

The Marshfield Parish Council held a meeting on Tuesday 3rd March 2015 at Tolzey Hall at 7.15 p.m.

Cllrs present: Cllr T Albon-Crouch Cllr N Sweet Cllr P Munro-Davies Cllr R Veitch
 Cllr K Wilkinson Cllr S Flint Cllr A Christie Cllr S Reade
 + 5 members of public

Apologies: Cllr T Durnell Cllr C Solan

Confirmation of previous minutes

Proposed by Cllr Sweet, seconded by Cllr Christie, carried unanimously.

Items from the public

Nothing to report

Matters arising

- a) Highway Matters – Following the decline of a grant from South Gloucestershire last week for the widening of the High Street at the pinch point a further request will be put in for the next allocation of funds. South Gloucestershire will be opening a public consultation commencing next week with a ‘drop in’ session being held on 19th March in the Tolzey Hall.
Cllr Reade stated he was dissatisfied with the process but he & Cllr Stokes supported the scheme.
- b) Marshfield Outdoor Recreation Association – Cllr Christie attended the Village SOS session but advised there was no funding available at the present time.
- c) Parish Plan-Nothing to report

Planning

Planning applications-

-11 St Martins Park- Erection of two storey side extension & infill to create additional accommodation (PK15/0670/F)

No objection proposed by Cllr Sweet, seconded by Cllr Flint, carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Cotswold Edge March 2015 issue

South Glos. over 50's Forum winter newsletter

Reminder of Safer Stronger meeting in Dyrham & Hinton village hall on Thursday 5th March

Finance

After the following transactions, balances are: C.A. £474.82 D.A. £75358.94

D.A. (14 day) £1822.32. £2000 has been transferred from deposit to current account

F Rawlings	£20.61	Litter collection
Future Ideas Media design	£308.38	Web site maintenance
S T Bishop & Co Ltd	£260.82	Service of Mower
South Glos. Council	£439.51	Cutting Amenity grass & empty dog bins
A Price	£560.00	Grave preparation
Mrs L McManus	£663.92	Clerks Salary for February
BWBSL	£70.80	Water @ Cemetery
South Glos. Council	£70.00	Premises licence

Cheque schedule proposed by Cllr Munro-Davies, seconded by Cllr Flint, carried unanimously.

District Councillor Feedback

Cllr Reade confirmed that he and Cllr Stokes are fully supportive of keeping our existing bus service.

Proposed changes to Bus Service

A number of complaints have been received by local residents regarding the proposed changes to the bus service which includes no direct service to Bath (79) on a daily basis and instead improving the interchange service at Wick for residents to connect with the 620 service for onward travel to Bath. The 35 Marshfield to Bristol service proposal is to offer an express service into Bristol at peak hours and a higher frequency service in the inter-peaks between Marshfield & Kingswood where residents can get a connection to travel on to Bristol. For information the Marshfield to Bath service subsidy cost is £62,000 and the Marshfield to Bristol subsidy is £62,168.

The main points made by the members of public are:-

- How do the school children who at present get the early morning bus to Bath get to school.
- Local residents have noticed that the bus tickets do not always show the correct departure point for example Naishcombe Hill (Wick) instead of Marshfield. This will lead to incorrect information being available.
- The 5'oclock bus from Bristol (service 35) does not turn up on a regular basis and therefore makes it very difficult for people to rely on the bus service.
- The proposal to link the Marshfield bus in Wick with buses to Bath will be unworkable as they are few and far between and there are no services in Wick to enable passengers to wait i.e seats and public conveniences.
- The service to Chippenham is not frequent enough to enable members of the public to use of the facilities there.

Cllr Wilkinson proposed objection to the new changes, seconded by Cllr Flint, carried unanimously.

Please note these changes do not affect the Wednesday Bus no 76 which goes to Bath at 10.25 and returns lunchtime.

Matters for Discussion

The Clerk has received an estimate (£2100) from Alan & Danny White to reroof the bus shelter at the top of Weir Lane. This will be put on an agenda next month.

Following on from the agreement last year to buy back the Dog Waste Bin emptying and the cutting of the amenity grass from South Glos. we now have the option to extend this option by 2 years. From our point of view it will help minimise costs increases and it will enable South Glos. to plan over a longer term. The service has been effective and the Clerk intends to reduce our number of Dog waste bins once a full survey has been undertaken.

Cllr Sweet proposed extending the contract by 2 years, seconded by Cllr Christie, carried unanimously. Cllr Veitch gave his apologies for the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 17th March 2015

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm