

LITTLE BRICKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE BRICKHILL ANNUAL PARISH / VILLAGE MEETING - HELD AT 7.30 PM ON THE 14th MAY 2019 IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN LITTLE BRICKHILL.

Present:

Cllr G Bushell
Cllr D Lewis
Cllr T Wheaton,
Cllr M Goddard
Cllr R Spencer

In attendance:

Alan Kemp (Parish Clerk)
Cllr D Hopkins (Ward Councillor)
PC T Deeble (Thames Valley Police)
Mr C Roberts (Resident)
B Sinfield (Resident)

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Mrs D Bushell (Resident), Mr D Packer (Resident), Mrs A Packer (Resident), Mr P Simpson (Resident), R Hill (W&FC, Cllr V Hopkins (Ward Councillor), Cllr A Jenkins (Ward Councillor).

2. Election of Chairman.

Cllr. Bushell was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman.

Cllr. Lewis was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected.

4. Confirmation of Responsible Finance Officer.

Cllr. M Goddard was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected.

5. To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 15th May 2018 were approved and signed as a true record.

6. To discuss any urgent Parish Council Business.

Four cheques and a Direct Debit instruction were authorised to the value of £2,126.30 and details will be recorded in the minutes of the next scheduled Parish Council meeting on the 3rd June 2019.

The following correspondence was reviewed:

- Email received 02/05/19 from **MKC** regarding **Supplemental Fund 2019/20 for Parish & Town Councils to apply for funding of local projects.**

It was agreed that this will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on the 3rd June 2019.

- Email received 08/05/19 from **MKC** advising of **three Consultations taking place from the 8th May 2019 to the 3rd July 2019 – Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), Draft Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and South Caldecotte Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document.**

It was agreed that these consultations is will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on the 3rd June 2019.

7. To receive report from Thames Valley Police.

PC T Deeble attended on behalf of Thames Valley Police and presented the crime figures for Little Brickhill covering the period from the 1st April 2018 to the 1st April 2019. There were 41 reported incidents connected with the Village an increase of 5 from 2017/2018. Details reported below.

- 1 – Assault occasioning ABH/GBH
- 2 – Assault without injury
- 1 – Criminal damage

- 27 – Making off without payment
- 1 – Public order offences
- 3 – Shoplifting
- 3 – Theft from a Vehicle
- 1 - Theft
- 2 – Other

It was noted that residents can have their say on local issues and raise concerns with TVP on a monthly basis as regular meetings have been arranged to take place at MK SNAP, Walnut Tree, Milton Keynes, MK7 7DE starting at 10.30 am. The dates for the next four meetings are 6th June 2019, 4th July 2019, 8th August 2019 and the 5th September 2019.

A request was made as to the most effective method on reporting incidents to TVP.

Post meeting note - The best way to notify the team of incidents or requests for information is through the following email address MKSouthCluster@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

The Chairman placed on record grateful thanks on behalf of Little Brickhill Parish Council and Local Residents for the efforts of Thames Valley Police over the past year.

8. To receive the Chairman's Report.

Cllr Bushell explained the role of the Councillor's representing the Parish.

- I am Graham Bushell - my role is Chair and Planning.
- Cllr. Dave Lewis is vice chair and has the brief of Highways, Road Safety, Street maintenance and lighting.
- Cllr. Rebecca Spencer, Rebecca's brief is Community Liaison.
- Cllr. Tim Wheaton is responsible for Playing Fields and open spaces
- Cllr. Martin Goddard is our Responsible Finance Officer.

And of course Alan Kemp our Parish Clerk. Alan is secret weapon who knows all the rules of how to get money from unlikely sources and is firmly established as indispensable.

It has been another eventful year for Little Brickhill

At last the old garage has been taken away and the building project has begun and now progressing at a rate of knots. It has also meant that the hideous telephone mast has been removed and although we were told it would be sited somewhere else near the village, there is no news as to whether it will ever happen.

We have completed several projects – we have raised the verge at the south end of Watling Street to deter travellers from parking their caravans and so far it seems to have worked. The reasoning being that if they park their vehicles on the highway, the police have the powers to move them on.

We have installed two Speed Indicator Devices at either end of the village in the hope that it will deter speeding traffic. We do have a computer system to inform us what impact it is having on the traffic speed and we will update you once we have learned how to make it work. However, I am aware that when I see one of these devices, I do check my speed and hopefully most people do the same.

By far our greatest victory was to stop the development at Levante gate, a project to build 500 houses and change forever the nature of our village. A huge thank you goes to Paul Simpson and the team of BRAID who were at the forefront of the campaign.

However, we now face another attack on our way of life, not as intrusive but just as unreasonable. Milton Keynes has given permission to develop South Caldecotte, land diagonally opposite MacDonald's in Brickhill Street for commercial use. They plan to build massive warehousing on the site – this will magnify the traffic problems on the roundabout and surrounding areas. We hope that common sense will prevail and this development is cancelled but I have to say that we are not hopeful.

We also face a strong likelihood that the Oxford – Cambridge express way will come very close to our village as the proposed routes run close to the Kelly Kitchen roundabout. If the gods are smiling on us, Caldecotte will be cancelled because of the Expressway and then the road will then be cancelled in the future. I am the eternal optimist.

As we advised last year, the precept will continue to increase each year to ensure that we are able to fund the work that was previously undertaken by Milton Keynes but has now been passed to the villages.

9. To receive report from Unitary Authority.

Cllr Hopkins gave the following presentation.

9.1 - Ward Councillor Report to Little Brickhill 2019

Ongoing Issues

Cllr Hopkins opened by referencing that this was his 29th Annual LBP Meeting and mentioned. He reminisced that the first issues raised with him were the mobile phone and the state of the garage site in the village and that finally both have reached, or are close to reaching resolution. He paid tribute to former Labour Councillor, Alderman Kevin Wilson who had passed away on Wednesday 8 May

Cllr Hopkins commented on;

Wavendon Properties – 202 properties.

The Secretary of State (SoS) refused this application. The applicants have applied to the High Court for a Judicial Review on the basis of the process followed by the SoS not on the planning decision itself. The hearing took place over 7-9 May and the judgement is expected in the summer.

He thanked the village for the support given to Little Brickhill PC in fighting off the unwanted Levante Gate application for 500 homes in Little Brickhill

East West Rail

Public Enquiry (ends 30th April) – Mike Geddes (WSTC) and myself spoke in February - Inspectors Report by September - Work will start in 2020. Still on course. David had spoken at the enquiry on the bridge issues at Woburn Sands, Woodleys Farm and Bow Brickhill.

For interest, he noted that the Network Rail planning application being sought for pedestrian bridge in Woburn Sands without disabled access has now been passed - Representative Group that make representations on behalf of the disabled community support the plan.

He made mention of New Trains and new ticket machines on the line and the fact that he is due to meet with East West Rail Company in the near future and has asked Iain Stewart MP for a meeting with the Transport Minister

Oxford – MK – Cambridge Expressway

The timetable remains;

Autumn 2019	Public consultation on route options*
2020	Preferred route announcement*
2025	Construction starts*
2030	New link opens to the public

* As soon as the route options are published all residents will be fully briefed on the consultation process.

Plan MK

David had attended the Local Plan Public Enquiry last summer (July and August) – Sue Malleson was at a number of the days. He had secured a delay until 2023 in the development of the so called SEMK area development. The local plan setting out how MK will grow until 2031 – was adopted at Full Council on Wednesday 20 March and will now form part of our formal Development Plan.

South East Milton Keynes (SEMK) includes plans for 3000 dwellings and a 7 pitch traveller site. As mentioned above, the Planning Inspector has placed a planning moratorium on the development of SEMK until 2023 to allow due time for the Expressway route to be finalised.

Plan:MK details the anticipated growth of MK over the coming years and determines how many homes, jobs, and the kind of infrastructure we'll need leading to 2031. The population of MK is expected to rise to more than 300,000 between now and then with 31,000 new homes needed to meet demand - of which almost 20,000 are already in the planning pipeline.

Plan:MK was now fully policy as there had been no legal challenges received to the adopted plan.

Caldecotte South – consultation starts on 8 May 2019 on this proposed employment site for warehousing.

Cranfield Road Closure & A421 Works

This project is being run by Central Beds Council. Closure of Cranfield Road in Wavendon starts 13 May for minimum 12 months. A421 works due for completion by the end of 2020.

CBC Local Plan

Hearing Sessions will commence at 10am on Tuesday 21 May 2019 within the Council Chamber of Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ. (Up to 3).

Up to 5,000 new homes, community facilities and services, plus a minimum of 40ha of employment land Marston Vale 'villages' plus Land off Meadow View, Aspley Guise – 37 homes.

Aylesbury Local Plan now well advanced and will continue in that form despite the Unitary Bucks Council decision. Up to 8000 homes on or close to Milton Keynes (Inspectors letter to AVDC dated March 2019).

Bus Services

Cllr D Hopkins continues to pursue policies that both retain the existing services and hopefully can add to those services.

Highways

MKC is working on the development of Little Brickhill/ Bow Brickhill/Wavendon/Woburn Sands development impact study (impact on local road infrastructure).

Blocked gullies remains an issue and shortage of equipment to deal with the volume of incidents remains an issue.

Bow Brickhill Road – speeds always a concern and liaison with TVP is ongoing

Thames Valley Police Report

Regular residents meetings being held at SNAP offices in Walnut Tree. Dates supplied to Parish Clerk for the web site

Other Issues

The single biggest item I receive emails about is the recycling clear sacks deliveries. Any problems let me know and I will ensure you receive supplies.

Personal - as an MK Councillor

As a member of MK Council I represent the council, as a Board member on

- MK Gallery
- Bucks and MK Fire Authority

- MK Museum
- Greensand Trust and Festival
- Chair of Governors of Wavendon St Marys CoE School

Cllr D Hopkins highlighted the Traveller information leaflet produced by MKC.

Cllr Hopkins concluded by thanking Graham and other councillors for their hard work over the past twelve months and to Alan Kemp (Parish Clerk) for his support and good humour.

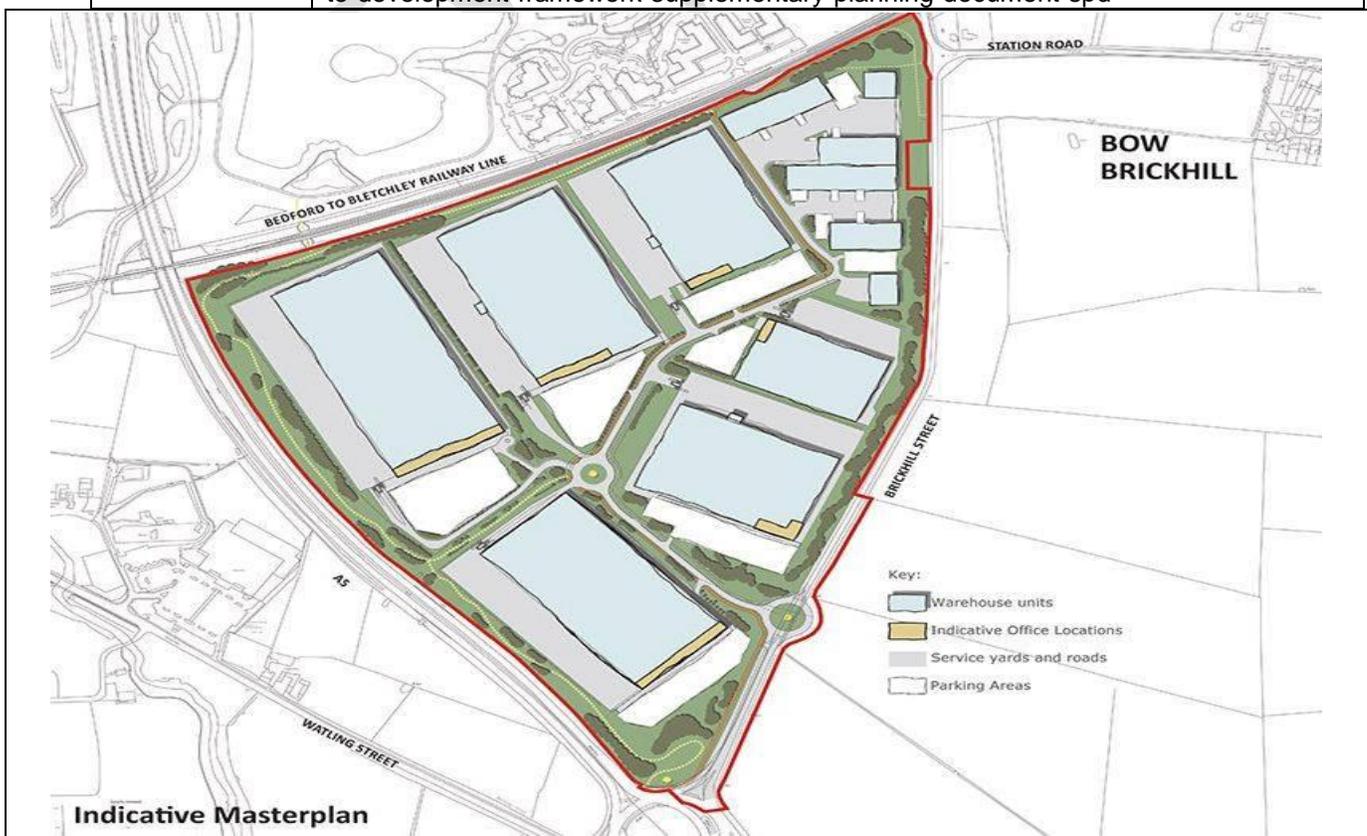
He paid tribute to Paul Simpson whose work for the village in 2018/19 has been invaluable

Also to the Little Brickhill Mothers and Fathers (the city elders) who attend most PC Meetings offering sage advice and guidance

9.2 - Unitary Report May 2019.

South Caldecotte - Plan:MK allocates land on the south-eastern edge of Milton Keynes for a strategic employment site, providing a minimum of 195,000 sq. m of B2/B8 employment space. The Draft South Caldecotte Development Framework has been prepared to ensure that the land allocation is brought forward in a strategic and comprehensive manner.

<p>Draft South Caldecotte Development – Consultation opened 8 May 2019 (for 8 weeks)</p>	<p>SOUTH CALDECOTTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)</p> <p>South Caldecotte has been allocated for employment development in Plan:MK. The Development Framework SPD will provide detailed guidance on the development of the site.</p> <p>The consultation documents and further information on this consultation can be accessed online at: https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/south-caldecotte-development-framework-supplementary-planning-document-spd</p>
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From PC Tony Deeble - Have your say meetings have been scheduled to **take place at MK SNAP** on the following dates (all start at 10.30 am).

- June 6th
- July 4th
- August 8th
- Sept 5th
- Oct 3rd
- Nov 7th
- Dec 5th

The next Community Forum meeting is yet to be arranged. I will be speaking with the Chair, Ben Dawson before the end of the month with a view to arranging the next meeting before the end of June.

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Milton Keynes.



DRAFT AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)

This SPD sets out guidance to support applicants and decision takers when considering the provision of affordable housing within applicable development schemes.

The consultation documents and further information on this consultation can be accessed online at:
<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/draft-affordable-housing-spd>



DRAFT PLANNING OBLIGATIONS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)

This SPD sets out Milton Keynes Council's policy for securing Planning Obligations from new developments that require planning permission.

The consultation documents and further information on this consultation can be accessed online at:
<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/draft-planning-obligations-supplementary-planning-document-spd>



