

Marshfield Parish Council held a meeting on Tuesday 23rd June 2015 at the Community Centre at 7.15 p.m.

Cllrs present: Cllr T Albon-Crouch Cllr B Veitch Cllr S Flint Cllr K Wilkinson
 Cllr P Munro-Davies Cllr N Sweet Cllr T Durnell Cllr S Reade
 + approx. 30 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr H Finnegan Cllr A Christie Cllr B Stokes

Confirmation of previous minutes

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

Items from the public

See under Affordable Housing

Matters arising

- a) Highway Matters – Verges have been cut and trenches in George lane repaired.
- b) Marshfield Outdoor Recreation Association – Nothing to report
- c) Parish Plan-Nothing to report

Planning

Planning applications- 140 High Street – Internal & external alterations including reinstatement of cast iron gutter to front elevation & replacement of rear door to kitchen (PK/2521/LB) No objection proposed by Cllr Munro-Davies, seconded by Cllr Wilkinson, carried unanimously.

61 High Street- Part demolition of internal & external walls. Erection of single storey rear extension & conversion of existing garage to include alterations to rooflines to form additional living accommodation. (PK15/2345/F & PK15/2346/LB) Cllr Sweet declared an interest and as such did not vote or partake in the discussion. Objection on the grounds of loss of amenities to neighbours and loss of parking together with concerns about the accuracy of the drawings proposed by Cllr Wilkinson, seconded by Cllr Veitch, carried unanimously.

44 High Street- Demolition of existing non-period rear extension to facilitate erection of single storey link extension to existing two storey outbuilding. Conversion of outbuilding into habitable accommodation (PK15/2561/F & PK15/2562/LB)

Cllr Flint declared an interest and as such did not vote or partake in the discussion.

No objection proposed by Cllr Munro-Davies, seconded by Cllr Durnell, carried 6 in favour with 1abstention.

Planning applications approved-

-44 High Street- Internal & External alterations incl. replacement windows. (PK15/1343/LB)

-Hillcrest High Street- Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of detached outbuilding. (PK15/1700/F)

- 7 East End- Erection of 1 eco dwelling. Amendment to previously approved scheme. (PK15/1502/F)

- 15 Home barns- Conversion of office space on second floor to form additional living accommodation (PK15/1583/PDR)
- Barn at Lower Shire Hill farm- Conversion of Barn to dwelling. Amendments to previously approved scheme. (PK15/0587/LB)
- 48 High Street-Felling of 1 Ash & 1 Sycamore tree. (PK15/2120/TCA)
- Hill View Ashwicke Road- Erection of front porch & detached garage. (PK15/1744/F)
- The Old Barn Touching End Lane- Erection of single storey side extension & first floor side & rear extension. (PK15/1284/F)
- Shire Hill Farm – Erection of 2 6kw wind turbines. (PK14/4532/F)

Correspondence

Thank you letter from Janet Spence on behalf of the Holiday Club committee for grant.

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E-mail from South Glos. advising the Toilets will be closed on Friday 26th June from 10.00am to 1pm as filming is taking place.

Finance

After the following transactions, balances are: C.A. £1194.85 D.A. £90384.26

D.A. (14 day) £2209.94

Ambience Landscapes Ltd	£351.43	Grass cutting ponds & cemetery
Ambience landscapes Ltd	£2589.56	Grass cutting @ Withymead
A Price	£325.00	Grave preparation
Ellison Printing	£339.00	Village day programmes section 137 grant
B A Curtis	£2193.58	Work to Tolzey Hall
K Keasey	£420.59	Groundsman charges

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

Marshfield Toddler & Baby Group grant request

The groups committee have requested a grant for £50 to help buy materials to decorate a float for village day. Cllr Wilkinson proposed a grant of £50 seconded by Cllr Flint, carried unanimously.

High Street Widening

Cllr Albon-Crouch gave a recap on the situation and advised that Chris Harris of South Glos. will look at costing any alternative plans once funding was confirmed although he felt it could cost less to do a single shallower cut-in all the way along. The final Statistics are attached and the comments are available to view in the Tolzey Hall.

The decision regarding the grant funding will be made at the next Kings Forest Forum on 6th July. Cllrs Albon-Crouch & Veitch will be attending the Forum. Further public consultation to take place before any scheme is implemented.

Affordable Housing

Cllr Albon-Crouch gave an overview of the project to date with regard to affordable housing. The project has been running since 2011 and has included an initial parish survey in 2012 plus a full Housing Needs Survey conducted by an independent specialist agency in 2013. Results from both surveys had given clear indication of public support to investigate the issue. Following the public drop-in event in June at which the site opposite the Almshouses had been identified, there had been considerable public interest. Cllr Albon-Crouch said that the Parish Council, working with the community, would now seek to look in to all aspects of First Step Homes proposal to see if delivered what the village needed.

Questions and comments raised by Parishioners included:-

- Is this the correct site?
- If they build here building will continue in the next field and beyond?
- Housing needs survey questioned as it was felt not all residents received it.
- Is the Council really sure affordability will stack up & is there really a need.
- Apparently First Step Homes have put a charge on the proposed site in 2013.
- Could more information regarding prices be obtained and then the question asked of those who have expressed an interest in affordable housing be asked if they were still interested.
- A local resident asked it to be minuted that no developers had approached him to buy his land, and had therefore all options been considered?

Cllrs Albon-Crouch and Wilkinson answered numerous questions and welcomed these as they helped to weigh up the merits of the proposal. The Parish Council will be asking First Step Homes to bring forward more information and would also seek to do so themselves. The prospect of a public meeting was discussed but Cllr Albon-Crouch thought that more information should be sought first to enable a more informed discussion to take place. Housing would be added as an agenda item at forthcoming Parish Council meetings and parishioners were encouraged to contact First Step Homes or the Parish Council with any further questions.

District Councillor Feedback

Cllr Reade will be attending a meeting this week regarding the new bus service tenders and for the Marshfield no 35 service there was 2 options. Cllr Reade feels the 79 service into Bath will continue.

Matters for Discussion

Cllr Albon-Crouch advised we had received details of the consultation on a ground-mounted solar project in Pucklechurch. Cllr Wilkinson was aware of the scheme and would be looking into the proposals.

Cllr Veitch requested approval to arrange for new lights for Tolzey Hall. Cllr Wilkinson proposed agreement to spend up to £500, seconded by Cllr Flint, carried unanimously.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 7th July 2015

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm