

## CLERKS REPORT – APRIL 2024

**Website/Newsletters** – The email provider Rackspace does not permit mass mailing lists. Therefore, I have asked Cuttlefish the Website provider about the possibility of sending out newsletters direct from the Website. They have responded by saying they are currently developing this feature. Once in place, I can develop a mailing list for residents, to send out reports and even a copy of the Village Life.

**Vehicle Recording Camera** – The Community Speedwatch Project Officer Kat Dean, is no longer in post – ahhhhh! I will wait to hear of her replacement, and then chase.

**ROSPA Play Equipment Inspection** – this has been booked in for April with Play Safety Limited.

**Planning Applications** – A request for the Trout Farm applications to be considered by the Cotswold District Council Planning Control Committee has been submitted.

**Local Plan** – a request to register The land north and south of Cemetery Lane and The Square, to be designated Green Spaces has been submitted. Upon further investigation, it is not practical to request the same for Bibury Court Gardens, areas of the Trout Farm or The Swan Gardens. I confirm that Arlington Green is already registered as a Village Green by the Parish Council.



## Police and Crime Commissioner elections on 2 May

Voters across Cotswold District are being encouraged to make sure they are registered, have applied for postal voting, and applied for identification if needed ahead of the deadlines so that they can vote in the Police and Crime Commissioner elections on 2 May.

To take part in any election anyone over the age of 18 must be registered in the area they live in. Some people eligible to vote may not be registered and therefore will not be able to cast a vote. This may be because they have recently moved or are voting for the first time.

Residents can make an application to register to vote through the Government website which takes only five minutes to complete. They must register by 16 April and can do so at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote).



The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has welcomed the government's latest proposals to make data on land ownership publicly available and transparent.

In response to the government's [contractual controls on land consultation](#), NALC argued that the government's proposals for additional land ownership data and information to be collected and held by His Majesty's Land Registry and freely available by searching the register are now long overdue and welcome.

The main interest of local (parish and town) councils is to establish who may have contractual control over land in their area when they are, for instance, developing a neighbourhood plan.

This consultation seeks views on the government's plans to provide a more transparent picture of controls on land through the creation of a freely accessible dataset.