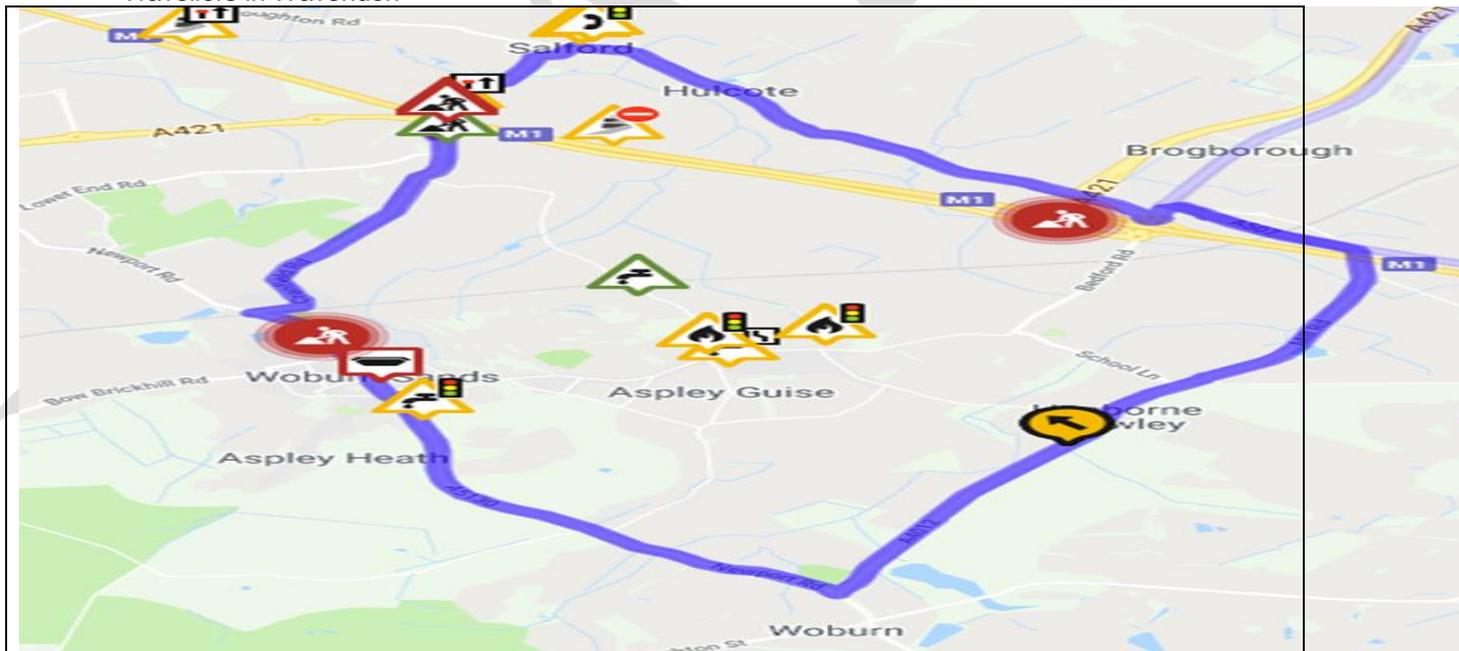
Now in place on Parklands (Woburn Sands)



Double yellow lines painted on junctions of Greensand and Summerlin with Station Road – but why the unequal painting of the lines!

Social Network Reports for May 2019

- South Caldecotte Consultation opens
- Road works on Bow Brickhill Road
- Travellers in Wavendon



Cranfield Road, Wavendon (Road Closure)

Please note that the above road will be closed from 13th May 2019 for a year. This is to enable the bridge to be taken down and reconstructed due to the dual carriageway works of the A421. Diversion map above.

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Plan:MK

Council adopts Plan:MK The legal challenge period for Plan:MK closed last week, and we are not aware of any challenges that were lodged.

There are no further updates on the SEMK Development Framework, although I am trying to arrange a programme of dates for the Local Stakeholder Group as was discussed at the Danesborough Forum.

Consultation on the South Caldecotte Development Framework commences on 8 May for eight weeks.

Consultation on the Site C Development Brief closed on 29 April.

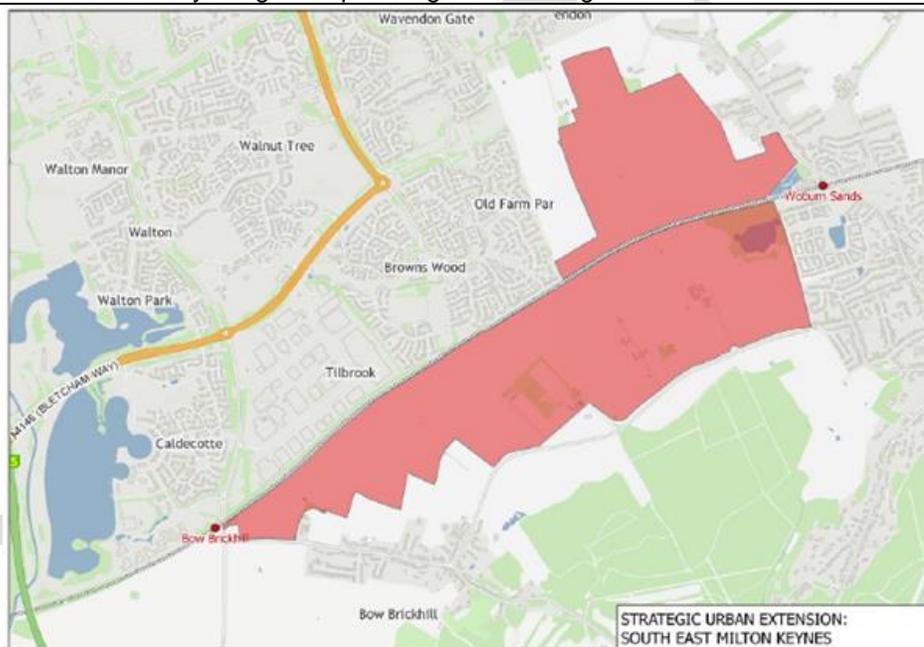
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South East Milton Keynes Strategic Urban Extension (or SEMK) is a draft allocation within Plan:MK, covering an area of land approximately 210 hectares in size encompassed by Tilbrook, Browns Wood and Wavendon to the North, Woburn Sands to the East, the Green Sands Ridge to the south, and Bow Brickhill to the west.

