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# TOWN COUNCILLORS

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Callers are invited to visit the office at any time to meet and speak with a member of the staff. The office hours are Monday – Friday 10 am – 3 pm. If your query is specific, you are advised to make an appointment to ensure the appropriate staff member is available to deal with your enquiry.

There is a Councillor Surgery on the first Saturday of the month and the Ward Councillor Surgery on the second Saturday of the month.

All meetings are open to the public so please feel free to come along and see how your Town Council works. Agendas detailing the items to be discussed are displayed on our notice boards and website at least three days prior to the meeting. Every meeting includes time for the public to ask questions.



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For more information on Councillor contact details please call 01908 649 469

# FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Welcome to the summer edition of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council's newsletter. This issue includes the Council's annual report to the community about the work it completed in 2015/16. However the Council now has its eyes firmly on the future and the challenges ahead. In May this year seventeen councillors were elected to represent this community and in early June we co-opted an additional councillor for the Granby Ward, so we now have our full team of eighteen councillors, six of whom have not served on BFSTC before (see page 2). The councillors are busy having undertaken their induction activities and begun work on preparing their vision and strategy for the new four year term so that prudent financial planning and service reviews can also go ahead.

Our staff team is busy too. If you've been in to see us lately you may

notice that the Town Council offices have had a facelift. Our layout is more open because we want to welcome the public in to talk to us and we hope it will help us to work more effectively for the community. Our opening hours are now back to 10 am to 3 pm Monday to Friday and in September we hope to extend these further. Please pop in and see us if you have any issues you want to share with the Town Council.

I am new to Bletchley and Fenny Stratford but I've been learning quickly. Residents throughout the parish have been incredibly friendly and warm in welcoming me and helping me to understand what a diverse and interesting place this is. Love Bletchley Day also showed me just how many volunteer groups and organisations are active here and no doubt Fenny Poppers will be another successful celebration of local community spirit.

Please remember Bletchley and Fenny Stratford is your Town Council, if you don't like what we're doing (or if you do!) please tell us. If you have ideas for projects that could improve the area come and talk to us. Our councillors want to make our parish a better place to live and work and we can only achieve this by working together.

Delia Shephard  
Town Clerk



## WE LOVED BLETCHLEY,

### DID YOU?

Love Bletchley Day 2016 was a massive success and hundreds of residents came along to show their support for the community.

The high street was decorated with over 80 stalls including hot food, clothing, arts and craft and charity/ community pitches.



It was a wonderful day with plenty of music and sunshine. We would like to thank every single member

of the community who attended and made it a day to remember! Thanks also go to the stall holders who made it a perfect shopping opportunity for all as well as MKFM for advertising and keeping us all entertained.

With special thanks to staff and Councillors who organised and delivered the days activities.

Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Council



## Administrator/Allotments Officer

### JOB VACANCY

This is a permanent, part time post- 30hours per week and will be based in the Town Council Offices. SCP 15-19 pro-rata basis full time equivalent salary £16,772-£18,560 (FTE=37 hours per week). For more information about the Town Council please visit our website [www.bfstc.co.uk](http://www.bfstc.co.uk)

**CLOSING DATE: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016.**

Interviews will take place week commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August. Please return your application to the Town Council offices at the address below or contact us via email or phone for any further information.

Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council  
74/76 Queensway,  
Bletchley, MK2 2SA

Tel: 01908 649469 or email [receptionist@bfstc.co.uk](mailto:receptionist@bfstc.co.uk)

Many thanks for your interest in the post of Administrator /Allotments officer

**APPLICATION FORMS  
AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:  
[WWW.BFSTC.CO.UK](http://WWW.BFSTC.CO.UK)**



Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council are working together with Bikeability and Milton Keynes Council to promote safe cycling courses throughout the summer. There are a range of courses from Pre level 1 through to level 3.

Bikeability is today's cycle training for the 21st Century. It is based on the government approved National Standards for cycle training. It is about gaining practical cycle skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads giving young people the skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling.

Bikeability is much more than a cycle training programme. It delivers wide-ranging and long-lasting benefits to young people, families and communities

**Level 1** teaches trainees how to control and master a bike; training takes place in a traffic free environment.

**Level 2** is delivered on quiet local roads and Redways and equips trainees with the knowledge and skills to deal with traffic on short journeys.

Courses are run with a ratio of 1 instructor to 6 trainees.

### Course Requirements

MUST be able to ride a bike competently  
Arrive with suitable clothing for the weather

Check your bike is of roadworthy condition, all bikes will be checked by the instructor prior to starting the course.

All trainees should wear a helmet. Parental permission must be obtained if you wish your child to participate without a helmet



Further details can be obtained by visiting our website [www.bfstc.co.uk](http://www.bfstc.co.uk) or hard copies are available at the Town Council offices in Queensway, Bletchley. There are limited spaces, each course will cost **£5 per child**, this course will consist of 3 half days and all will receive a certificate on completion of the sessions. Spaces are limited so it will be on a first come basis.



# ANNUAL REPORT

Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council's Annual Report  
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I am delighted to introduce our 2016 annual report which summarises Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Council's main activities and achievements over the past 12 months. It also includes details of the Council's financial position at the close of the council year 2015/16.

This year has been one of change and transition both for the community and for the council. We have continued to review our functions and services and looked at our internal organisation to help us make more effective use of our resources. Our aim is to extend our activities and reach growing numbers of local residents.

With this in mind the council has been keen to take on further responsibilities where appropriate and during 2015-16 George Street Community Centre and Fenny Chapel were transferred from Milton Keynes Council under the Community Asset provisions introduced by the Localism Act 2012. We have continued to provide direct services to the area for example allotments, youth and play schemes, free swimming scheme, market etc. We have also

*“ Our aim is to extend our activities and reach growing numbers of local residents ”*



awarded community grants and directly and indirectly supported local organisations to deliver their programmes as well as continuing to provide our own community events.

The council is committed to representing your views and addressing local issues on your behalf. We know that our area is facing many challenges as significant new developments are already under way or are being planned. We all want improved services and the infrastructure to meet these challenges and alongside this there is very strong local desire to preserve the heritage

and character of our parish. During the past year your council has represented community views on these and many other matters. We have been reviewing the ways in which we engage with the local people and groups as well as developing our use of social media and public consultation, work which we intend to continue in 2016/17. The council is not complacent and is committed to improving communications to ensure that we continue to understand and address the issues that you consider to be the most important priorities in the future.

**Chair Councillor Angela Kennedy**

## REGENERATION

Regeneration of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford is a priority for the Town Council and we have worked to develop a close bond with Milton Keynes Council. Our partnership work with the unitary authority has the aim of implementing physical and community regeneration projects including residential outreach, repairing of street lighting, street cleaning and highway repairs.

During 2015/16 the “Fixing the Links” project began which followed many consultations between local stakeholders

including the Town Council and MK Council Officers. It is hoped the resultant works will give better access to those walking, cycling and crossing Buckingham Road/Queensway and improved access to the Town Centre.

A Section 215 order imposed on the former Co-Op building during 2015 has seen it painted and new windows installed. The Town Council has continued to work closely with the agents to find suitable tenants to take some of the large space inside.

The Town Council lobbied Milton Keynes Council for change to Aylesbury Street and these works are now well under way and its plan to increase the parking will see a beneficial change in the Fenny Stratford High Street.

The Town Council's campaign to have the road through Elizabeth Square re-opened was successful and this work is due to be undertaken during 2016/17.

We have continued to provide public conveniences at Albert Street (with some financial support from West Bletchley Council) as we believe these to be an important facility for the town centre.

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## PLANNING

In addition to regeneration of dated infrastructure continued new development in less established communities such as Newton Leys has also been a focus of the Town Council's attention. The town council has contributed its views about the content of several Section 106 contribution agreements negotiated between MK Council and local developers. Our planning committee reviews planning applications submitted to Milton Keynes Council which relate to land or property situated in the parish. In making comments the committee takes account of the

Town Council's resolved position on planning policy, the Lakes Estate Neighbourhood Plan (if relevant) and the views expressed by local residents. This year the committee reviewed over 150 applications.

Members and officers of the Town Council have attended consultations with Milton Keynes Council and the Town Council has commented on development of the Local Plan eg most recently on Plan:MK. Members and officers have also met with several owners/developers in order to learn more about proposed

planning applications eg Albert Street sites in Bletchley town centre. 2015 saw the referendum on the Lakes Neighbourhood Plan which was finally "made" by Milton Keynes council in October 2015 and now carries statutory weight since it must be taken into account when MK Council makes planning decisions which affect the Lakes.

Did you know you can comment, object or support planning applications from the comfort of your own home?

Visit: [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk)

## IN THE COMMUNITY



The council has continued its programme of community engagement and partnership working with a range of projects and events ranging from small scale litter picks to whole community events. Some of these are highlighted below:

### SEEDING PROJECT

The year began with our annual seeding project at Leon Recreation Ground delivered by Town Council staff in conjunction with local schools. This year we were able to accommodate over 130 school children from Drayton Park, Knowles Primary and The Premier Academy.

**ST. FRIDESWIDE'S CHURCH**  
**WATER EATON CHURCH**  
**CENTRE**  
**DRAYTON ROAD**  
**BLETCHLEY**  
**MK2 3RR**

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 9:30am – A service for Harvest Festival. All welcome.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 10am to 12 noon – Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 4pm – An Autumn Concert with Community Voices. Tickets £5 (including refreshments).

Find out more at:

<http://www.st-frideswides.co.uk/>



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## LOVE BLETCHLEY DAY – MAY 2015

Love Bletchley days began in May 2012 to coincide with national "Love your Market" week and have since become an annual event. The original goal of these events was to encourage footfall into the town centre on these days and promote our market-traders and high street shops. However the event has evolved into a celebration of our diverse community with many local charities and community groups attending the family friendly event to showcase their activities. Over 90 stallholders were present in 2015 and despite a heavy downpour footfall was increased. The council also celebrated with the official opening of the bandstand in its new location in Stanier Square.

## MIDSUMMER MADNESS - JUNE 2015

Our Midsummer Madness community event was also repeated in June 2015 attracting between 3,000 to 5,000 attendees over a four hour period. This community fun day involved 35 stalls and a wide range of performances and activities from dog shows to rugby demonstrations to ferret racing. It was based on a traditional theme with children's fairground rides, sand pit and many local community

groups and singers demonstrated their talents

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – DECEMBER 2015

The Town Council provided Christmas illuminations for the centre of Bletchley during the festive season and a Christmas Lights switch on event took place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December. This event included a lantern procession and a full programme of events with performances and entertainment culminating in a community sing along with local school and church choirs.

## BLETCHLEY NEEDS YOU

The Leon Residents Association is striving to improve Bletchley. Some will notice the improvement outside what was the Bletchley Arms and more improvements are in the pipeline.

As a residents association we listen to residence and act promptly with issues raised

We meet every last Tuesday of the month 6.15 for about an hour at Duncombe Street Community House  
For more information please contact Ron (chairman) on 07806436985

## GOOD NEWS

for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Allotment Plot Holders  
**No fee increase for 2016/2017**



If you are interested in having an allotment plot or would like some more information call into our office on Queensway or email [info@bfstc.co.uk](mailto:info@bfstc.co.uk) alternatively you can visit our website at [www.bfstc.co.uk](http://www.bfstc.co.uk)

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## NEWTON LEYS AND GEORGE STREET COMMUNITY CENTRES

Newton Leys Community Centre (which is managed by the Town Council) was the venue for many of the community activities which continued to be developed by the community of Newton Leys. It also provided an office base for the Newton Leys Community Engagement Co-ordinator who has worked with Taylor Wimpey, the Newton Leys Residents Association and the wider community to facilitate further development in Newton Leys. We have continued to liaise with the relevant organisations about development of the planned permanent community centre for Newton Leys the drafted trigger for which is occupation of 1000 dwellings across Newton Leys or 1 December 2017 whichever is sooner.



If you would like to hire the  
**NEWTON LEYS COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
please email [info@bfstc.co.uk](mailto:info@bfstc.co.uk)

**GEORGE STREET** Community Centre was acquired by the Town Council in July 2015 and its day to day management has remained with local loyal volunteers and the trustees of the charity which has run it for many years. The Town Council has now begun work to sustain and promote this valuable community resource.

If you would like to hire the  
**GEORGE STREET COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
Please call Sue Childs on 07800588350



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## SPOTLIGHT

The Spotlight Office remained a key hub for the Lakes Estate and surrounding area during 2015/16. It has continued to provide support and services to help the local residents with anything from crafting, sexual health to job searching and Citizens Advice. The facilities offered are all free to the users. During 2015/16 97 people registered with the Spotlight Job Club and 52 of these were referred to training whilst 39 were able to secure paid employment. All the Spotlight Support Workers and their Manager have worked hard to foster community resilience on the Lakes Estate. Following changes to local government services the Town Council took the lead role in a community partnership which had secured funding from Sport England in order to promote active leisure and healthy lifestyles in the Lakes Estate and Newton Leys. A variety

of different activities has been delivered using this funding stream.

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

The council has awarded grants to a range of community projects which contribute to the well-being of the community and the environment of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford. These included:

Want to apply for a  
**COMMUNITY GRANT?**  
Call BFSTC now on 01908 649469

RECIPIENT	PURPOSE OF GRANT	AMOUNT AWARDED
SWAN CREDIT UNION	Training and advertising in B&FS	£360.00
LIVING ARCHIVE	To support Bletchley Community Heritage Officer	£5000.00
MK COUNCIL	To support youth work in B&FS	£10125.75
LAKES SUMMER GROUP	Group trip - coach hire	£1500.00
PENN ROAD	Towards community street party	£500.00
CROSSLINKS	Firework display	£2500.00
FENNY FESTIVAL	Festival	£3250.00
MK COMMUNITY MEDIATION	Support costs	£1281.53
MK COUNCIL	Towards Gorman Street Play Area Improvements	£10000.00
MK CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU	To fund a CAB service at Spotlight one day per week	£7500.00

The gardens at  
**WATER EATON CHURCH CENTRE**  
will be  
open between 1.30 and 4pm  
on the Wednesday and  
Friday afternoons in August.  
Free activities will be  
provided for children who  
must be accompanied by an  
adult  
with refreshments available  
for all.



**Bletchley Rest Centre**  
Next to the library  
Westfield, MK2 2RA | 01908 375795  
Come along for some  
Fantastic company  
For a timetable  
please visit:

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## THE ENVIRONMENT

The physical environment of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford is very important to many residents. During 2016/17 we have made regular representations to Milton Keynes Council about the standard of roads and pavements. Our Parish Rangers (who patrol all parts of the parish at least once per week) have reported on fly-tipping and refuse problems, maintenance of green space and public open spaces including the town centre to ensure that graffiti is tackled promptly and maintenance issues are addressed. The Rangers also maintained our three allotment sites and community orchard. Allotment charges were restructured during 2015/16 and are now levied on the basis of square metres; a long term programme of allotment price increases was also approved. However the council believes our allotment tenancies still represent good value as we continue to subsidise the allotment rents.

Disappointingly there have been significant delays in the development of the planned allotments at Newton Leys. Aylesbury Vale District Council has advised that this is partly a consequence of unforeseen staff absence and increased workloads in their planning department. We continue to lobby for this facility to be delivered as soon as possible as the waiting list is considerable.

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The council has been responsible for prudent use of the precept funds levied during 2015/16. It has also managed extensive third party funding on behalf of the community. The following statement has been extracted from the Council's annual return for the year ended 31 March 2016 and is still subject to external audit.

BLETCHLEY AND FENNY STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL  
**DRAFT SUBJECT TO AUDIT**

### ACCOUNTING

Full details of all the council's financial transactions, budgets, audit reports and accounts are available on our website at [www.bfstc.co.uk](http://www.bfstc.co.uk) or on request from the Town Clerk.

	31 March 2015 £	31 March 2016 £
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	711,798	784,580
(+) Annual Precept	456,175	502,105
(+) Total other receipts	246,445	186,010
(-) Staff costs	306,741	291,222
(-) Loan interest/ capital repayments	0	0
(-) All other payments	323,097	388,652
(=) Balances carried forward	784,580	792,921
Total cash & investments	777,073	799,081
Total fixed assets and long term assets	277,943	288,510
Total borrowings	0	0

## CHIROPODY CLINIC

**Julia Reading, BSc(Hons)**

**Andrew Baxter, BSc(Hons)**

17 years experience

\*Corns \*Hard skin \*Verrucae

\*Thickened /Ingrowing nails

\*Nail cutting \*Diabetic feet

Evening / Saturday appointments

Home Visits, Free Parking

15 Windsor Street, Bletchley

MK2 2LN

**01908 372265**

**0774 647 2781**

[www.mkfootclinic.co.uk](http://www.mkfootclinic.co.uk)

**hcpc**  
registered

[www.hcpc-uk.org](http://www.hcpc-uk.org)



The COLLEGE  
of PODIATRY

**FENNY POPPERS FESTIVAL**  
AYLESBURY STREET, FENNY STRATFORD, MK2  
**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2016**  
11am to 6pm  
LIVE FESTIVAL MUSIC & STREET ENTERTAINMENT  
**MAD MODS & ENGLISHMEN**  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ★ PICNIC LAWN ★ FAIRGROUND  
STALLS ★ 2 MUSIC STAGES ★ FENNY POPPER ★ FREE ENTRY



Bletchley Turf



# FIXING THE LINKS

## PROJECT UPDATE

**DON'T FORGET:** YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ON TOWN COUNCIL REGENERATION PROJECTS AT [WWW.BFSTC.CO.UK](http://WWW.BFSTC.CO.UK)

### FIXING THE LINKS

The Fixing the Links project is now closer to completion.

Milton Keynes Council continue to work with Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council.

Landscaping plans are being reviewed and BFSTC are currently consulting with MKC to ensure that the landscaping programme is viable both now and in the future.

### WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

Dates inclusive of 2nd July to 15th July

- Tree works to Chandos Place.
- Kerbing to Buckingham Rd with westbound lane restrictions on-going.
- Paving to Buckingham Rd westbound (footpath closed from Water Eaton Rd to Chandos Place) on-going.

- Guttering to Bridges.
- Bridge inspections by Network Rail
- New lighting to the underside of the Bridges.
  - Dates inclusive of 02nd July to 15th July
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- Guttering to Bridges.
- Bridge inspections by Network Rail
- New lighting to the underside of the Bridges.

### WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW?

Network Rail need to undertake an examination of the flyover on Buckingham Road which serves the east and west railway. Milton Keynes Council Highways have co-ordinated the milling of the carriageway, replacement of the guttering and the installation of the new LED lighting under the bridge at the same time.

The co-ordination of all of these activities at once means that we will only need to close down Buckingham Road for 2 nights in the future, to lay the final surface instead of 6 nights.



WELCOME THE MAYOR & MAYORESS  
OF MILTON KEYNES @ 11:30AM

# CHARITY FAMILY FUN DAY

FUNDRAISING FOR EPILEPSY ACTION AND CROHN'S DISEASE

**SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST 2016**  
**MANORFIELDS RUGBY CLUB, BLETCHLEY**

10AM - 5PM



**Inflatables for Adults & Children**

**BBQ** **BUBBLE FOOTBALL**  
**REPTILES** **FACE PAINTING**  
BLETCHLEY LEISURE CENTRE EVENTS  
**MUSIC BOX ORGANS** **TAROT CARD READER**  
**RAFFLES** **STALLS**  
**CATERING VANS** **AUCTION OF PROMISES**  
**TOMBOLA** **HEAD, NECK & FACE MASSAGE** **SPORTS DAY**  
**REFLEX OLOGIST**

**EVENING ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CLUB HOUSE - TICKET EVENT ONLY**  
**£15.00 PER PERSON OVER THE AGE OF 16 - INCLUSIVE OF A BUFFET**  
**TICKET BOUGHT IN ADVANCE**  
**CONTACT SHARON - 07756 467326 T RESERVE YOURS**  
**OH WHAT A NIGHT DISCO - RESIDENT RUGBY CLUB HOUSE DJ**

# Thank you Beth

BFSTC regrets to announce that Bethan Benton who has been our Community Centre and Engagement Co-ordinator at Newton Leys will be leaving the Council and this role at the end of July. Beth has done valuable work with many local organisations in the past couple of

years and she is a popular and creative colleague.



Most importantly she has been a tireless and enthusiastic champion of Newton Leys and we are very sorry to be losing her. We

won't be losing touch altogether as Beth continues to live in NL and she will still be volunteering in the community as she has done for many years.

Thank you Beth and good luck with whatever challenge you take on next!

# St Martin's Church

Aylesbury Street, Fenny Stratford



## Sunday Services

8:00am: Said Mass  
10:00am: Parish Mass (Followed by tea and coffee in the vestry)  
6:00pm: Evensong and Benediction (First Sunday of the month)

## Weekday Services

Mass is celebrated every day (except Monday) at the following times:

**Tuesday:** 7:00pm  
**Wednesday:** 12:15pm  
**Thursday:** 10:00am (Healing Mass with laying-on of hands and anointing, followed by coffee morning in the vestry)  
**Friday:** 10:00am  
**Saturday:** 11:30am

A priest is on duty between 10:30 & 11:30am every Saturday to arrange baptisms, weddings, etc. Alternatively, phone the parish office on the number below.

: 01908 372825  
: <http://saintmartinchurch.com>



St Martin's Parish Church,  
Fenny Stratford

## Fenny Poppers Festival



**SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**  
**11:00am - 6:00pm**

This year we are celebrating 10 years of the Fenny Poppers Festival. St Martin's Church will be open, refreshments served and stalls. Come and join in the fun!

Saint Martin's is the parish church of Central Bletchley and Fenny Stratford. We are a welcoming community in the Anglo-Catholic tradition of the Church of England.

# SEEDING SPECTACULAR

The Leon Recreation Ground seeding project is an annual activity that is organised and delivered by staff at Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council. The beds are prepared in advance for us by the landscaping department at Milton Keynes Council.

The ethos of the project is to get as many schools involved in seeding the beds for the benefit of all local residents and the wider community that visit the area. It also enables Milton Keynes Council to apply for the Britain Bloom as we fulfil the criteria required. This year only Knowles Primary School was able to attend but we did have 90 children from the school with 45 participating in each session, the remaining beds still required seeding and this was completed by the Town Council Rangers.

This is just one of the activities and projects delivered by the Town Council. Serving the community with schemes like these enables the town council to help inform and educate our younger generation.

The children were separated into 2 groups each led by a member of BFSTC staff, school teachers and volunteers. After a question and answer session we began the practical aspects of the activity. Each group scooped their own sand and seeds into their pots. They were then shown how to seed and rake, taking it in turns under instruction.

The sessions involved:

- Talking about the recreation ground and why we do the project
- What flowers will grow
- Sowing the seeds and raking
- Bark Rubbing and discussing varieties of trees

To complete the project Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council is exploring the purchase of information boards for the beds. These would contain pictures and facts about the flowers and the wildlife that they attract.

These sessions help to enhance the local area in beauty and produce a wonderful wildlife corridor for people to visit and appreciate. Many of the children and local residents use the facilities of Leon Rec and enjoy the wonderful multi-coloured wild flower display especially during the summer months when the play scheme is running.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER





# BFS TC TOWN TALK

Recently the  
Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town  
Council members  
have been discussing the following

- Allotments rents
- Junior and Senior Youth Clubs
- Elizabeth Square
- Planning applications

- Grant applications
- The High Street
- Bletchley Market
- Parking in Aylesbury Street
- Traffic in Westfield Road
- Community engagement
- Our internal committee structure - see overleaf



**PARISH COUNCIL  
WARDS**



Granby Ward



Queensway & Denbigh West Ward



Fenny Stratford Ward



Manor North Ward



Manor South Ward



NO IMAGE  
AVAILABLE

Newton Leys Ward



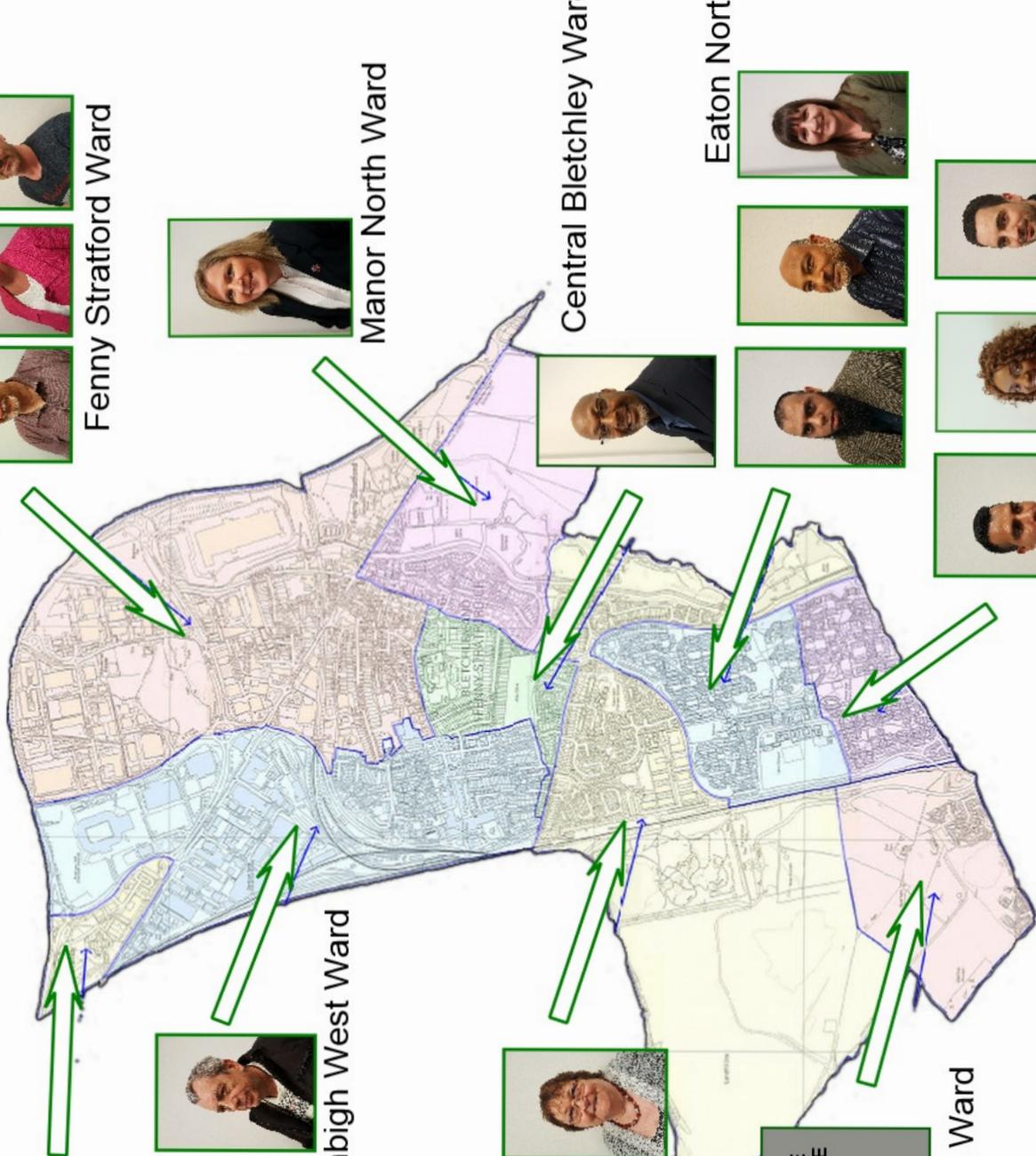
Central Bletchley Ward



Eaton North Ward



Eaton South Ward



# COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

## Full Council Functions

- i Setting the Precept
- ii Borrowing money
- iii Authorising any expenditure over £20,000
- iv Making, amending or revoking Standing Orders, Financial Regulations or this Scheme of Delegation
- v Making, amending or revoking by-laws
- vi Making of orders under any statutory powers
- vii Matters of principle or policy
- viii Responses to planning applications in respect of major developments (5 dwellings or larger)
- ix Responses to planning policy consultations (major)
- x Nomination and appointment of representatives of the Council to any other authority, organisation or body (excepting approved conferences or meetings);
- xi Any proposed new undertakings
- xii Prosecution or defence in a court of law

## HR Sub-committee

- i Performance management of the Town Clerk
- ii Such HR matters including hearings for grievance, disciplinary and capability matters, reviews of salaries and conditions of service, staffing levels etc as may be specifically delegated to the sub-committee by the Finance and General Purposes Committee from time to time

## Finance and General Purposes Committee

- i Consideration and preparation of the Council's annual budget
- ii Financial controls and budget monitoring
- iii Financial planning
- iv Arrangements for the internal audit of the council and preparation of the annual financial risk assessment and determining responses to the internal audit reports
- v Banking arrangements
- vi VAT
- vii Human Resources including staff establishment, employment of staff and management of the salaries budget, health and safety at work
- viii Office premises, IT, administration and council vehicles and equipment
- ix Management of all council owned premises, property and physical resources including management of the repairs and renewals budget
- x Management of earmarked reserves and third party funding
- xi Allocation and management of all community grants
- xii Financial management of the following existing services Allotments, Market, Christmas Lights, Albert Street Toilets, Swimming scheme, Fenny Chapel, Manor Road Pump House, Bletchley Bandstand, Planters, Dog Bins and other street furniture
- xiii New service and asset transfers from Milton Keynes Council

## Regeneration, Environment and Planning Committee

- i Responses to planning policy consultations (minor)
- ii Responses to planning applications (5 dwellings or smaller)
- iii Responses to transport and parking policy consultations (minor)
- iv Responses to licensing matters
- v S106/CIL matters
- vi Public consultations and public meetings
- vii Development of new projects and regeneration initiatives
- viii Highways Matters
- ix Neighbourhood Plan(s)
- x Community Led Plan(s)
- xi Newton Leys Community Centre and development including Newton Leys Allotments
- xii Civic planting and environmental projects
- xiii Spotlight
- xiv Community Engagement including the Neighbour/Digital community engagement
- xv Youth and Play Projects
- xvi Community Orchard and any other Tree works
- xvii Community Events including Love Bletchley Day, Christmas Lights Event, etc



