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The Whitehouse Community Council

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News from your local Community Council

Message from the Chairman

Welcome to the second edition of our Community Council Newsletter for 2021! We aim to keep the Whitehouse Community up to date with the latest information impacting our community, and to update you with information from Milton Keynes Council, that are relevant to the Whitehouse community.

In this Newsletter issue we will focus on the following:

- News from the Watling Academy and their move into the secondary school
- Information regarding an exciting new Community Digital Art Project
- News from the Whitehouse Surgery
- Updates from your Community Council
- Second edition of the overview of the origins of the Whitehouse street names.



News from the Community Council

We are happy to share the following updates regarding your Community Council team:

- During the Annual Council Meeting held on the 4th May, we have elected Cllr Mynhardt Kitshoff to be the Council Chairman and Cllr Eileen Card to be the Vice-Chair for the civic year 2021 / 2022.
- We want to extend a HUGE thank you to Cllr Howard Turner, who was our previous Chair, for his leadership during the past two years—especially during the challenging COVID lockdown period!
- We would like to congratulate Cllr Mira Patel on the birth of her baby and wish her and her family all joy & success for the future!
- We would also like to thank Charlie Ritchie for his time and commitment as a Councillor and wish him well in his future endeavours.
- With Charlie Ritchie resigning as Councillor, we are now advertising for the vacant Councillor role and look forward to hearing from any interested applicants. (More information on the opposite page)

Council Meeting format moving forward

Please note that with the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, the government has ended the period where we could hold Council meetings virtually, i.e. through Zoom meetings. From our June meeting onwards, we will be back to face-to-face meetings, but still ensuring that we meet the COVID-19 restrictions that may be in place at the time of the meeting. We are also considering the impact on the Whitehouse Community with this change, as we may not be able to do any Facebook Live Streaming of our meetings - we do appreciate that this was an ideal way to get more of our community involved with our Council meeting. Further information regarding our future meeting format will be shared in the near future.

Community Digital Art Project

Milton Keynes Council, in collaboration with Fairfield's and Whitehouse's Community Councils, has commissioned a new website by a leading digital agency, Unit 1, which is due to launch in August 2021. Capturing the heritage of the local area, as well as community activities and information about local cultural organisations, the website will be a way to connect with the past, present and future of our area.

Some exciting public art projects will be happening over the next few years in Fairfield's and Whitehouse, and the new website will be the place to find out more about the artists involved, the projects being developed, activities, events and other ways for the community to get involved.

Further information to follow soon on the Community Council's website and Facebook page.



EXPLORE
Fairfield & Whitehouse

Councillor Vacancy

Advertisement for the vacant Councillor position

WHITEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Local Government Act 1972 (Section 87(2)) Local Elections (Parishes and Communities)
(England and Wales) Rules 2006

CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR FOR THE PARISH OF WHITEHOUSE (2021)



WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

A Parish Councillor vacancy has arisen and will be filled by co-option. If you are interested in serving your community, you must be able to attend evening meetings at least once a month, have a genuine desire to represent the views of your community through involvement in local decision-making.

For further information, please reach out to us at clerk@whitehouse-pc.org.uk

Eligibility:

18 years of age or over and be a British subject or citizen of the Republic of Ireland and either:

- be a local government elector of the parish; or
- have during the whole of the twelve months preceding the day on which he/she is nominated as a candidate occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish; or
- his/her principal or only place of work, in the twelve months preceding the day on which he/she is nominated as a candidate, is located in the parish; or
- has resided either in the parish or within 3 miles thereof during the whole of the 12 months preceding the day on which he is nominated as a candidate.

Candidates are encouraged to attend any of our Council meetings as observers to see what goes on and for a one-on-one chat about the role of a Councillor, feel free to contact our Chairman on 07716 575 779 or our Clerk on 07780 681 316.

Could I be a Community Councillor?

As a Councillor you will be a voice for our local community and help to improve Whitehouse for all the residents. No specific skills or experience is required, but it helps if you're a "people's person" who enjoys talking to other residents, but, more importantly, you need to have the concerns and best interests of the local community at heart. Councillors are community leaders and should represent the interests of the residents that they serve.

How much time does it take up & when?