The draft allocation within Plan:MK, under Policy SD13, allocates the land for around 3,000 homes, 7 Gypsy and Traveller pitches, and a range of social and green infrastructure provision.

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PLANNING



Three-quarters of residents in the proposed "Oxford-Cambridge Arc" fear the development will harm the local countryside, a survey suggests.

Proposals have been unveiled for one million homes by 2050 along with rail and road links between the two university cities in an arc through Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire.

But the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) claims building a million new homes in the region would swallow up an area of countryside the size of Birmingham and the project has not been properly assessed or consulted on.

A poll of more than 1,500 residents in the affected counties by Survation for the CPRE found 74% thought the development would lead to damage to the area's countryside and natural environment.

While more than half said they agreed that a million new homes will be necessary for a growing population and would contribute to economic growth, 59% did not support the scale of house-building proposed in the arc.

Protecting and improving the natural environment including wildlife and landscape, and providing more affordable housing for poorer people topped the list of important issues that any plans for growth in the area should address.

And there was overwhelming support for any new house-building to prioritise the needs of people working locally, rather than retirees or commuters to London or elsewhere.

Paul Miner, head of strategic plans and devolution at CPRE, said:

"It is unthinkable that the Government would consider such a vast development proposal, which will have huge and damaging consequences for the countryside and environment, without any sort of assessment of its impact. People are right to be concerned.

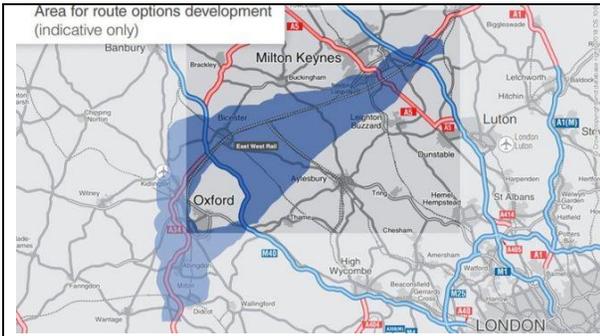
"Rather than ignoring people and the environment in a rush for economic growth, consideration of the full effects on communities and the environment must be given priority. "Before the Government takes these proposals any further, it is imperative that a strategic environmental assessment is carried out, along with a full public consultation on the proposals."

– Paul Miner

The Government said it was committed to protecting and maximising opportunities to enhance our natural environment as it worked in partnership with authorities between Oxford and Cambridge to plan much-needed, high quality homes

"Handled sensitively the Oxford Cambridge arc can be an example to the world of how to both build large numbers of homes for a generation crying out for them, while also leaving the environment in a better state than we found it. This is the challenge and I hope that everyone will join us in rising to it."

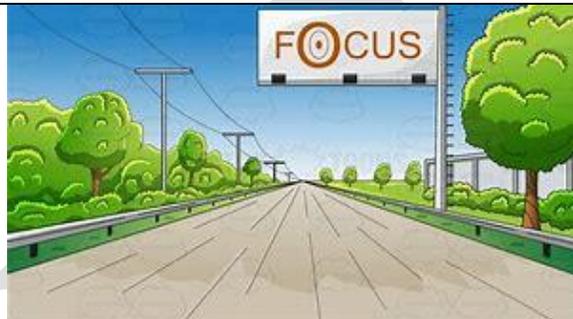
– Minister of State for Housing Kit Malthouse MP



Expressway Timeline

Date	Event
Autumn 2017	Commitment by the Chancellor for construction to commence on the missing link before the end of the Road Investment Strategy (RIS2) in 2025
2018	Corridor announcement
Autumn 2019	Public consultation on route options*
2020	Preferred route announcement*
2025	Construction starts*
2030	New link opens to the public

*Indicative timetable, subject to preferred route options



East West Rail – Timeline

What is being proposed?

East West Rail Western Section will re-establish a passenger and freight railway between Oxford, Bedford, Milton Keynes, and Aylesbury. Phase 2 involves improving and reconstructing underused and disused sections of the former railway and represents a significant piece of infrastructure investment.

Why do we need to build this?

This scheme will enhance the rail network, create more journey opportunities with reduced journey times and better connections to the Great Western, West Coast and Midland Main Line services, avoiding the need to travel via London. It will reconnect major centres including, Aylesbury, Milton Keynes, Bedford, Bicester, Oxford.

What are the main benefits?

The East West Rail scheme will support economic growth through residential and commercial development along the line of route, boosting business growth and attracting new business and inward investment. The upgrade of the route will provide additional network capacity to accommodate growth in freight and passenger markets by connecting the Oxford to Bedford railway with the Great Western, West Coast and Midland Main Lines.

Who pays for it?

The project is funded by the Department for Transport and by a £45m contribution from the East West Rail Consortium.

What is the new EWR Company? And what is their role in delivering the project?

The East West Railway Company has been formed by the Secretary of State for Transport to optimise the delivery of the East West Railway. This team reviewed the East West Rail proposals and led a value engineering and programme delivery review that identified how the value and benefits from this project can be realised as quickly as is possible. The new EWR Company will run Britain's first integrated rail operation for decades and be a separate organisation to Network Rail. The Company is looking at how the EWR route can be delivered and maintained.

How many EWR2 trains will run and to what destinations?

