



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Working group meetings are held using zoom electronic meetings. Full Council meetings are in person. You can email the clerk to attend any meeting or to give us your comments

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council—8 pm
14th June, 12th July, 13th Sept
Public Relations and Event—8 pm
16th June, 14th July, 15th Sept.
Policy and Finance-8.00 pm
28th June, 26th July, 27th Sept
Property Management—8pm
9th June, 7th July, 8th Sept
Allotments—2.00 pm
22nd June, 20th July



The Town Council is delighted that after £1.6M loss of income and many months of negotiations, Middleton Pool and Leisure Centre has been saved.

The Leisure Centre re-opened on 12th April, 2021. Swimming, gym, exercise classes, and swimming lessons are all available under strict Covid-19 secure conditions.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Town Planning Interim—7.30 pm
9th June, 7th July, 4th August
Town Planning Full—8.00 pm
23rd June, 21st July, 22nd Sept.
Business Development—10.30 am
19th June, 20th Sept
Sports and Rec Stakeholders—7 pm
28th June
Neighbourhood Plan Steering—11 am
20th July

EVENTS

Vintage Event June 2021—Cancelled
Carnival July 2021—Cancelled
Strawberry Fayre—Cancelled
Horticultural Show—Cancelled
Soapbox Derby—Cancelled
Choral Event 2021—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
- 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

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NEWPORT PAGNELL MAYOR

At the Annual Town Meeting of the Town Council Cllr Paul Day was again elected as Mayor of the Town Council and Cllr Binta Bah-Pokawa was elected as vice chair.

CHARITIES SUPPORT YOUTH CLUB VISITS TO CALDECOTTE LAKE

The Newport Pagnell Youth Club has been in existence for over 100 years. Many youth activities take place there, including a pre-school and a youth performing arts group. On Friday nights, following lockdown, the junior youth club (ages 8-11) has been reactivated and the senior club (ages 11-14) starts up again in June. These clubs are open to all young people in the town, without restriction.

If, as a young person, you feel that school social interaction isn't satisfying or interesting enough, please come and try out the club. We offer sports, music, arts and crafts, cooking and much more. We're also planning trips to Caldecotte Lake in the summer, for a great day out. The NP Rotary club are funding one and the Grand Charity will fund another visit for a different group of young people. Parents should phone Debbie on 07966 366556 to book a place. There is no obligation to return if you find it is not for you. The first visit is for free, and after that you pay only £2 for the evenings you attend.



ELECTIONS AND VACANT POSITION FOR CO-OPTION 2021

In May elections took place for all councillor positions on Newport Pagnell Town Council. Because there were fewer people who put themselves forward for election than there were places available, thirteen previous councillors were elected unopposed. We also welcome two new councillors: Cllr Phil Harris, representing the South Ward and Cllr Tony Oyakhire, representing the North Ward. That leaves us with one vacancy into which we will co-opt another councillor in July. Could you be that new councillor?

What is a councillor?

Town councillors are elected to represent residents. These are voluntary positions, with a small expenses contribution.

What do councillors do?

Councillors have three main components to their work:

- Decision making at meetings held with other Council members where they decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
- Monitoring—to make sure that decisions lead to efficient and effective service.
- Getting involved locally. As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations.

How much time does it take to be a Councillor?

Many councillors say it takes around three/four hours a week.



Am I qualified?

You have to be a British subject or citizen of the Commonwealth or European Union (subject to changes in the law) and be 18 years or over. You must be a local government elector for the area for which you want to stand, and should have, during the whole of the 12 months preceding the co-option date occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in Newport Pagnell or worked here, or lived within 3 miles of Newport Pagnell. You cannot stand for election if you are subject to a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order, or if you have been convicted in the UK of any offence with a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine. You also cannot be employed by this Town Council.

Anyone and everyone else is welcome—you need no specific skills. Contact Shar Roselman, our Town Clerk, to find out how you can be co-opted to join the Council or to answer questions about the role.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Following the local elections, my Town Councillor colleagues and I begin a three-year term as the Town Council. We are local residents and members of the community we represent. Individually, and together, we are dedicated to do all we can to make Newport Pagnell the best it can be, while keeping within the limits of the Town Council's responsibilities, powers, and resources.

Milton Keynes Councillors and a Police & Crime Commissioner for the area were also elected in May.

They are responsible for many other aspects of local infrastructure and public services. The Town Council wants to work positively with them, and with our Member of Parliament and the various other government agencies that impact on our town too.

Meanwhile, the pandemic is not yet over and so please keep safe.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN VERSION 2

The examiner of the Newport Pagnell Neighbourhood Plan V2 has completed his work. He judged that the plan was designed in an exemplary manner. It contains sufficient modification to make it a new plan, and incorporates an update to development that has already taken place, whilst also placing more emphasis on protecting the historic nature of the town. It welcomes a new Aston Martin Museum to the Town, if this can be achieved through the Aston Martin Heritage Trust. The examiner has recommended a few minor changes to standardise wording, and has said that no further referendum is required.

Newport
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Plan

THIS MONTH WE FOCUS ON AVOIDING FOOD WASTE BY FREEZING LEFTOVERS

A to Z of freezing food

We can freeze far more food than we realise, saving us money and stopping it from going to waste. Use this helpful list to learn what foods are suitable for freezing.

Can I freeze it – yes or no?

Bread—All kinds of bread can be frozen. Just defrost the number of slices you want.

Cheese—Hard cheeses can be frozen, but soft cheese is not suitable for freezing.

Cucumber—This is not suitable for freezing owing to its high water content. Place in the green bin or compost it once it has become soft.

Eggs—Eggs can be frozen, but not in their shell. Crack the eggs into a suitable container before freezing.

Grapes—Grapes can be frozen individually and used later in a smoothie or as a tasty ice cube.

Herbs—Wash, dry and place whole into a freezer bag, or put chopped herbs into ice cube trays. They can be cooked from frozen.

Mushrooms—Slice up and freeze flat, then place in a sealed container. They can be frozen raw or cooked.

Peppers—Peppers can be chopped into slices, and cooked from frozen.

Potatoes—Leftover potatoes whether boiled or roasted can be frozen.

Tomatoes—Freeze overripe tomatoes and use them later for a pasta sauce or stew.

Wine—Pour into an ice cube tray and freeze, using cubes later for casseroles or sauces.

CHRISTMAS FLOODS 2020

Once again, the town suffered from the effects of flooding owing to very highwater levels in the rivers Great Ouse and Ouzel (Lovat). The Town Council is therefore working with Milton Keynes South Ward Councillor Jane Carr – who has set up two working groups, one seeking to understand what contributed to homes being flooded and the other to explore how residents could be better prepared and supported when these episodes occur.

We have no control over the rainfall but we can try to gain a greater understanding of how the built and natural environments are affected by working with partners especially: The Environment Agency—who 'own' the water in the river,

Anglian Water—who use Willen Lake to store surface water run-off and Milton Keynes Council—who monitor Willen Lake because it is technically a reservoir.

It seems that there may have been inadequacies in monitoring river levels and in control of equipment at Willen Lake, so meetings are being arranged to explore these matters further. Milton Keynes Council, who did not declare this episode as an emergency incident; are currently putting together a 'timeline' so that lessons can be learned. Products that are an alternative to sandbags, which residents could use, are also being explored.



A NEW CYCLING FACILITY

The Town Council has applied for a grant from Sport England / British Cycling, and has been notified that it was successful in its bid. This will allow the project to turn the Hornbeam Park site into a new cycling facility to go ahead.

The reason for building the facility is to encourage many more children, young people and adults to take up cycling safely, and once they are comfortable, to encourage them to use their bikes to get about town rather than cars. Several primary schools in the town have given their support to this project, and 15 local young people have agreed to act as cycling champions to promote cycling on the site.

There will be a learn to cycle track and a pump track and challenge route for those who have grown in confidence. We will also be putting on structured sessions over some weekends to teach people to cycle, to learn how to maintain a bike, and to gain confidence in cycling on roads.

AN UPDATE ON NEW TREES In NEWPORT PAGNELL PARKS

During the last week of April volunteering families planted 100 English Oak tree saplings in our various parks. We'd like to thank them for this sterling effort in greening our town.



YOUR TOWN— Did you know?



The Town Council is very active in taking on and giving our parks a facelift, but did you know that several streets in Newport are named after London Parks.

Burgess Park is a public park situated in the London Borough of Southwark. At 56 hectares, it is one of the largest parks in South London. **Tabard Gardens** is named after Tabard, a park in Southwark. The Tabard Estate was one of the LCC's early slum clearance schemes, planned in 1910 and extended later. The blocks of flats are grouped around a rectangular garden with its original railings. **Gladstone Close** is named after Gladstone Park, in Dollis Hill, north-west London. It is about 35 hectares in area. It was chiefly the loss of sports grounds at Neasden because of the arrival of the Great Central Railway towards the end of the 19th century that motivated local public backing for a new park at Dollis Hill. It was formally agreed to name the park after William Ewart Gladstone, the Prime Minister who had died the previous year, and who had spent many happy hours there.

Aston Martin works in Newport Pagnell is the historic home of the British marque and the place where over 13,300 cars have been hand-built since 1955.

It has been said that Newport Pagnell could be Britain's **Ghostliest Town**. A 'lady in grey' is believed to be frequently spotted at Tickford Abbey. The ghost of a monk has apparently been seen at The Kings Arms. Two 'spirit swans' in the river are said to be star crossed lovers who died unhappy deaths. It is also rumoured that a haunted telephone exchange and Bury Fields are places where there are numerous ghostly sightings.

In 1753, there were **35 pubs** in Newport Pagnell.

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES



Please don't put out any rubbish that is not properly bagged up. Milton Keynes Council's contractor will not collect it. Recent finds on property that is not the owner's include:

- Composting bins on open green space
- Electric toys
- Aggregate dumped on pavements

You can and will be fined for not disposing of your rubbish correctly, or leaving items that belong to you on public open space.

A LOCAL INSTITUTION – THE INNER WHEEL CLUB OF NEWPORT PAGNELL



Who are The Inner Wheel?

Inner Wheel is one of the largest ladies' organisations in the world. It has about 13,000 members in Great Britain and Ireland, with 529 clubs. There are links with the Rotary group, but there is no requirement for members to have a partner who is

a Rotarian.

As a group we arrange activities and raise money for charities. We meet the 3rd Tuesday in the month at the Olney Centre, (although we are the Newport Pagnell Group). Here we chat over tea and biscuits, usually have an outside speaker and we plan fundraising and social events each month for interested members. With many of us having received the covid vaccination we are planning to recommence meetings.

If you would like to know more please call either Jackie on 01908 551622 or Rita on 01908 610200.

RANGER ACTIVITIES AROUND THE TOWN



12 bags of rubbish and lots of fly-tipping cleared from wooded area on verges of A422.



47 new piles of dog fouling in just one day on Bury Common, and 79 piles on Railway Walk, all sprayed with bio-degradable paint. This controversial approach is intended to highlight to irresponsible dog owners just how bad the situation is. The good news is that lots of people are talking about it, and watching for those who don't collect their dog's waste. Please don't be

one of those errant dog walkers. The whole town's eyes are upon you.



Tickford Street encroachment before ranger activity



Tickford Street encroachment after—room to walk on pavement