

Planning

- At its recent meeting Council had no objection to application 19/04427/LBP for internal and external alterations to 5 Acland Terrace, OX27 0ES.
- AVDC has recently approved: 19/03906/APP to replace the stolen lead on St Mary's Church roof with steel; 19/03611/ACL for 49 Little Marsh Road; 19/01227/APP for Lanes End Barn; and 19/03522/APP for Charndon Grounds.
- AVDC refused application 19/03519/APP for an extension and garage at Stableyard Cottage, Blackthorn Road, OX27 0AG.
- Preliminary works appear to be underway at Ewelme Sites B and C.

Church Street Closure

Thames Water's contractors were due to begin work on Monday 3rd, resulting in the closure of Church Street for about 19 days.

Precept for 2020-21

Council has agreed to precept £25,000 to cover its outgoings next year; £500 more (1.9%) than the current year.

HGVs in the Village

For over a year Council has been seeking to obtain the data to enable a weight limit to be imposed on HGVs using the village as a route to other places – especially given the dangers of West Edge without a pavement. Two weeks ago, the County Council installed a traffic counter across the road in Church Street, to measure the number of HGVs passing over it. Thames Valley Police are also being consulted on the options and enforcement if a weight limit is imposed. A decision may be available this spring.

Skateboarding

The target to raise £5,309 by March 1st only needs another £137. This will pay for new equipment and a year's weekly ramp sessions for youngsters at the Hall on Sunday afternoons. Thanks to the generosity of residents and local businesses, with donations from AVDC, the Hine Trust and Parish Council, £5,172 has already been promised. If you could make a small donation to get the project over the line, simply go online to the Spacehive website (www.spacehive.com) and search for 'Keep Our Kids On Wheels In Marsh Gibbon' where you will be asked to 'Back this project'.

Cemetery Improvement

Work on relaying the internal paths has begun and should take about six weeks. During this period, the cemetery will only be open to the public from 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday, until dusk. It will also be open from 1:30 pm on Saturdays and all day on Sundays. Members of the public will be permitted to be in the cemetery during a burial. The Parish Council apologises for any inconvenience this might cause. The work is entirely funded by a grant from the AVDC New Homes Bonus scheme.

Parish Council Elections

Elections for the seven-person Council will be held on May 7th. Anyone interested in standing is welcome to discuss the role with a current councillor and to attend the February 11th and March 10th council meetings to find out what is involved. The closing date for nominations is April 8th.

Next Meeting (all open to the public to attend)

The next Council meeting is on Tuesday 11th February at 7.30 pm in the Hall.

MGPC's website is at www.marshgibbon-pc.gov.uk.

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