

Post Office

Council received formal notification on June 27th from Post Office Limited of the temporary closure of the Marsh Gibbon branch post office on July 31st. They are advertising the vacancy for a new postmaster until July 7th; but regret that there will be a delay between the closure and any new service starting. Meanwhile postal services are available in Grendon Underwood and Launton. We are aware that there is a possibility that The Plough may provide new premises and staffing; and Council has offered to support in any way we can.

Planning

Update on Ewelme Sites

- There is no further news on the outline applications for **sites A, B and C**.
- **Site D**

Council objected to the outline application for up to 9 dwellings, parking and open space, on land south of Little Marsh Road (Ref 17/01723/AOP) on the grounds of the impact of the traffic that would be generated in Little Marsh Road and its junction with the Charndon road; as well as the impact on the infrastructure of more development in the eastern half of the village.

· **Other Planning Applications**

AVDC approved application 16/02887/AOP for two detached dwellings at **Box Farm**. Council requested information from AVDC of the factors taken into account when they granted permission, as there is no contribution to affordable housing as required by policy MG8 of MGNDP. We were informed that the development would have then been non-viable.

- AVDC approved application 17/01090/APP for change of use of barn and grounds at **Manor Farm**, Station Road to assembly and leisure.
- At its July meeting Council will consider application 17/02200/APP for a single storey extension and rebuilding of garden wall at **Priory Farm House**, Townsend, together with pruning a chestnut tree.
- At its July meeting Council will consider application 17/02144/APP for a two-storey side extension at **May Cottage**, Summerstown.

Village Tidy-up – new date

To avoid competing with the St Mary's Church working party on July 15th we have rescheduled the Village Tidy-up to Saturday September 9th. If you could help with a few maintenance and tidying jobs from 10.00 for a couple of hours please contact Carole. Details will be in the September bulletin.

Speeding Vehicles

Following the presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting on using a Sentinel camera to photograph speeding vehicles, Council decided to proceed with the project. The next step is a short training session one evening for pairs of volunteers to spend a couple of hours learning how to use the camera; and then to use it at morning and evening rush hours on one day per couple. As soon as we have dates for the training we will let you know.

Trees Vandalised

As you may have read in Life Together, vandals have stripped the bark from trees in the copse at the exercise area near the Hall. The police are aware.

Next Meeting

Next Council meeting is on Tuesday July 8th at 8.00 pm at the Village Hall.

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.