On average, a few hours a week. Obviously there are some Councillors who spend more time than others, but in the main, Council meetings are held in the evenings – as are most meetings of the other groups which Councillors attend on the Council's behalf.

Talking and meeting with your fellow residents can be done at any time, but you must be able to spend a couple of hours once a month on a Thursday evening to attend the Council meeting.

We look forward to answering any other questions you may have about this vacant role.



Words from Mr Bacon (Head of School)

I have never been more proud of every single student at Watling Academy than I have this term. Their resilience throughout lockdown, their positive attitude towards their online learning and the way in which they have returned to Watling has demonstrated a level of maturity well beyond their years. Seeing students return with a smile, on the 8th March, filled me with pride and it has been great to see them catching up with their teachers and with their friends.

I would also like to thank all parents for your support with your son/daughter's learning at home. Not an easy task at times, I know from my own experiences with my daughters of similar ages. Thank you for the many emails we have received, both thanking us for our continued support, and in offering any supporting comments to help maintain the learning momentum at home. All thanks were shared with staff at Watling and your kind words were much appreciated.

The most exciting news I have to share is that we have now taken the keys for Watling Academy on Barrosa Way, Whitehouse. I hope the photos here provide a taste of what to expect. It really is a remarkable building! Whilst we are now busy going through the tasks that come with moving into a new build, my plan is to offer tours to all year 7 students and the parents of year 7 students as soon as we are able to do so. I will write to you and let you know exact dates and plans as soon as we have put these in place. My plan is for this to happen before we meet with our new cohort of Year 7 students and their parents as part of the 2021 transition programme.



PHOTOS FROM INSIDE THE BUILDING



WHERE DO THE WHITEHOUSE STREETS GET THEIR NAMES FROM? (Issue 2 of 4) (More street names will appear in the next two 2021 Newsletters)

Which street name is **not** in the grid below?

C	H	A	R	O	L	A	I	S	C	F
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A	E	G	O	T	L	A	N	D	E	N
N	F	A	C	Y	L	D	B	N	C	V
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N	R	E	R	Q	X	Y	Z	S	C	V
A	D	X	O	H	A	R	I	A	N	A
W	R	T	R	B	E	D	I	O	M	B
N	S	E	A	C	H	E	V	I	O	T
M	F	R	I	E	S	L	A	N	D	E
A	S	Y	E	S	N	R	E	U	G	O

Carora	Charolais	Cheviot	Chianina	Cotswold
Dalesbred	Dexter	Drysdale	Friesland	Galway
Gotland	Guernsey	Hariana	Hebridean	Hereford

CARORA

Origin: Venezuela

Used for: Milk

Characteristics: Black skin and a white or pale fawn-coloured coat. The short coat keeps the cattle cool in hot & humid conditions.



CHAROLAIS

Origin: France

Used for: Beef production

Characteristics: They are amongst the heaviest of cattle breeds (bulls weigh up to 1,650 kg). They are usually white or cream-coloured with pink noses.



CHEVIOT

Origin: United Kingdom

Used for: Meat production & wool

Characteristics: They are a breed of white-faced sheep and get their names from a range of hills in north Northumberland.



CHIANINA

Origin: Italy

Used for: Beef

Characteristics: They are one of the largest and oldest cattle breeds in the world.



COTSWOLD

Origin: England

Used for: Meat & wool

Characteristics: They are very calm and friendly with mostly white faces.



DALESBRED

Origin: England

Used for: Meat & wool

Characteristics: They have very distinctive horns with a white carpet-quality fleece.



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DEXTER

Origin: Ireland

Used for: Beef & milk

Characteristics: They are some of the smallest breeds of cattle and are usually very friendly.



DRYSDALE

Origin: New Zealand

Used for: Wool

Characteristics: They are horned sheep and the largest flock outside of New Zealand are based in Peterborough, UK.



FRIESLAND

Origin: Netherlands

Used for: Milk

Characteristics: They are the world's most well-known and highest production dairy animals.



GALWAY

Origin: Ireland

Used for: Meat

Characteristics: They are a large white-faced sheep with a bob of wool on the head and legs.



GOTLAND

Origin: Sweden

Used for: Wool & meat

Characteristics: They are of medium size with no wool on their heads or legs. Wool is usually grey or silver.