In addition to existing train services, there will be new services from:

Oxford and Milton Keynes; stopping at Oxford Parkway, Bicester, Winslow and Bletchley. There will be two trains each way per hour.

Oxford and Bedford; stopping at Oxford Parkway, Bicester, Winslow, Bletchley, Woburn Sands and Ridgmont. There will be one train each way per hour.

Milton Keynes and Aylesbury with stops anticipated at Bletchley, Winslow, and Aylesbury Vale Parkway. There will be one train each way per hour.

When will construction start and trains begin to run?

Depending on funding, construction of the line between Bicester and Bletchley will start at the end of 2019 with trains operating from 2023.



Speed Reduction Plan

Please note that the website is now live and accepting applications for 20mph speed limits:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways-and-transport-hub/road-safety/introduction-of-20-mph-speed-limits-into-residential-areas>



Clear Sacks

The Council is confident with the changes in the delivery method for sacks that they are now on top of the requests that are coming through, if however you have properties that have experienced Issues with receiving them prior to the changes last week then please let me know as I will be happy to arrange delivery of these myself.

Tony Brown - Waste Services Officer

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Contacts

- For all Serco Landscape contract works enquiries, please contact Euan Darling or Mansour Moini - Please contact the helpline via the link below for new issues.
- For Tree (TPO TCA and Insurance related) enquiries contact Robert Widd.
- For Rights of Way, please contact Rosie Armstrong or James Walsh.
- For High Hedges enquiries and development related Tree issues please contact Stephen Narborough.
- For Planning, S106, Biodiversity and Ecology issues please contact Diane Evans or Phil Snell.
- For Flood Strategy please contact Ashish Patel.

To log a new issue or enquiry, go to: <https://my.milton-keynes.gov.uk/>



Roadworks - The new interactive service allows you to search for any planned works by area, road name, ward or parish, road type or reason. You can also see the current closures and those scheduled for the next two weeks.

Area	Road name	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	Finish Time	Type
BOW BRICKHILL	Woburn Sands Road	09/05/19	9:30am	09/05/19	4:30pm	ROAD CLOSURE
WOBURN SANDS	High Street	07/05/19	7.30am	09/05/19	6:30pm	TRAFFIC SIGNALS (Multi-Way)

WOBURN SANDS	Chapel Street	07/05/19	24 hours	09/05/19	24 hours	TRAFFIC SIGNALS (Multi-Way)
WOBURN SANDS	Downham Road	03/05/19	24 hours	08/05/19	24 hours	ROAD CLOSURE
WOBURN SANDS	Tavistock Close	03/05/19	24 hours	08/05/19	24 hours	GIVE & TAKE
WOBURN SANDS	DOWNHAM ROAD	09/05/19	9:30am	09/05/19	12:30pm	ROAD CLOSURE
WOBURN SANDS	THEYDON AVENUE	10/05/19	9:30am	10/05/19	12:30pm	ROAD CLOSURE

This tool will help you check what is planned for a particular route or area so you can avoid any issues that may affect your journey. The information is updated every week.

Some works may be subject to changes due to unforeseen circumstances such as a road traffic collision or incident, weather conditions or operational reasons. Check the Highways View as an

Alternatively you can view the information shown in the Highways Register through a Google map based system on www.roadworks.org

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10. To receive the Parish Council's provisional accounts for the Financial Year 2018-19.

Cllr M Goddard presented the report on behalf of the Parish Council.

- Following the news that Cedric Hoptroff cannot undertake the internal audit this year the audit will be completed by Auditing Solutions Ltd at a cost of £250.00. This was agreed at the Parish Council meeting held on the 1st April 2019.
- Last year we had income of £29,993 and expenditure of £36,742. There were two major projects in the last financial year as detailed below:
 - £11,590 on two Speed Indicator Devices for installation on Watling Street with a grant from Milton Keynes Council of £5,000 obtained to help with the costs.
 - £8,925 on a scheme to deter the Traveller Community from illegal camping in the village with a grant from Milton Keynes Council of £5,000 obtained to help with the costs.
- Year cash balance was £17,078, a decrease of £6,749 from the previous year.
- This year (2019/20) we have budgeted to spend £13,023 + £2,223 carried forward expenditure. (Noticeboards £955.13, Website £651.16, Replacement gate £616.96).
- Claims have been submitted to HMR&C to re-claim all VAT of £5,179.08 for 2018/19.
- Copies of income and expenditure for 2018/19 and final budget document for 2019/20 were handed out at the AGM of the Parish Council and the Annual Village Meeting on the 14th May 2019.

For full details see appendix 1.

11. To receive report from the Residents' Association.

Cllr D Lewis presented the report on behalf of the Residents Association.

For full details see appendix 2.

12. To receive report from the Community Centre Committee.

Cllr G Bushell presented the report on behalf of the Community Centre Committee.

- The accounts have been prepared in accordance with previous years and reviewed by Cedric Hoptroff.
- The income was slightly below last year at £7980.72 mainly due to the free use of the hall by village organisations as agreed at the last AGM.
- Expenses were £4355.65, £1515.81 above last year mainly due to refurbishing the hall floor and price increases in other costs especially fuel.
- Operating surplus for the year was £3625.07 a decrease of £2084.89 against last year for the reasons highlighted above.
- This means the hall's assets stand at £22,785.81 cash at bank and on hand. I believe these represent sufficient reserves to meet the foreseeable ongoing obligations of the hall.
- It is my opinion we have sufficient income to continue to offer 3 free hires to village organisations for the coming year.
- During the year we obtained planning consent to replace the windows with double glazed to improve the heating and reduce ongoing maintenance. We have applied for a grant from WREN for 89% of the cost and this has been approved. The grant should be available in the first quarter of the new financial year and work will commence thereafter.
- Grateful thanks were given again to Paul and Teresa Simpson for all their hand work in continuing to promote the Community Centre.
- Also all members of the Community Centre Committee were thanked for all their support during the past year.

