



AGM and Village News - June 2023

VVA AGM - Thursday 29th June 7.30pm at Holy Trinity

Please put the AGM in your diary and come and join us on Thursday 29th June at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church. In addition to the obligatory AGM topics we are keen for the focus of the meeting to reflect issues that are important to you - so please tell us what you want to hear about. Drop us an email; send a Facebook messenger or pop in to see Jon Mears at Jon & Mum Groceries at St Johns and chat to Jon in person or leave an anonymous note on his message board. We look forward to seeing you all.



Sondes Place Farm Planning Application Rejected

We are pleased to see that MVDC have REJECTED the planning application by Gleeson Land to develop 144 dwellings on Green Belt land at Sondes Place Farm on Westcott Road. Our thanks to all residents who submitted their own letters of objection or signed the petition, all of which in addition to our own letters of strong objection, helped to demonstrate the strength of local opposition to the proposed development. We will continue to monitor the situation for any appeals or alternative applications.

MVDC Local Plan

You may recall the Local Plan process was delayed at the request of MVDC in December 2022 to the 25th May 2023. The Inspector decided to issue her proposed modifications to the draft Local Plan in any event. The Inspector's modifications kept all Green Belt Sites which had been proposed for allocation in the Local Plan. The Council has now requested a further unspecified delay <https://futuremolevalley.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/ED61-Councils-Note-33-Requesting-an-Extension-to-the-Pause.pdf> We will continue to monitor the situation and will update again when there is more clarity on the timetable.

Mole Valley District Councillors

We are pleased to be meeting for the first time later this week with the new Mole Valley District Councillors - Abhiram Magesh, Chris Budleigh and Leah Mursaleen-Plank who now represent Westcott as part of the larger ward which covers Mickleham, Westcott and Okewood. Abhiram lives in Westcott and we look forward to working with all three of them in the future.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank James Friend who served Westcott for many years as our District Councillor with a real passion for the community and determination to see Westcott flourish. We wish James well for the future.

As always, please do get in touch with any issues or queries about village life and we will do our best to help or signpost you to those who can.

Best wishes

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Photo - the wild flowers by the Church bursting in to life



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