GUERNSEY

Origin: Guernsey Isles

Used for: Beef

Characteristics: They are fawn or red & white in colour and are hardy and docile.



HARIANA

Origin: India

Used for: Milk

Characteristics: Their horns are short and their faces are narrow and long. Usually either white or grey in colour.



HEBRIDEAN

Origin: Scotland

Used for: Wool

Characteristics: They are usually black with usually one, but often two or more, pairs of horns. They are smaller than other breeds.



HEREFORD

Origin: England

Used for: Beef

Characteristics: They are usually red and white in colour with white horns. You can find this breed in over fifty nations worldwide.



Our first Whitehouse Coffee Shop!



KukuCoffeeHouse

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We are opening VERY soon!

We will be opening our Kuku Coffee Shop within the Whitehouse Health Centre very soon and look forward to serving the Whitehouse Community. Please follow us via our Facebook page for more information regarding our launch date, opening hours and menus.

We have include some menus here to give you an indication of what we will be offering



Kuku Coffee Shop (sample menu)



BRUNCH

Big Breakfast £8.00

*2 gourmet sausages (beef/chicken),
2 turkey rashers, free-range egg (fried/scrambled),
baked beans, 2 hash browns, toast, tomato,
mushrooms, english breakfast tea*

Vegan Breakfast £9.50

*Scrambles tofu eggs, vegan sausages, roasted tomatoes,
seasoned mushrooms and beans*

Kids Breakfast £4.50

Mini version of Big Breakfast

Avocado & Roasted Tomatoes £6.00

Served on 2 fresh slices of bloomer

Paratha with Spicy Omelette £8.00

*Paratha is a crispy twist on traditional rooti,
made with pure butter, an absolute delight
with a spicy omelette*

Channa Chaat (v) £6.50

*A classic street food recipe, consisting of potatoes,
chick peas and red onion, topped with a trio of tangy sauces*

Samosas with Chutney £5.50

*Flaky pastry triangle filled with a choice of chicken,
minced lamb or spicy potatoes & peas*

French Toast £8.00

*Sweet brioche french toast drizzled with nutella
accompanied with either strawberries, blueberries,
raspberries or fresh cream*

Fresh Sandwiches, Toasties & Wraps from £3.50

*A selection of fillings, accompanied
with a house salad*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

When will there be shops available in Whitehouse?

L & Q (the main developers in Whitehouse) will hand over the plots of land to prospective retail developers by the end of Q1 next year (March 2022). The retail developers will then need between 9—12 months to build and equip their shops / stores, so our expectation is that shops should start opening around March / April 2023.

Where is the high street / where will the shops be located?

The “High Street” will lead off Barrosa Way (opposite the Whitehouse Primary School) and will pass in front of Whitehouse Surgery and connect through to Apollo Drive in Fairfields.

Will there be a Community Centre, where will it be located and what will the building be used for?

The Community Centre is currently going through final design stages with Milton Keynes Council and the building work will start later this year. It is expected that the new centre will be completed by April 2022, and will then be available for use for a variety of community activities. The Community Centre will be available for rent for Youth Activities, Sports & Leisure training activities, Parents & Children events, etc.

What do we do with waste / household rubbish that is not collected?

All household waste / rubbish, including clear bin bags, blag bags, blue bins (for glass) and green bins (for food & garden waste) have a fixed date for collection in Whitehouse. At this stage, the collections are scheduled for Friday mornings from 7:00 onwards. Should any of your waste not get collected on the Friday, then it usually will be collected on the Saturday. If any of your waste is still not collected by Saturday evening, then please contact Milton Keynes Council at 01908 252570 who will give you a reference number for your missed collection. This reference number, together with your street address, should then be emailed to clerk@whitehouse-pc.org.uk who will consolidate all missed collections and follow up with Milton Keynes Council to ensure this is addressed.

What is being done about rubbish scattered around Whitehouse?

The Community Council is in regular contact with L & Q and the other main developers to remind them that their contractors should remove all rubbish from their building sites. Other rubbish is collected through monthly litter pick activities that is supported by Whitehouse residents. Dates for upcoming litter picks will be advertised on the Community Council’s Facebook page, website, as well as community notice boards. The next litter picks will take place on 12 June and then 3 July. Further dates to follow.

