

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

Cllrs present: Cllr T Albon-Crouch Cllr A Christie Cllr R Veitch Cllr S Flint
 Cllr H Finnegan Cllr K Wilkinson Cllr A Christie
 Cllr B Stokes Cllr S Reade + approx. 8 members of public

Apologies: Cllr N Sweet

Confirmation of previous minutes

Proposed by Cllr Munro-Davies, seconded by Cllr Finnegan, carried unanimously.

Items from the public

Cllr Albon-Crouch advised that Community Land Trust will be giving a presentation on 21st January to local residents. Advertising will be put around the village including the Parish Notice Boards and Shops.

Matters arising

- a) Highway Matters –The finger post for the Little End/Ringswell junction has been ordered. The caravan parked in the layby at the west of the village has now had a notice attached to it advising that if no contact is made or it is not removed it will be disposed of by South Glos. With regard to High Street speeding a mobile speed activated illuminating sign will be installed at the top end of the High Street in approx. 1 month. Once results from this has been analysed South Glos will give us our options.
- b) Marshfield Outdoor Recreation Association –At the AGM last week Tim Smith stepped down as secretary and MORA are looking for a replacement.

Planning

Planning applications-

- 52 High Street- Work to fell 1 Sycamore tree (PK15/4490/TCA)
No objection proposed by Cllr Christie, seconded by Cllr Flint. Carried unanimously.
- St Marys Church- Installation of 14 photovoltaic panels to nave roof. (PK15/4404/F)
No objection proposed by Cllr Munro-Davies, seconded by Cllr Veitch, carried unanimously.
- 1 & 2 Ringswell- Work to fell 1 Norway Spruce & 1 Sycamore. To crown lift 1 Weeping Willow & work to 2 Apple trees to reduce size not to exceed 3m reduction in height & radial spread. (PK15/4554/TCA) Cllr Wilkinson declared an interest and did not participate or vote.
No objection proposed by Cllr Munro-Davies, seconded by Cllr Finnegan, carried unanimously.

Planning approved: - 14 East End- Internal & external alterations & replacement of larger window in north elevation & insertion of 2 rooflights in west elevation. (PK15/3878/LB)
-40 High Street- Erection of single storey rear extension. (PK15/3628/LB & PK15/3627/F)

Correspondence

Cotswold Edge November issue
South Gloucestershire Deaf Association autumn newsletter

Finance

After the following transactions, balances are: C.A. £1136.31 D.A. £96411.05 D.A. (14 day) £2210.96

BT DD	£66.60	Broadband
BT DD	£197.16	Telephone @Tolzey
Mrs L J McManus	£665.00	October Salary
F Rawlings	£20.67	Litter Collection
British Gas	£34.00	Electric @ Pavilion

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

District Councillor Feedback

Cllr Reade advised he had voted for the continuation of all bus services to Marshfield and will continue to

Cllrs Reade & Stokes are also looking at Archiving for modern records at Gloucester Archives as South Glos. are likely to withdraw funding which enables local Parish Councils to use this facility.

Cllr Wilkinson attended the Magna Carta celebrations and was impressed with the facilities and further information has been obtained with regards to the request for a one off donation towards the cost of building a new strongroom. Cllr Munro-Davies proposed a donation of £340 on condition they received the lottery grant, seconded by Cllr Finnegan, carried unanimously.

Proposed changes to Safer Stronger Community Groups

The main proposed changes are to reduce the number of groups to 14 from 20 and a maximum of 3 meetings a year. Boyd Valley will include Siston, Warmley, Bitton Village & part of Cotswold Edge.

This group is a useful way to raise funding and any issues which need attention. It also guarantees that a South Glos officer will take up the matter.

All Councillors are happy with these proposed changes.

Bus Shelter re-roofing

The bus shelter outside the old school is in need of reroofing and a quote has been obtained. Councillors would like further quotes before a decision is made and the clerk will arrange.

Matters for Discussion

Marshfield Energy Group is probably now dead because of the announced changes by the Government.

A great deal of time has been put in by the team but it appears they now have nowhere to go.

We have been advised by South Glos. that the ownership of The Crown has changed and they are running a land registry check to ascertain the new owners at which time they will contact us with a course of action.

The Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire will be holding an event on 21st April to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday and some local parishioners will be invited.

The Clerk advised there are more consultations coming out later this month.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 17 November 2015

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm