

“Small is Beautiful”: Campaigning for Parish Status in Woughton On The Green, Woughton Park & Passmore

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Residents' Newsletter #7

Dear Resident

Welcome to this edition of the 'Small is Beautiful' campaign newsletter, all about keeping you in touch with the campaign to gain our own Parish Council; a parish that considers the needs of all residents, businesses and users of amenities fairly. A huge thank you to all who responded to the last newsletter and told us how you want to keep in touch. We also noted with some concern, the numbers who were not aware of the recent WCC consultations on tax and area improvements. Please continue to send us your views, they are all invaluable as the campaign progresses.

Regards, Lorraine King, Editor

Progress of the campaign

Our next important deadline is April 28th, when we have been asked to re-submit the proposal to the Parish Boundary Review Committee. The team are working hard to prepare this and ensure that your views are properly represented.

The new campaign website

The new campaign website www.sibc.org.uk was launched last month and we are very lucky that the setting up and running of the website was kindly donated by a local business. The website is being updated on a regular basis and currently you can find the following:

- The opportunity to download any of the newsletters and the full proposal document
- Some frequently asked questions about the campaign
- A contact page so you can get in touch with the campaign team
- More information on any issues we raise in the newsletters

The new website is your opportunity to keep updated on the campaign at any time. We know that not all of you have internet access, so you can still contact us in other ways.

Responding to your questions

When our team was delivering Newsletter#6 they were asked by a resident "how well he would be represented in the proposed new parish". Clearly this is an important issue so we are raising it in this newsletter.

Representation

Currently the area is represented by two parish councillors on a council of 23. This means that Woughton Community Council have on average one councillor for every 236 homes. Our proposed new parish council would be obliged to have a minimum of five councillors this means that we would achieve one councillor for every 79 homes. We could choose to have more councillors if we wished and it will also be possible to elect councillors with specific responsibility for different parts of the proposed parish.

Being a councillor

The SiB parish council will be an elected, voluntary council with all home owners in the area having the opportunity to stand as a councillor and to vote for the council. Have you thought about being a parish councillor? It mainly involves deciding on local issues and getting involved with local people and their concerns. In a small parish this role really is about you, your neighbours and the area you live in. To find out more please go to the 'Frequently asked questions' page on our website www.sibc.org.uk or contact me for more information.

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What is happening in the area?

The campaign team is keen to make you aware of any local issues that will help residents get in touch with each other in order to take action.

Planning application for the Mercure Parkside Hotel

The Mercure Parkside hotel wants to remodel its entrance including a new sign on either side. If you have any views on this matter please contact the Council Planning Department by email: Planning.Enquiries@Milton-Keynes.gov.uk or me by email: editor@sibc.org.uk and I will put you in touch with the other residents who expressed an interest.

Woughton Sports Pavillion

A meeting was held on the 10th March, on the possibility of this becoming a local community centre. It's too late to cover the event in this issue; more on this next time.

MK BUG

Milton Keynes Bus Users Group has formed to act as the independent voice of MK bus users and to improve services and the experience of bus users across Milton Keynes. The services through Woughton On The Green and Woughton Park are infrequent and for the elderly or infirm, walking through Peartree Bridge to the V8 to catch the bus to the shops or the station, is not an option. If you want to know more, or get involved, then please contact MKBUG directly by email on Barbara.Ballantyne@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01908 867942.

Open Meeting

We will be holding an open meeting for you to come along, hear more about the campaign ask questions and make suggestions. This will be in the evening of Tuesday 12th April so please note the date if you wish to attend. Attendance will be by invitation only to all residents in the area due to the size of the venue. We will deliver your invitation, confirming the time and location, in the next two to three weeks.

Keep in touch

To let us know your views about any campaigns please contact me by email or post, my addresses are at the bottom of the page; or,

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	Woughton Park	Tim 606953	Andrew 664119
	Passmore	Mike 677419	Barry 664182

Comments (including if you wish to find out more about the campaign):

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