

Planning

- Land & Partners have withdrawn application 17/01723/AOP for up to nine houses on 'Ewelme site D' – "land south of Little Marsh Road".
- Council had no objection to application 18/00865/APP for 'erection of one detached dwelling on land at **Townsend Lane**'.
- At its next meeting, Council will consider applications:
18/01362/APP for **20 Millfield Avenue** for a 'front and rear extension with pitched roof to replace existing flat roofs'; and
18/01136/APP for **Barnwell Farm, Station Road** for 'demolition of existing flexible use building and erection of replacement flexible use building'; and
18/01382/APP for **New House, Tompkins Lane** for 'part two-storey extension and first floor build over garage'.

New Post Office

The new post office at The Plough opened last Friday, 27th. For the first two weeks the hours will be Tuesday to Saturday from 12.00 until 17:30. The hours will then become the same as the pub itself – Tuesday to Sunday from 12.00 until 23.00. The Speaker, the Rt Hon John Bercow, MP for Buckingham, will perform an opening ceremony on Friday May 25th at 4.00 pm.

Annual Parish Meeting

The open meeting for all parishioners to attend and discuss any items of local interest or concern will be at the Village Hall on Tuesday May 22nd at 8.00 pm. There will be a report from the Parish Council on its activities in the past year.

Skateboarding

Skateboarding sessions at the Village Hall car park will continue on most Saturday mornings until the autumn, with some in the school holidays.

Council was awarded two grants from AVDC's New Homes Bonus scheme totalling £1,700 for equipment and the new storage box behind the Hall; the Hine Memorial Trust made a generous bequest of £500; and the Waddesdon Local Area Forum of Bucks County Council will meet the cost of 32 two-hour sessions. The project is entirely funded by grants, at no cost to the village.

Entrance to Village

The white 'gates' at the entrances to the village are due to be replaced by long-life plastic gates this week. Council has pressed BCC for about two years to fix them as part of their maintenance contract from when they were installed.

Thanks to the Cubs

In a litter pick the Cubs collected 8 bags of rubbish in the village - many plastic bottles – a great effort – and thanks to leaders Helen and Gerrard Barker.

Unitary Authority

At our next meeting Council will discuss whether we prefer the option of one unitary authority for Buckinghamshire (preferred by BCC) or two (preferred by the four district councils) - one for Aylesbury Vale and the other for the three southern districts. The closing date for consultation is May 25th; and views can be emailed to unitary@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk.

Expressway

Many residents will be aware of an impending decision from the Government on the preferred route of the new fast road link from Oxford to Milton Keynes as part of the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway, linking the M40 to the M1. One of three route options is alongside the East West Rail line, to the

north of Marsh Gibbon. Response to Highways England was required by April 12th from planning authorities - including Buckinghamshire County Council, Oxfordshire County Council, Cherwell and Aylesbury Vale District Councils. The National Infrastructure Commission has a plan for a million new homes in the Oxford-Cambridge Arc. When the preferred route is announced there will be a period of public consultation.

Speeding

We shall be resuming speeder-catching sessions with the Sentinel camera and volunteers as soon as Thames Water's works are completed.

GDPR

When the new General Data Protection Regulation comes into force on May 25th, organisations - including parish councils - will need to have permission to keep personal details in their records. The only details that Council has are of the next of kin of people buried in our Cemetery and of people who have reserved burial plots there. Those people will receive a letter from our Clerk asking them to confirm their agreement to their data being retained for future use. Recipients of this monthly email news bulletin requested to be on the list and so are not required to confirm their agreement again. However, anyone who wishes to be taken off the list can contact the Chairman or Clerk.

Next Meeting

Council will meet next at the Village Hall on Tuesday May 8th at 8.00 pm, which will be its Annual Meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

To comment, email Ian Metherell, MGPC chairman, at ipmetherell@btinternet.com; or call 01869 277620. Carole's email address is clerk@marshgibbon-pc.gov.uk. MGPC's website is at www.marshgibbon-pc.gov.uk.