## BFSTC Agreed Calendar of Meetings May 2016 – April 2017

Unless otherwise detailed all meetings will begin promptly at 7.30pm

	Regeneration and Environment and Planning Meeting Monthly	Finance Meeting monthly	Full Council Meeting every two months	Human Resources Sub Committee Meeting Meeting on an ad-hoc basis
<b>Clerked by:</b>	Alison Kennedy (Regeneration Officer)	Delia Shephard (Town Clerk)	Delia Shephard (Town Clerk)	Delia Shephard (Town Clerk)
<b>May 2016</b>		Cancelled due to elections	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May Annual Parish Meeting 6.30 pm <i>Methodist Hall,</i> Annual Meeting of Town Council 7.30 pm	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>
<b>June</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>  <b>Full Council Extra- Ordinary start 7pm</b>	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>Methodist Church Hall</i>	
<b>July</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>		
<b>August</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Methodist Church Hall</i>	
<b>September</b>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>		Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>
<b>October</b>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>Methodist Church Hall</i>	
<b>November</b>	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>		
<b>December</b>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>Methodist Church Hall</i>	
<b>January 2017</b>	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>Methodist Church Hall</i>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>
<b>February</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>		
<b>March</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>		Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>Methodist Church Hall</i>	
<b>April</b>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>		Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>
<b>May</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>BFSTC Office</i>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Council 7.30pm Methodist Church Hall	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting 7pm Methodist Church Hall

# Summer Holiday Play Scheme 2016

## Bletchley and Fenny Stratford

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

For children and young people



WEEK 1	DATE	LEON REC	WARREN PLAY PARK	NEWTON LEYS
FRIDAY	22 <sup>nd</sup> JULY	2 until 4.30		
<b>WEEK 2</b>				
MONDAY	25 <sup>th</sup> JULY			10 until 12.30
WEDNESDAY	27 <sup>th</sup> JULY	10 until 12.30	2 until 4.30	
FRIDAY	29 <sup>th</sup> JULY	2 until 4.30		
<b>WEEK 3</b>				
MONDAY	1 <sup>st</sup> AUGUST			10 until 12.30
WEDNESDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup> AUGUST	10 until 12.30	2 until 4.30	
FRIDAY	5 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	2 until 4.30		
<b>WEEK 4</b>				
MONDAY	8 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST			10 until 12.30
WEDNESDAY	10 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	10 until 12.30	2 until 4.30	
FRIDAY	12 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	2 until 4.30		
<b>WEEK 5</b>				
MONDAY	15 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST			10 until 12.30
WEDNESDAY	17 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	10 until 12.30	2 until 4.30	
FRIDAY	19 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	2 until 4.30		
<b>WEEK 6</b>				
MONDAY	22 <sup>nd</sup> AUGUST			10 until 12.30
WEDNESDAY	24 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	10 until 12.30	2 until 4.30	
FRIDAY	26 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	2 until 4.30		
<b>WEEK 7</b>				
MONDAY	29 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	NO SESSION	BANK HOLIDAY	BANK HOLIDAY
WEDNESDAY	31 <sup>st</sup> AUGUST	10 until 12.30	2 until 4.30	
FRIDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER	2 until 4.30		

**MKPA sessions are available at:**

**Leon Rec-** off Queensway, Bletchley  
(Behind Knowles School)

**The Warren Play Park-** Lakes Estate

**Willow Lake Area-** Newton Leys

For more information visit our website

[www.bfstc.co.uk](http://www.bfstc.co.uk) or contact the  
Community Engagement Officer  
Tel-01908 633785

Email-tracey.jenkins@bfstc.o.uk

## Have you ever thought of becoming a market trader?

Currently we have fruit & veg, flowers and plants, Italian deli, bakery, meat, bags, clothing, food and pet food if you think you have something different to offer why not contact the market officer for more information.



# Bletchley Market

Queensway, Bletchley

Every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

9am to 4:30pm



**FREE  
PARKING**  
for traders and  
the public

For more information or to book a stall contact Market Officer -Paul Raine

Tel: 07976 849069 or email [paul.raine@bfstc.co.uk](mailto:paul.raine@bfstc.co.uk)

Alternatively you can visit our website @[www.bfstc.co.uk](http://www.bfstc.co.uk)