What are the plans for Allotments in Whitehouse?

Thank you for the interest we have received regarding the Allotments in Whitehouse! We are currently awaiting final input from Milton Keynes Council regarding the timelines of when the Allotments will be made available, and aim to share the planning info with you in the very near future. For any Allotment enquiries, please check our website or send a mail to allotments@whitehouse-pc.org.uk

How can I stay updated with news and information regarding Whitehouse?

The Community Council regularly shares news and information on our Facebook Page, website, as well as Community Council Notice Boards. If you need to contact the Community Council or have specific questions for the Council, then please send an email to clerk@whitehouse-pc.org.uk



Neighbourhood Watch Update



Crime is changing, and the Police are constantly adapting to address crime, but the Police can't fight crime alone. They need the support of the public. If you have any information about a crime or criminals in our area, the Police want to know about it, for example drug activity, anti-social behaviour or any unusual behaviour. There are several ways of reporting:

-  Via the Thames Valley Police website (<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/>)
-  Phone 101
-  Call Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 or fill in the form on the website. (You will never have to give your name, your call cannot be traced or recorded, and you will not have to go to court.)
-  In an emergency, dial 999

As we are still in lockdown, just a couple of reminders:

- Don't tempt the "lockdown criminal".
- Arrange that parcels delivered to you are left out of view.
- If you see your neighbour has had a parcel delivered, please give them a knock. They may not know that the parcel is there, or if they are not in, please take it in for them so that it's in a safe place.
- At home, make sure no parcels are left in view from windows or doors and make sure the car and house keys are not in view - especially through the letter box!

Parking and Property Maintenance

A reminder to all residents and non-residents to park their vehicles responsibly. Inappropriate parking is still taking place on roads and grass verges across Whitehouse. Please could all residents be mindful of the impact of their parking, both from a safety, as well as visual impact perspective. We are lucky in Whitehouse that there are lots of spaces for us to park our vehicles safely, so there is no need to park on grass verges, over establishing shrubs and in bin collection points and pavements. Footways should not be obstructed as this causes problems for those with disabilities, small children, etc. Please be respectful of people living in our community.



(The above are "stock photos" and not taken in Whitehouse)

Royal Mail Post Box

We are expecting our first Royal Mail mailbox to be made available to Whitehouse in the very near future! The mailbox will be located on the corner of Randall Ave & Barrosa Way.

Further information will be shared via our Facebook page and website



Whitehouse Health Centre Update

IMPROVED ACCESS TO OUR SERVICES

Our services are open to all Milton Keynes residents wishing to register with an MK postcode. All normal GP services within Whitehouse Surgery have resumed and in addition to telephone consultations and face-to-face consultations, we are now delighted to offer a new service to Milton Keynes - access to an NHS GP outside of Surgery opening hours, working on behalf of Whitehouse Surgery patients.

This service, called LIVI, enables patients to book a video consultation with an NHS Doctor

- ◆ Up to 5 days in advance
- ◆ On the day (next available appointment)
- ◆ 7am - 10pm Monday to Friday
- ◆ 8am - 4pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank holidays
- ◆ Enabling access to a personalised service provided by NHS Doctors with access to your medical records and medication needs.

To take advantage of this service please download the LIVI app via your App store or Google play store.

We are delighted to offer a modern and refreshing approach to our patient's healthcare needs, and look forward to welcoming you to Whitehouse Surgery soon.

New registrations are being welcomed by calling in and collecting an information pack, calling us on 01908 872500, or by emailing your request to Whitehousesurgery.mk@nhs.net.

COVID VACCINATION UPDATE

Since Whitehouse Health Centre opened its doors as the local vaccination centre for our patients alongside Stony, Watling Vale and Hilltops Medical Centres we have collectively administered over 17,000 vaccinations to the local community.

This collective of surgeries, will not be vaccinating any patients under 50, if you currently fit into the Governments qualification criteria you can book your COVID-19 vaccination via the National Booking Service website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the COVID Vaccination, please, in the first instance, contact 119. Whitehouse Surgery is not kept informed of local vaccination availability and cannot assist with personal queries.

We have been assured that everyone will be called for their vaccination in accordance with the government guidelines and we thank you all for your understanding.



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