

Precept

Council agreed at its last meeting to set the parish precept for 2019-2020 at £24,500, an increase of £500 (2%) on the current year. The provisional expenditure budget for next year is just under £30,000. Income is also derived from the County Council devolved services grant and from Cemetery fees.

Planning

At its last meeting Council had no objection to the following applications:

- 18/03700/APP for 'conversion of existing garage and extension to form annexe' at *Part Masons Farm, Blackthorn Road*;
- 18/03775/ACL for a 'certificate of lawfulness for the existing paddock' at *Cromwell House, Church Street*;
- 18/03534/APP for a 'single storey timber building for use as a garden room' at *2 Ware Leys Close* (now approved by AVDC);
- 18/03909/APP for 'demolition of redundant stables and carport, alterations and extension to dwelling, including change of use of part of site from equestrian to residential' at *Lanes End Barn, Townsend Lane*; and
- 18/03984/APP for 'erection of a detached garage with home office in roof attic' at *Townsend Lane*.

At its next meeting Council will consider:

- application 18/04126/APP for 'creation of new vehicular access and track' at *Charndon Grounds on Marsh Gibbon to Twyford Road (OX27 0AU)*;
- retrospective application 18/00885/APP for 'erection of metal fence and replacement of entrance gate with double gates' at *Marsh Gibbon School*.

Ware Pond

At its last meeting Council agreed to make a donation of £125 to the Marsh Gibbon Horticultural Society to thank the members for the sterling work they carried out in the autumn, clearing the unwanted growth in the pond.

Acland Terrace

We plan to trim the roadside hedge when the Thames Water works allow.

Christmas Tree

Our tree was erected at Ware Pond on Saturday – many thanks to Councillors Penny Evershed and Adrian Lambourne and to all the volunteers who did a great job. It looks even better than usual.

Unitary Authority and Parish Elections

As a result of the Secretary of State deciding to replace the five councils in Buckinghamshire with a single unitary council, the district council elections due in May 2019 will probably be replaced by new unitary elections in May 2020. That will probably mean the parish council elections due next May will be postponed until 2020 as well. Details will be decided by Parliament in January.

Skateboarding

The sessions paid for by the County Council in the Hall carpark are scheduled to finish at Christmas; but plans are underway to resume in early March if funding can be arranged.

Dog Fouling

Concern was expressed at the last Council meeting over the failure of some owners to clear up after their dogs on public footpaths around the village; and at some dog owners leaving bags on the ground instead of using the baskets, for which we pay over £400 a year to be emptied.

Waddesdon School

The Governors are consulting until January 25th on proposed changes to the 2020-2021 admission arrangements. Details at <http://waddesdonschool.com>.

Oxford to Cambridge Expressway

Council received an update from the County Council Transport Strategy Team on the latest planning by Highways England for the “missing link” from Abingdon to Milton Keynes. Their ‘preferred corridor’ (B1 or B3) would take the road along the same route as East West Rail, running north of Marsh Gibbon. They intend to announce potential route options for consultation in Autumn 2019 and to announce the selected route a year later. Construction could begin in 2025; with the road opening in 2030.

Remembrance Day

A wreath was laid at the war memorial by the parish council ‘on behalf of the people of Marsh Gibbon’.

Next Meeting (open to the public to attend)

Council will meet at the Hall on Tuesday 11th at 8.00 pm.

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