



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Working group meetings are held using Zoom electronic format. Full Council meetings are in person and are 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**  
11th Sept, 9th Oct, 13th Nov  
**Culture, Events and PR— 8 pm**  
12th Sept, 11th Oct, 15th Nov  
**Policy and Finance-8.00 pm**  
25th Sept, 30th Oct, 27th Nov.  
**Property Management— 8pm**  
5th June, 3rd July  
**Neighbourhood Plan Steering– 11 am**  
7th Sept, 9th Nov.



### EVENTS



**The Cultural Festival**—Unfortunately, owing to lack of funds, this event has had to be cancelled by the organisers.  
**Choral Event**— A musical performance by 6 choirs—5th October 2023— 7 pm St Peter and St Paul’s Parish Church  
**Councillor Surgery**—28th October—10am – 12noon Town Council Offices

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Town Planning Interim—7.30 pm**  
6th Sept, 4th Oct, 8th Nov  
**Town Planning Full—8.00 pm**  
20th Sept, 18th Oct, 22nd Nov  
**Allotments— 2.00 pm**  
17th Oct, 21st Nov  
**Business Development—10.30 am**  
18th Sept, 20th Nov  
**Sports, Health and Wellbeing—7 pm**  
30th Oct, 27th Nov (stakeholders)



### EVENTS



**Fireworks Event**—3rd November at Riverside Meadow.  
**Christmas Lights Switch on Event**—25th November, High Street  
**Farmers’ Market**—3rd Friday of every month outside of Boots, followed by **Food Truck Friday** starting at 5 pm.

## 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 and OTHER POLICE ISSUES** —Police. Best to attend a Full Council meeting of the Town Council, which the police often attend.

## WHO DOES WHAT IN NEWPORT PAGNELL?

### MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL

PHONE 01908 691691

- BENEFITS
- EDUCATION—Some schools.
- ELECTIONS
- HIGHWAYS—Roads, footpaths, red-ways, 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
- BURY FIELD & MEADOW
- CONSULTEE ON PLANNING
- COMMUNITY CENTRES
- EVENTS—Music evening, Vintage event, Litter event.
- 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

### PLANS FOR WILLEN ROAD SPORTS GROUND



For over a decade the Town Council has planned improvements to this site, which were already aging when we took ownership of the grounds in 2014. The sports clubs using the site are some of the best known in Milton Keynes, but the facilities don’t match their abilities and management skills. The refurbishment was put on hold by delays in developing the Tickford Fields site, although at last this seems to be on track again. However, it will still take time to obtain the necessary funding, so in the meantime the Town Council is supporting Newport Pagnell Town Football Club in raising funds through the Football Foundation to develop an artificial grass pitch and to upgrade the existing changing rooms.

Further plans include two more pavilions, an expansion of land to the south of the site, with additional football provision, a separation of the cricket green from the football pitches, and possibly even new sports on the site such as basketball/netball.



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### COUNCILLOR SURGERIES 28th October 2023

You have the opportunity to speak to a Town Councillor during the councillor surgery which is taking place on Saturday 28th October between 10 am and 12 noon. Our councillors will be in the Town Council offices during this time. Entry is through the rear door, which can also accommodate wheelchairs. This is your chance to voice whatever is on your mind. If the matter is an issue that only Milton Keynes City Council can address, we will notify them of your concerns on your behalf.

### THE NEWPORT PAGNELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Council will soon be undertaking the Regulation 14 formal consultation on its Neighbourhood Plan. This is the final consultation before the plan is presented to Milton Keynes City Council and the examiner, and the last chance for you to make significant amendments. Please keep an eye on our website [www.newport-pagnell.org.uk](http://www.newport-pagnell.org.uk) for the plan this month and next. You can also ask to view a hard copy by phoning Abi Bassett, the Deputy Clerk, on 01908 618756.

### PLANS FOR THE POLICE STATION SITE

Churchill Developers have submitted a planning application to Milton Keynes City Council for new retirement homes on this site. The Town Council supports this application because the old police homes have been derelict for an extended period of time, and the site is often subject to anti-social behaviour and litter. The old police station building has also been set on fire recently. The site is close to the town centre, which is ideal for older people to come into town without having to drive. This will help to keep our town centre vibrant.

The police station building itself, although not listed, does contain a wealth of historical features, including the courthouse and magistrate’s quarters from past years, as well as the jail cells and small exercise yard which accommodated prisoners. If the planning application goes through, Churchill Developers will transfer this building to the Town Council. It will need considerable refurbishment to make it habitable. We are in discussion with the Newport Pagnell Museum about its future use which may involve additional display space and signage for the museum.



### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Disability comes in many physical and mental forms and the Town Council wants Newport Pagnell to be inclusive for everyone. Recent examples include improving the signage on the High Street public toilets to make them more dementia friendly and adding accessible play equipment to Kingfisher park. This year as Mayor I’m raising funds and awareness of two local organisations: the Assisted Swim Club which meets at Middleton Pool, and the Bobcats youth football team which is part of Newport Pagnell Town Football Club. Both organisations support people with disabilities.

