

Marshfield Parish Council held a meeting on Tuesday 5th January 2016 at The Catherine Wheel at 7.15 p.m.

**Cllrs present:** Cllr T Albon-Crouch    Cllr A Christie            Cllr N Sweet                    Cllr K Wilkinson  
                  Cllr S Flint                    Cllr P Munro-Davies    Cllr B Veitch                Cllr H Finnegan  
                  + over 25 members of public

**Apologies:**    Cllr T Durnell

**Confirmation of previous minutes**

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

**Items from the public**

Nothing to report

Cllr Albon-Crouch opened the meeting by explaining that the Tolzey Hall was being painted and that The Catherine Wheel upstairs meeting room was being used as an alternative venue on this one occasion. He thanked Roo Allison for kindly allowing us to use the room.

**Matters arising**

- a) Highway Matters –Cllr Sweet advised streetlight 16 was still out of action. Clerk to chase action.
- b) Marshfield Outdoor Recreation Association – Lease of Allotment site to be discussed at next meeting.
- c) Local Housing requirement- Cllr Albon-Crouch gave a brief update of recent news & read out the Marshfield Society letter. Details of the leaflets to residents from both The Marshfield Society and Trevor Davis /Dawn Brooks were given. The clerk advised that 32 letters/e-mails had been received of which 4 supported housing but not in green belt, 8 objected to any development in green belt and 20 supported housing in green belt. The Chairman explained the process that had led us to this point:- Is there a need? South Glos. have accepted the 2013 Housing Needs Survey which shows a need for a maximum of 37 local requirement homes. The survey recommended that approximately 60% should be rental.

Faced with this evidence of local need, the Parish Council consider that we should look for ways to address it. The key question is where any new homes might be built. The planning policy 'settlement boundary' around the village is very tight, and beyond this to the North is AONB and to the South, East and West is green belt.

The Parish Council did not advocate any building to the north of the by-pass. Any available building land within the village has not shown signs of being developed and is unlikely to provide local requirement housing in the foreseeable future. Because of this the Parish Council considered it wise to keep options open with regard to a possible small 'exception site' beyond the settlement boundary whilst at the same time clearly stating opposition to any large scale commercial housing. The Chairman read out the South Glos. exception site policy CS19 and a full statement on the Parish Council position will be circulated with the minutes and put on the website.

Cllr Wilkinson advised there is considerable Government pressure on local authorities for more housing.

Discussions took place about existing infills and brownfield sites and the Chairman agreed that potentially suitable land did exist but this had been identified for housing as early as 1973 but had still not come forward. Mr Shirley suggested it could be possible for a Community Land Trust (CLT) to extend existing flats in Hayfield as the land was owned by South Glos. and could provide 8 homes. The CLT meeting is to be held in the Community Centre on 21<sup>st</sup> January. Notices have been put up around the village.

A local resident stated that the e-mail address on the Marshfield Society leaflet did not exist and the circular did not show any information of who they are. One of the members agreed they would take the comments on board and apologised that the e-mail address had been updated.

## Planning

Planning applications- None

Planning approved: - 5 St Martins Lane- Work to fell 1 Conifer tree  
-Dovecote House 1 Market place- Work to fell 1 Fig tree

## Correspondence

Letter from Local resident regarding various concerns including village speed limit, parking on pavements, grass verge destruction and HGV's using St Martins Lane. To be discussed at next meeting.  
Letter from the school regarding the speed limit at the East end of the village.  
Cotswold Edge January 2016 issue.

## Finance

After the following transactions, balances are: C.A. £861.20 D.A. £65411.05 D.A. (14 day) £2210.96.  
NatWest £10100 Transfer of £2,000 from deposit account to current account.

Mrs L J McManus	£665.20	December salary
Post Office Ltd	£715.22	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Tax & NI
Mrs L J McManus	£26.00	Stationery
BT	£23.83	Phone @ Tolzey Hall

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

## District Councillor Feedback

Nothing to report

## Precept 2016/17

Clerk gave a short recap of the position for next year and advised that a 2% increase would give an increase on a Band D property of £1.64 per annum.. Cllr Munro-Davies proposed an increase in precept of 2%, seconded by Cllr Christie, carried unanimously.

## Policies, Sites & Places Plan Consultation

Cllr Albon-Crouch read out the questions from the consultation and apart from including Public transport links should be included in step 2, the only one of any significance was the comments Section and the Parish Council update would be added together with the following points:-

- There is considerable interest and discussion in the Village regarding housing.
- The Parish Council did not nominate the sites included in the May 2015 paper.
- The difficulty for the general public to engage in the consultation.

Mr Rutherford also asked for a separate request for the Parish Council's name to be removed from the nomination section of the call for sites. This was agreed.

Cllr Albon-Crouch will action the above.

## Speed Limit

The mobile speed reminder/recorder will be put at the top of the High Street on 13th January. Once findings have been analysed further discussions can take place with South Glos. regarding village speed limits.

## Matters for Discussion

Thanks go to Mr Tiley who will assist Cllr Veitch in disposing of the village Christmas tree.  
Apologies for the next meeting from Cllrs Wilkinson, Sweet and Christie.

**Date of Next Meeting** – Tuesday 19th January 2016

**Meeting closed at 8.45 pm**