13. To receive report from the Brickhill Wanderers.

No report was available for the meeting tonight.

14. To receive report from St. Mary Magdalene C of E Church / PCC.

Graham Bushell presented the report on behalf of the Church that was a review of activities in 2018.

Services

Easter: The building of an Easter Garden in the church porch has now become a regular event and a favourite with many of our children. Easter Day was celebrated with an All-age Family Service and Holy Communion. It was led by Revd. Steve Barnes, just prior to his retirement as Chaplain of Willen Hospice. Harvest: Another popular activity for the children is the making of a Harvest loaf and a large pan of vegetable soup, which are shared with all following the Harvest Service. This year, we were delighted to receive some lovely artwork from the children of High Ash School to decorate the church, making it bright and colourful. Following our regular Shoebox Appeal, 15 generously filled boxes were donated to cheer the Christmas of families and elderly people in Eastern Europe who have very little.

Festival of Remembrance: The annual Service of Remembrance marked the centenary of the end of WW1, so was a particularly special event. The well-attended service was led by Valerie Kerr and was moving and thought-provoking. Our church's bells rang out along with church bells all over the country to mark the moment the guns stopped. A donation of £150 was sent to The Royal British Legion from the people of Little Brickhill.

Christmas: The Carol Service is always a key part of Little Brickhill's Christmas and its lovely to see the church packed and hear the singing raising the roof. Once again, our lovely children worked hard to make their own very special contribution to the Carol Service and this year we featured the first performance of the newly-formed Little Brickhill Children's Singing Group.

In 2018 one baptism, two weddings and three funerals were held in the church.

Church Maintenance

We were, again, very grateful to Julie Mayson and Celia Ho-Yen for organising another Weed and Feed Day. A team of 19 volunteers worked hard to weed, prune and tidy the church yard. All the hard work was rewarded with a delicious ploughman's lunch, generously provided by Julie and Celia. We hope to hold another Weed & Feed day in May 2019.

Some much-needed repair work has been carried out to the church steps, making the approach safer. The white edges will be renewed when the weather improves.

Fund Raising

With many maintenance demands to meet, the PCC is hugely grateful to all the people who come up with, and organise, great ways to raise money, as well as bringing people together for company and fun.

During 2018 the 'Ladies that Lunch' group raised a wonderful £1,431.50 and the monthly Coffee Mornings raised £392.15. Many thanks again to Julie Mayson and Denise Bushell for organising these.

Very many thanks to all those who helped in many ways to make the Summer Fair another lovely day. Despite the scorching heat, trains were ridden, games were played and cream teas were devoured, raising a great £548.

In August Denise Bushell very generously laid on a scrumptious tea in aid of church funds. The Village Hall was transformed into the most select of tea shops, tea and conversation flowed and a fantastic £160 was raised.

Huge thanks to Jo and Howard Barclay who, again, organised another very successful Christmas Fayre. This raised a wonderful £1,150 for the upkeep of the church as well as being a lovely chance for friends and neighbours to get together.

2019 is a year for our biennial Open Gardens weekend. This is the biggest fund raiser for the church. This year it will be held on the weekend of 6th and 7th July. Many thanks to Denise Bushell for again organising this event.

15. To receive report from Woburn & Wavendon Football Club.

Alan Kemp presented the report on behalf of the football club.

Woburn & Wavendon FC would like to express thanks to Little Brickhill Parish Council for the continued opportunity to use Watson's Field. Far from regarding the relationship as just 'renting pitches', the Club is committed to improving and enhancing the facility so that a maximum number of local youngsters can enjoy all the benefits of organised football in a safe and fun environment. We have now been responsible for the pitch grass cutting and ground care for some 4 years, and the surface is now hugely improved and far more robust. However last season drought meant the mainly sandy soil dried out, killing the grass and leaving the surface badly damaged. Last month the Club invested over £1k to have the whole surface drill seeded and fertiliser applied. We have stopped using the pitch for this season and last week's rain finally encouraged germination. With good growing conditions, we're looking to eventually provide a strong rye grass based surface that is tougher and more drought resistant.

We hope that the re-development of the petrol station will improve security (our shed was broken into and line marker stolen), as well as enabling the installation of water (a major requirement in order to improve and maintain the playing field). We are also hoping that we can progress plans to infill the spinney area (eliminating the rabbit hole issues) as well as providing a small mini pitch to encourage the youngest village residents in local grassroots football. Toilet facilities would also be a huge plus at some stage.

This season Watson's Field has been home to two of our Under 14 boys teams. One of these has been playing in the Beds Youth League and has achieved promotion to Division 1. The Club continues to stagger KO times and manage usage to minimise both parking issues and playing surface wear.

On a more general note, despite the excellent contribution from long standing facilities such as Watson's Field, the huge demand for grassroots football is generally not being supported by the provision of facilities across Central Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes. The continued development and population growth will only make this worse. If the problem is not tackled it will inevitably not help child obesity issues and potentially add to anti- social problems further down the line. It's therefore vital that the Club looks to maximise usage of all potential sites and look to develop relationships with all facility operators. Midweek Winter floodlit provision continues to be our most severe challenge, and continues to be an issue the Club spends considerable time and effort on.

