

## WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019

Good evening. Thank you for taking the time to attend this public meeting. My name is Gill Brooke. I am Deputy Mayor.

For a 2<sup>nd</sup> year, our team has remained in office with no changes. For those of you who don't know us, as a brief introduction, they are:-

Cllr Keith Temple - Mayor and Town Council Chairman. Keith sends his apologies but he is abroad tonight.

Cllr Peter Skelton – Chair of Environment -Edgewick Farm –conservation.

Cllr Jan Rae – Communications – website – data protection

Cllr Jacky Jeffries – Planning – friends of Woburn Sands Station

Cllr Mike Geddes – Halls – library – local plan – network rail

Cllr David Hopkins – Ward Councillor – all Danesborough matters

Cllr Clive Hopkins – Chair finance – precept-accounts- personnel

Cllr Paul Farrant – Most committees-Market- Christmas Fayre

Myself, Cllr Gill Brooke – Deputy Mayor- Music Festival- Love Woburn Sands

Lynne Stapleton – Town Clerk

Pauline Biggs – Clerical Assistant

Mike – Halls caretaker and facilities support.

In order to keep to time and allow colleagues to present details, it would be appreciated if you could save questions and comments without interruption, for the end of each presentation.

My colleagues will individually present details on matters. In summary major items are:

As you are no doubt aware, Milton Keynes continues to expand on our borders with the constant threat of additional developments. Additionally, there are developments within our town. All of these have many implications from infrastructure to schooling and facilities.

The route for the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway remains as a major concern with all three options affecting Woburn Sands and no decision on the final route until next year.

The development of East- West Rail affects us with the level crossing, platform upgrade and increased rail traffic.

Milton Keynes Council are seeking to delegate many services and are reducing the landscaping service, currently provided by Serco, to a minimum. This leaves your Council to provide additional services or pay Milton Keynes for extra work.

As I mentioned, my colleagues will talk about these and other matters in detail.

As a Town Council, we support as many community events as possible. These include:

***The Community Market, held quarterly. Bi monthly changed from a Sunday to a Saturday***

Summer Fayre, organised by **The** Woburn Sands Town Band August bank holiday on Mowbray Green.

Annual Garden competition, sponsored by Frosts.

Music Festival in the recreation ground. This year Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Over 60's coach outings.

Christmas Fayre

Love Woburn Sands organised by Churches together.

Remembrance Sunday

These and many more activities rely on volunteers. We are grateful for the increasing number of volunteers that are willing to support Woburn Sands. More are needed as events develop and your support is welcomed.

The **A5130** road that includes Station Road/High Street is now classified as a B road and a 7.5 tonne limit in force (except for access). Both your Town Council and active residents successfully campaigned for this to reduce HGV traffic travelling through our town.

A 10 point priority list has been published on our web site as a result of suggestions from last year's public meeting.