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WELCOME TO THE FAIRFIELDS FORUM

Welcome to the first edition of the Fairfields Forum – a newsletter from Fairfields Parish Council to let you know what has been happening, what is planned and how you can get involved. The Parish Council was officially set up in May 2019 – with a number of residents meeting regularly prior to this to get things set up.

What is a Parish Council? Parish Councils are the first tier of local government and are statutory bodies. They work towards improving community well-being and providing better services. Their activities fall into three main categories: representing the local community; delivering services to meet local needs; striving to improve quality of life and community well-being.

Parish Councillors are residents of Fairfields and are unpaid. The roles of the Parish Council are:

- Represent the interests of Fairfields community.
- Improve the quality of life of the local people and the local environment.
- Influence other decision makers.
- Deliver services to meet local needs.
- Works with other groups in the community to develop the community and provide better services to residents.

In this first issue we would like to introduce you to your Councillors, give you an update on the first phase of allotments, the planned community building, neighbourhood watch and give you some useful contacts that will help you in your home.

What has been achieved so far:

- Fairfields litter picks – kits are available for use.
- Dog waste bins installed.
- Winter gritting of main roads.
- Social evenings at Shoulder of Mutton.
- Development of allotments with MKC.
- Setting up of Neighbourhood Watch scheme.
- Planning and designing community building.
- Providing play days through Milton Keynes Play Association.
- Provide funding to help with Fireworks night.
- Engage with Management Company to understand reasons for charges and attempt to mitigate and reduce charges for residents.

If you would like to get involved and help shape the future of Fairfields, please get in touch with our clerk to discuss the opportunities that exist. If you have any questions, please feel free to email and we will do our best to help.

Simon Webb

Chairman
Fairfields Parish Council

FAIRFIELDS RESIDENTS SURVEY

Your voice to shape the community...

We started the 2nd Fairfields resident's survey at the end of October 2019, which ran through to the end of December. To coincide with the survey, the Parish Council distributed leaflets across Fairfields to make everyone aware of the Parish Council website, and advertised across social media. We had nearly 100 responses to the survey which we hope will shape the way Fairfields develops as a community over the coming years. The responses show a great community spirit with people wanting to be involved in the Neighbourhood Watch, Community Litter Picks, and becoming involved with the Parish Council! We expect to run a similar survey later this year, and hope to have a significant increase in the number of responses.

It's clear through the survey that the lack of shops on Fairfields is a key concern. The shops are planned as part of the centre, however this will be built in the later phases of

Fairfields construction. As soon as we have details how many shops, which shops, and timescales we will certainly advise on the website.

Traffic speeding on the estate is of concern and we're working with TVP, Fairfields School and MKC to raise awareness and address the minority who seem to be irresponsibly driving on the estate.

More Community Events was a resounding theme in the survey – with people wanting to celebrate multiple seasonal and cultural events. We're all about community, and hopefully we can bring people together from different backgrounds and faiths to deliver on these results!

Full details of the residents survey are available on the website at:
www.fairfields-pc.org.uk/resident-survey-results

FAIRFIELDS COMMUNITY BUILDING

There were a number of questions around the uses for the community building on the Residents Survey. The desire to be involved in how the Community Building develops is something I'm particularly happy about, since I'm working with Milton Keynes Council on the planning and construction of the community building.

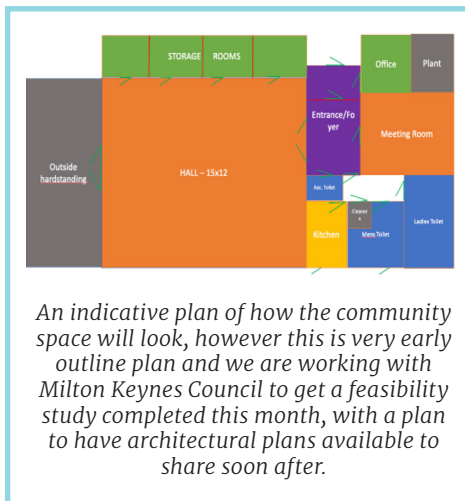
It's clear from the responses that a multi-use building is in order. The responses indicated range of uses from Yoga & Exercise classes, to Bingo, Clubs (Guides/Cubs/etc) and private hire. Baby/Mother & Toddler groups are also if interest.

As we finalise the plans for the community building we will ensure that it's accessible by all, and has a wide range of uses. The expectation is to have a number of storage areas for different community groups to use, as well as a kitchen and office space. There will be parking on-site and hopefully provision to use an outdoor space as well. The community building will be constructed on land to the south of Fairfields school, adjacent to the Plaza and the new football pitches.

Councillor Mark Ryan, Fairfields Parish



There are plans to have green space available for community use as well as significant indoor space for classes and clubs to use.

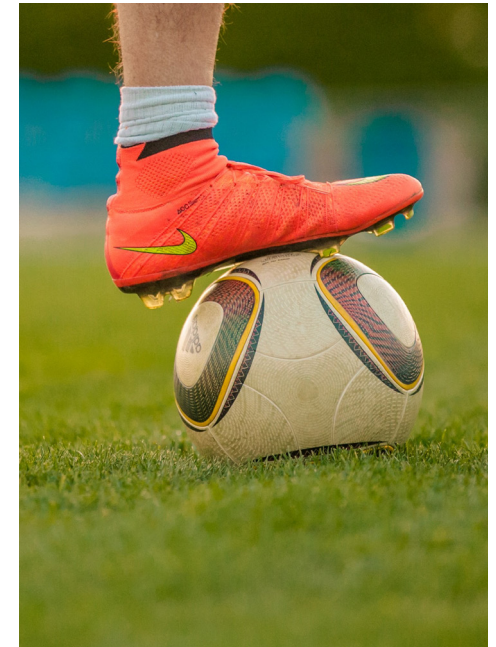


An indicative plan of how the community space will look, however this is very early outline plan and we are working with Milton Keynes Council to get a feasibility study completed this month, with a plan to have architectural plans available to share soon after.

PITCHES...

Footballers have something exciting to look forward to on Fairfields. To the left of the Primary School is the site of five football pitches including a full size artificial grass pitch and four grass pitches comprising one senior and three junior pitches.

Work on constructing the pitches is underway with the artificial pitch expected to be ready in Summer 2020 and a club house with changing facilities is also planned to be available later in the year. In addition to changing rooms the building will have a kitchen and social area. The grass pitches are scheduled for completion in 2021. Milton Keynes Council are currently tendering for a management company to run the whole site.



& PLAY AREAS



The play area situated at the junction of Cicero Crescent and Fabius Drive has now been formally passed into the ownership and management of The Parks Trust, and has the official title of 'All Hallows' and is termed a 'local play area'. A larger 'neighbourhood play area' on the North East corner of Fairfields is almost ready to hand over to Parks Trust, the developers are waiting for access to be completed (for safety reasons)

Councillor Robin Burn

SCHOOL UPDATE

The primary school extension is progressing well and it is anticipated that the build will be completed by the end of August, ready for the opening of the new secondary school this coming September.

Fairfields Road Safety.

Fairfields Primary School and the Parish are working in partnership with the Police and Milton Keynes Council to address traffic concerns around Fairfields School. Surveys have been sent out by Highways department and we await plans for the implementation of appropriate traffic calming measures.

Councillor Ian Hunt, Fairfields Parish



FAIRFIELDS GARDENS ALLOTMENTS

Fairfields Gardens is our first allotment site due to open in June 2020 and we are currently allocating allotments to interested residents of Fairfields. This is later than we anticipated as the ground condition needs stones and weed roots to be removed before it will be suitable for cultivation. Owning an allotment garden is so much more than growing food, an allotment can promote health and wellbeing for the whole family. Hours are spent outdoors with a purpose, children learn the value of food, and you share the fruits of your labour (literally) with family and friends. There are wonderful social aspects bringing a community together growing not just vegetables but friendships too.



In Fairfields Gardens we offer two sizes of gardens;

MEDIUM - £55/year
(approx. 125 sq. metres – the equivalent of 31 ping pong tables!)

SMALL - £40/year
(approx. 75 sq. metres – the equivalent of 19 ping pong tables!)

Each Tenancy requires a deposit of £50 which is refundable at the termination of Tenancy in guidance with the Rules and Regulations.

A second allotment site will be available in 2021. To register an interest and join the waiting list please visit:
fairfieldsgardens.co.uk/register-your-interest

Anna Lavelle, Fairfields Parish Councillor

MILTON KEYNES PLAY ASSOCIATION

Easter and Summer Playdates

Following the success of last year the Parish Council have again organised the provision of play sessions staffed and run by the Milton Keynes Play Association.

EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Thursday April 9th, 10.00am – 12.30pm
Friday April 17th, 10.00am – 12.30pm

These sessions will be held at Fairfields Primary school playing fields please note the first one is Thursday as the Friday is Good Friday.

SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Friday 24th July, 31st July, 7th August, 14th August, 21st August and 28th August from 10.00am – 12.30pm.

The summer sessions will be held on the grassed area beyond the play park at the corner of Fabius Drive and Cicero Crescent.

Did you know..? by Jenny Burn

The roads in Fairfields have a Roman theme? Emperor Vespasian, the 9th Roman emperor, ruled the Ancient Roman Empire from 69AD to 79AD. He was born into a relatively undistinguished equestrian family rising to prominence through his successful military career, commanding the 2nd Legion in the invasion of Britain in 43AD. He became Emperor late in life at the age of 60 and was the fourth Emperor to rule in the year of 69AD, known as the year of the four Emperors. He reformed Rome's financial systems and initiated ambitious construction projects including the world famous Colosseum in Rome. He was known as a fair Emperor, something Rome welcomed following the reigns of earlier rulers such as Caligula and Nero. He was succeeded as Emperor by his son Titus.