

Appendix A

Clerks Report – April 2018

News This Month

- Defibrillator training took place at the Pavilion on Wednesday 4th April. We now have over 25 residents who have completed this training.
- Installation of the new Speed equipment purchased took place on Saturday 7th April. This new piece of equipment will enable us to monitor traffic levels coming through the Village along with the speed and time of day. The sign picks up traffic as it comes around the corner of Woburn Road and flashes between the actual speed and a happy or sad face, having stood and monitored this for some time on Saturday I'm pleased to say you could see a visible improvement almost instantly. WE have had authorization from MKC to re-site the sign on the lamppost opposite Greenways and this will be moved around to gain insight into traffic coming from both directions.
- This month we will have a New Facebook page for the Parish Council where you will be able to keep in touch with the work that we are doing around the Village.
- Thank you to all residents who have sent me consent to add your details to our new mailing list to enable us to contact you from 25th May. Anyone else who would like to be added to this list please email me at parish.clerk@bowbrickhill.org.uk
- The Annual Village Meeting is planned for Thursday 10th May at 8pm. This will be located at the Pavilion; all residents are invited to attend.
- The Christmas Tree on the Village Green will be having a trim on Thursday 12th April.

Village Issues New This month

Street Light out in Downs View	Reported on 12/03/18 to MKC- New Light Fitted on 13/03/2018	Complete
Street Light out in Rushmere Close	Reported on 12/03/18 to MKC- New Light Fitted on 13/03/2018	Complete
Grit bins empty on Church Road	Reported on 08/03/2018 to MKC- Chased again 15/03/201- Received an email from Head of Highways apologising for the initial response we had received. The grit bins were re-filed on 16/03/2018	Complete
Flashing lights for traffic calming during school drop offs not working	Reported on 01/03/2018 to MKC- Chased on 12/03/2018- Have received notification from MKC that the lights have been inspected and work has been identified. Once the work has been planned in we will receive notification	On Going
Broken Street Sign at the bottom of Station Road	This was because of a car accident due to the Snow- This was reported to MKC on 20/03/2018- awaiting advices	On Going
Broken Wooden Bollards on Station Road	This was because of a car accident due to the Snow. This was reported to MKC on 20/03/2018- awaiting advices	On Going
Pot Hole on Station Road (By Rushmere Close)	Reported to MKC 07/04/2018	Ongoing
Pot Hole on Woburn Sands Road (Bottom of Church Road)	Reported to MKC 07/04/2018	Ongoing
Broken Street Sign- Haynes Close	Reported to MKC 07/04/2018	Ongoing

Village Issues Ongoing

Traffic Lights Station Road	MKC have advised they are exploring short term solutions while there is a proposed change to the technology. Have chased MKC for an update	Ongoing
Ringway Community Projects	The location of 3 benches (Village Green, Greenways and Station Rd) had been advised to Ringway for their operations team to consider repainting – Ringway have advised they still would like to assist and once the weather improves they will confirm the date the work will take place	Ongoing
Church Path	Have been in regular contact this month with both ROW and the Tree Officer regarding the ongoing land ownership issues & a plan on how all issues can be rectified. There was a site meeting on Thursday and while we are waiting for full confirmation it looks like the below work is planned to be completed by MKC- Strim the edges of the path removing some of the overhanging brambles on the bank. Remove any low overhanging branches which may affect horse riders. Do some drainage work on the path itself to reduce the volume of water/ material running down to the storm drain. There is still question over ownership of the bank running alongside and we need to establish if the Parish Council would like to register this land. Have received correspondence regaining a possible grant and support from Greensand Trust.	Ongoing
Church Path Sump/ Frog Grid	The chicken mesh that was attached under the grill was removed this was due to tarmac chippings migrating from church path. On heavy rainfall the chippings are migrating onto the mesh blocking the rainwater entering the catch pit and resulting in having the flow of water going further downstream. This was causing flooding to local houses even though the pit was clear it was the chippings catching on the mesh resulting in water cascading over the mesh. Since removing the mesh the pit is working in catching the rain fall and the calls to say the pit is blocked have diminished. Any amphibians that fall into the pit can escape by pipes which interconnect in this system lower down and exit in the ditch line at the bottom of the village.	Complete
1 London End Lane footpaths either side	Have received notification from Jeremy Lee that the residents have /withdrawn the application (17/01332/MMAM) The resident has advised they will submit a new application by the end of next week. If no New application is received this matter will be passed to enforcement.	Ongoing
Yellow Lines in Bus Stop	This item was raised to MKC a while ago and we were advised in March 2017 that it had been incorporated into the lining programme but if no action was taken the matter should be chased. The lines have not been painted to date so MKC had been asked to investigate this and had advised due to budget restraints they have had no budget for refresh of white or yellow lines. It is hoped budget will be available April 2018 and Highways will attend to check the area and add the location to the list but cannot promise they will be repainted as it is done on a priority basis. Have chased MKC for an update	Ongoing
Roundabout/ Junction Brickhill Street & Station Road	Awaiting advices from MKC on the proposed warning signs. We were initially advised that funding is available to do this asap for installation before the end of March, however no signs have been installed. Awaiting advices.	Ongoing
Interpretation Board Village Green & Millennium Plaque	Greensand Trust have advised that there is now a possibility to bid for a grant, Sue and Mary will be filling out the application to proceed. The history society have thanked the Parish Council for the Additional £500 donation, however would like to put this on hold for the current time whilst the S106 funding is decided.	Ongoing

Planning

18/00482/OUT- 3 detached houses at Blind Pond Lane, Woburn Sands Road, Bow Brickhill, Milton Keynes	Objection letter sent- Complete
18/00472/FUL- Proposed single storey rear extension and minor elevational amendments at 27 Station Road, Bow Brickhill, Milton Keynes, MK17 9JU	NO Objection letter sent- Complete

NB Some items may have addendums prior to the meeting. The Clerks report will therefore be reissued prior to the meeting and a revised copy will be available

Any items highlighted yellow are being put forward for comment/discussion. Any other item wishing to be discussed by Council should be advised to the Chair. Any other item the public wish to be discussed should be raised during the Public Session.

Dated – 8th April 2018

Appendix B

Bow Brickhill Parish Council

Chair's Report for Meeting to be held at 7:30 pm on 12 April 2018

Drainage and Highway Issues – Outside 17 Church Road

On Monday 9 April 2018, I met with Cllr David Hopkins, Tom Blackburne-Maze (Service Director, Public Realm, MKC) and the residents of 17 Church Road with a view to finding a long-term practical solution to the issue of runoff water ingress from Church Road to the basement of the property.

It should be noted that this is of greater significance to the village as a whole than the simple flooding of a basement, as this issue, being a contributory factor to subsidence, could potentially undermine the foundations of the entire terrace of cottages rising up the hill from this property. We await further advices from Cllr Hopkins and Mr Blackburne-Maze as to what assistance MKC may be able to offer, either in practical or advisory terms, to mitigate further damage to the property and, by extension, the terrace as a whole. In the meantime, I would like to express my thanks to Cllr Hopkins and Mr Blackburne-Maze for taking the time, on a rainy afternoon, to listen to the residents and to take their concerns seriously.

Parish Councillor/RFO Resignation

On Sunday, 8 April 2018, I received the following message from Cllr Sidgwick:

Dear Becky

It has been my privilege to represent Bow Brickhill for the past 8 years and especially to maintain the villages accounts in a healthy and ordered fashion. However, I think it is time now that I stepped down and made way for someone else to take over this dual role.

I would like to do this in a way that will cause everyone the least amount of disruption and I will, of course, complete the processes for the internal and external audits of the accounts for the year. Please advise how and when you would like this handover to take place.

Kind regards

Ann

I would like to thank Ann for her years of exemplary service to the village, as a Parish Councillor, former Chair and Responsible Finance Officer, and wish her well: she will be a hard act to follow.

It is now necessary for us to invite applications from qualifying residents to fill the vacancy and join the Parish Council.

GDPR

Becca and I are to attend a one day course on GDPR, run by BALC, in Aylesbury on Wednesday 11 April 2018. We will report back on this, briefly, at the May parish Council meeting.

Becca has really thrown herself into ensuring BBPC is GDPR compliant and I would guess we are better prepared than many other Parish Councils to adhere to the new legislation when it is introduced in May 2018.

I'm sure you will join me in congratulating our Parish Clerk on her exceptional diligence in this area.

Speed Sign – Woburn Sands Road/Parkway



As you may have noticed, the new Speed Sign is now up and running at the junction of Woburn Sands Road and Parkway. On Saturday 7 April 2018, a small group of us attended what we expected to be a training session with Morelock for the operation of the new speed control sign. As it turned out, no training was necessary beyond that for linking the sign to an app (Android only), downloading data and charging/charging the battery. Because of a lack of Broadband at the Pavilion, it took far longer to download and set up the control app than was anticipated so, by the time the necessary download was complete, a number of attendees had left the session due to other commitments. Once the sign was set up, the Morelock representative, her partner, Becca, my husband Tony and I, took it up to its approved location and put the sign up, trimming back the background foliage (with the relevant permission) in the process. It was very satisfying to see the instant effect the sign had on slowing down traffic approaching the village from Woburn Sands. Long may its effect continue!

Rebecca O'Rourke
10 April 2018