Bedfordshire & MK's first grassroots football Club Disability sessions continue to be delivered at Fulbrook Middle school. We have established intake sessions for Foundation/ Reception years on Friday evenings.

The Club has again been sanctioned as an official FA Wildcats Girls Football Centre. Last year more than 60 girls aged 5-11 (all new to football) into regular Sunday football sessions at Woburn.

Finally, WWFC last month achieved FA Charter Standard Community Club status. This is the highest level of accreditation awarded by the FA, but more importantly ensures the best standards of grassroots football delivery. It also means WWFC plays a full part in future FA facility investment planning and delivery.

We would like to thank the PC for their support and encouragement as we seek to deliver all the benefits of healthy team sport to as many local youngsters as possible.

16. Any other business.

No other issues were raised.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.36 pm.

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Chairman for Little Brickhill Parish Council

Appendix 1

Little Brickhill Parish Council - Annual Accounts 2018/19
Receipts and payments for year ending 31st March 2019

UN-AUDITED ACCOUNTS

<u>Payments</u>	2017/18	2018/19	<u>Receipts</u>	2017/18	2018/19
			Precept	£ 10,164.00	£ 10,882.00
Community Centre	£ 516.00	£ 1,215.00	Community Centre	£ -	£ 860.00
Community Centre - Alarm Service	£ 83.23	£ 83.23	MKC - Council Tax Reduction	£ 146.44	£ 41.42
Work to stop unauthorised parking, two new SID's / Laptop	£ -	£ 20,763.95	MKC - Parish Partnership Grant	£ -	£ 10,000.00
			MKC - Grant Recycling	£ 100.00	£ -
			W&WFC	£ 225.00	£ 450.00
			Mr Payne (re 1 High View)	£ 150.00	£ 150.00
Clerk Salary (Including TAX)	£ 2,304.00	£ 2,388.00			
Administration	£ 77.35	£ 139.18			
Associations - BALC	£ 69.62	£ 62.63			
Grass Cutting	£ 2,080.00	£ 1,485.00			
Tree / Shrub Maintenance / Playing Field	£ 230.00	£ 86.52			
Bus Shelter Repair	£ 267.00	£ -			
Insurance	£ 1,321.31	£ 1,395.98			
Playing Field - Pest Control	£ 540.00	£ 360.00			
Village Weed Spraying	£ 150.00	£ -			
Website	£ 164.99	£ 525.00			
New Notice Boards (50%)	£ -	£ 955.12	MKC - Parish Partnership Grant	£ -	£ 1,432.69
Play Equipment Repairs / Vandalised	£ 350.00	£ -	Ward Councillor Grant	£ 200.00	£ -
Planning Consultancy Fee	£ 500.00	£ 1,315.00	Residents Association	£ -	£ 657.50
MKC - Dog Waste	£ 468.00	£ 468.00			
New Waste Bin	£ -	£ 299.95			
Audit Fees	£ 120.00	£ 20.00			
VAT	£ 733.32	£ 5,179.08	VAT Refund	£ 475.07	£ 5,519.78
Totals	£ 9,974.82	£ 36,741.64		£ 11,460.51	£ 29,993.39

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Appendix 2

Little Brickhill village news and events

March 2019

Little Brickhill Residents' Association

The Residents' Association exists for two primary reasons: to bring villagers together through social events and to provide a forum for jointly lobbying and fighting village causes that arise. We are always very keen to hear from people who would like to join us and if you would like information on our activities or how to get involved, please contact Dave Lewis on 261432 or dave@davelewis.me

Thirsty Third Thursdays!

The Residents' Association has been discussing possible events that would enable villagers to get together to have a chat and meet/catch up with their neighbours and has decided a good way to do this would be to have a regular night where we all meet at the pub. We will therefore be at The George in the village from 7.30pm

onwards on the third Thursday of every month, starting 21st March, and are really hoping you'll be able to join us. You might want to pop in for a quick drink on your way somewhere else, or stay for the evening!

Whether you've lived in Little Brickhill for years or are new to the village and would like to get to know some of your neighbours in an informal setting, please do come and say hello.

Village picnic

Plans are afoot for a village picnic to be held on Watson's field (the playpark) from midday on the 20th July.

Whilst planning for this event is in the early stages at the moment, we're hoping to arrange a get together for all the family — bring your own picnic food, drinks and picnic rugs (or chairs if you prefer!) We'll be organising some games, egg and spoon races, three legged races, cabbage hockey and a large game of rounders have all been suggested

— please do let us know if you have any other ideas or requests!

The Residents' Association will be selling burgers and sausages from the barbecue and are hoping to be selling some locally brewed ale too.

Please put the date in your diary and keep your fingers crossed for sunshine - no one wants to have a picnic in the rain so if that's the case, we might suggest a drink in the George instead!

LBRA dates for your diary:

- **THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAYS**
EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 21ST MARCH FROM 7:30PM
THE GEORGE (LA COLLINA)
- **VILLAGE LITTER PICK**
23RD MARCH, 9-11AM
- **VILLAGE PICNIC**
20TH JULY MIDDAY, WATSONS FIELD
- **HALLOWEEN PARTY**
2ND NOVEMBER

Village litter pick

WE'LL BE LITTER PICKING AROUND THE VILLAGE ON SATURDAY 23RD MARCH FROM 9-11AM.

ANYONE WHO CAN SPARE SOME TIME TO HELP WOULD BE WELCOME.

PLEASE MEET US IN THE PUB CARPARK AT 9AM. EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED.