

MARSH GIBBON PARISH COUNCIL: BULLETIN (September 2020)

The Parish Council has continued to Zoom-meet and kept normal business under control - the Minutes are on our website: marshgibbon-pc@gov.uk.

One or two other items of village news may interest you:

The **Village Hall** Committee has two new officers: Chris Craighead is the new chairman and Kate Andrews the new secretary. The grateful thanks of the whole village go to June Smith for her long and sometimes stressful time in the chair, and to Carol Render for her long service as secretary. Without the public spirit of people like June and Carol, this would not be the village it is today. They are heroes too.

There are a number of small tasks that need to be done in the village to keep it looking good, but not enough to warrant the Council paying a contractor - such as minor maintenance on play equipment, seats and notice boards. If there is anyone with time on their hands and some ability at **DIY** who could spare a few hours, please contact Carole our Clerk and we will accept your offer with gratitude. Carole is on Clerk@MarshGibbon-PC.Gov.UK.

MGPC has long been in discussion with Bucks County, Transport for Bucks and now Buckinghamshire Council in an effort to keep **HGVs** out of the village. A recent report from TfB recommended the use of more signage to deter unauthorised vehicles, at a cost to Marsh of £2,500. The alternative is to pay £12,500 in an attempt to have them banned altogether, which we are advised would be unlikely to succeed anyway. The HGVs connected with HS2 and EWR are already routed away from Marsh - so if you see one going through, please let Carole know its registration number, the date, time and direction of travel.

The problem is that local firms are entitled to use the village roads in the course of their business, as are vehicles delivering in the village. And there is often no alternative route available. The police are also unlikely to support a ban as it would be unenforceable.

The Government has decided not to change the plans and require HS2 or EWR to make provision for a **station** at Calvert.

As the lockdown restrictions ease and some semblance of normality returns, it has been noticeable that the littering has restarted and dog fouling is a problem again. Please do what you can to help keep the **village clean**.

Walkers passing the Hall car park will have seen that the **ramp sessions** are attracting about 15 youngsters each time and there are now skateboards and scooters available for use.

Development of the three new housing sites has been delayed by the impact of Covid-19, but it is hoped that at least one will begin work in the spring.

The next MGPC meeting is on Tuesday October 13th, followed by a Finance Committee on Tuesday 20th - both at 8.00 pm.

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