As a result of listening to feedback from the Coronation event and Vintage Day we are working on making events like those more accessible for wheelchair users. Please contact me if you have ideas as to what else we might do to support the inclusion of people with disabilities in town. I can’t promise to make changes immediately, and of course we have budgets and other limitations at times, but I do promise to listen and consider every comment, to better understand how we can do more and do better.

## NEWPORT PAGNELL SWIMMING CLUB LOCAL AT MIDDLETON POOL



Newport Pagnell Swimming Club is a friendly, family club with a great competitive spirit.

We coach all levels of swimmers from age 3, developing up to stage 6 lessons. Beyond that our swimmers can transition into swim squads where they can compete at a national level. Our lessons and squads are a constantly growing membership of enthusiastic swimmers who, with a team of highly qualified coaches, can develop quickly into competitive athletes.

if your swimmer is showing talent through lesson stages; has an interest in swimming beyond basic lessons; or is interested in improving their technique and competing, go to [www.npswim.co.uk/contact-us](http://www.npswim.co.uk/contact-us) to speak to us about a trial.

## LOVE TO MOVE AT PORTFIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

‘Love to move’ is a new initiative, the first of its kind in Milton Keynes. Our target audience includes those people who struggle with movement, either because of an injury or a stroke, an illness such as Parkinson’s disease, dementia, mild cognitive impairment or multiple sclerosis, or those just wanting to improve their co-ordination. This therapy is especially designed to help both cognitively and physically and is run by a trained nurse, at our Portfields Community Centre, on Tuesdays at 11.30 am. Please contact Susan Maison on [chases403@gmail.com](mailto:chases403@gmail.com) if you or



someone you know is interested.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO PORTFIELDS SCHOOL

Newport Pagnell Town Council offers congratulations to Portfields Primary school for being the first to win Sanctuary School status.

## DAY’S MUSICAL NIGHT 5th OCTOBER 2023

Six magnificent choirs will perform for you at the Mayor’s mini-musical festival which takes place on 5th October at St. Peter & St. Paul’s church.

Music will range from modern to classical, and from rock to Broadway. There will be something for everyone. This year we are introducing a new feature, to bring talented young musicians to the fore. If you feel your teenage band is good enough to perform in front of over 200 people, or you have a young musical ensemble of vocals/instruments and would like to play, please contact Mandy on 01908 618756 or by email at [web@newport-pagnell.org.uk](mailto:web@newport-pagnell.org.uk) to audition for a slot.

The event is FREE to attend, and includes a glass of wine or orange juice and nibbles. Please take your seats promptly for 7pm when the first act begins. The Mayor will be collecting for his volunteer

organisations: Bobicats (inclusive young footballers) and the Assisted Swim Club at this event.



## NEWPORT PAGNELL FIREWORKS 3rd NOVEMBER 2023



The spectacular Fireworks Event will again take place on Riverside Meadow. It starts at 7 pm so come early to reserve your place. The organisers of this event sadly report that their strategy of donations only has not proved successful in supporting the costs of running the event. Not only are fireworks themselves becoming more expensive, but insurance costs have escalated dramatically and even the public toilets cost more. Many people who come to the event, from all over Milton Keynes, do not put anything at all into the volunteer collectors bags, yet experience a top class display without helping out in any way. Since the third year, voluntary contributions have declined year on year. Therefore this year the event will be a paid-for-ticketed-experience at a modest cost per person. Tickets can be purchased in advance from the Town Council offices.

## WHEELIE BIN ISSUES

Milton Keynes City Council has decided on a new waste strategy, involving wheelie bins to replace sack collections.

If your bin collection is missed or your bin becomes damaged please contact Customer Services on 01908 252570 or email [customerservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk).

If for some reason you have difficulty using your bin or you believe you should have been issued a bin but have been given a sack instead please contact [yourwaste@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:yourwaste@milton-keynes.gov.uk) to discuss the matter.



## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON 25th November 2023

Newport Pagnell Christmas Lights Committee is holding the 64th Annual Switch-On on 25th November. Join the festivities with stalls and entertainment for all the family. Switch on at 5pm. Find out how to be a volunteer or to book a stall - [npclv@hotmail.com](mailto:npclv@hotmail.com)



## NALC STUDY VISIT 27-28th June 2023

A number of very large town and parish councils visited Newport Pagnell in June to learn about how we manage the assets we have taken on from Milton Keynes City Council. They were amazed at the range of services available to our local residents, and loved both our historical buildings and our green spaces.

## WHAT HAS OUR RANGER BEEN UP TO IN NEWPORT PAGNELL?



Clearance at Queen’s Avenue car park



Encroachment Bury Close



Bus stop sign visibility Purcell Drive