

Post Office/Shop

Council is aware of, but not directly involved in, ongoing discussions following the report that the shop and sub-post office in Station Road will close at the end of July. Our main concern is that the post office service in the village may be reduced, apparently due to the current low level of business. We are aware of possible alternative locations but we have no firm news, as Post Office Limited wish their discussions to be confidential. As soon as we have any hard news to report we will email you.

Planning

Update on Ewelme Sites

- We considered the outline application by Land & Partners for “up to 10 dwellings and a local shop, together with associated parking...” (AVDC ref 17/01248/AOP) at site B (opposite school) on May 9th. We supported the application as it will add to the village amenities with a shop, relieve parking at the school and is in line with the Marsh Gibbon Neighbourhood Plan.

- If detailed planning permission is granted in due course, the development could generate £33,000 of funding from AVDC section 106 agreements, to be spent on leisure projects. We requested that the funds should be used for more seats in the village and to help extend the Village Hall car park.

(We have already given AVDC our ‘wish list’ to use the £110,000 of S106 funds that might be generated by sites A and C, which are still with AVDC.)

- **New Application for ‘Site D’**

Land & Partners recently submitted an application for up to 9 dwellings, parking and open space, on land south of Little Marsh Road, that is in the top corner of the Ewelme field on the way to Charndon. They had described their concept to Council at our February meeting. This outline application (AVDC ref 17/01723/AOP) will be considered by Council on June 13th.

Other Planning Applications

Council had no objection at its May meeting to a single storey rear extension at 12 Castle Street, which has since been approved by AVDC.

Village Working Party

Cllr Liz Taylor is organising a working party on the morning of Saturday July 15th from 10.00 for a couple of hours. If you could be involved in helping with a few maintenance and tidying jobs please contact Carole. Details of where to meet will be in the July bulletin.

Annual Council Meeting

At the annual council meeting on May 9th, Cllr Metherell was re-elected chairman and Cllr Lambourne was elected vice-chairman.

Annual Parish Meeting

As well as reports from the parish council chairman, the PCSO and county/ district councillor, the open meeting on May 30th received a presentation on the use of a Sentinel speed camera to photograph vehicles exceeding the speed limit in the village. Council will decide on June 13th how to proceed. Draft Minutes of the meeting will be available on the Council website shortly.

Next Meeting

Next Council meeting is on Tuesday June 13th 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.

