision in Newport Pagnell to cope with the influx on our leisure, that a community bus is offered, and that the requirement for schooling from this site will not poorly impact on our schools.

We’ve always maintained that there should be a strong parish presence in the governance of this site, right from the early planning stages, but are struggling to get MKC to agree to a shadow parish council being formed for this area whilst plans are in consideration .

CUBS UNDERTAKE LITTER PICK

Cubs from the 5th Newport Pagnell Cub Pack decided that they would like to do a litter pick to tidy up the town as one of their evening activities. On the 29th April 28 cubs, 4 leaders and 2 young leaders set off from Riverside Meadow to the Newport Town football pitches and began to collect the litter left there. They were provided with protective gloves and they worked in pairs carrying bin bags and using litter pickers, supplied by Mark Lombardo. They all really enjoyed themselves, and it’s an evening they have said they’d do again.



DAY’S MUSICAL NIGHT - A CHORAL EVENT 7th OCTOBER 2021

Five/Six magnificent choirs will perform for you at the Mayor’s mini-musical festival which takes place on 7th October at St. Peter & St. Paul’s Church. Confirmed choirs thus far are:

- ★ MKU3A
- ★ MK Acapella
- ★ Ousedale Jazz band.
- ★ The Rock Choir
- ★ The Diamond School of Performing Arts

The event is FREE to attend, and includes a glass of wine or orange juice and nibbles on entry. Please arrive prior to 7 pm to take your seats promptly for 7pm when the first act begins. There is no need to book. The Mayor will be collecting for his charity.



RANGER ACTIVITIES AROUND THE TOWN



Street sign —Green Park before ranger cleaning



Street sign —Green Park after ranger cleaning



Graffiti—before ranger activity



Graffiti—after ranger activity



Queens Ave car park—litter removed



Stickers removed—High Street