

Marshfield Parish Council held a meeting on Tuesday 1st September 2015 at the Tolzey Hall at 7.15 p.m.

Cllrs present: Cllr T Albon-Crouch Cllr B Veitch Cllr K Wilkinson Cllr N Sweet
 Cllr P Munro-Davies Cllr H Finnegan Cllr B Stokes
 + approx. 20 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr A Christie Cllr S Reade Cllr S Flint

Confirmation of previous minutes

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

Items from the public

See under Local Housing Requirement

Matters arising

- a) Highway Matters – Nothing to report
- b) Marshfield Outdoor Recreation Association –Nothing to report
- c) Local Housing Requirement- Cllr Albon-Crouch updated the meeting:
 - Questions & answers from First Step Homes (FSH) have been published in AAM & on the notice boards.
 - The petition against the FSH proposal has been received from Marshfield Residents Society (MRS).
 - Colerne Parish Council has received a proposal for 135 new homes which would include affordable housing. This is not yet a planning application. It may benefit Marshfield residents.
 - A response has been sent to the MRS letter, thanking them for providing a record of their public meeting, welcoming confirmation that MRS agree with the need for affordable housing and confirming the current position.

Questions from the floor were invited. Discussion ensued regarding FSH responses in AAM. The answer to Q3 stated adjoining fields would not be developed. This was questioned, especially in relation to contradictory remarks apparently made at the drop-in event. Concern remains about the (undisclosed) price of the homes & whether they can truly be affordable. A question was asked about the involvement of CMS architects, as a director of that company was the Treasurer of the Marshfield Parish Plan. The Chairman responded that many members of the community had devoted time to the wide-ranging Parish Plan and he was confident that there was no conflict of interest.

One of the petition organisers advised he thought about 8/2 were against homes on this site. A question was raised as to why the Parish Council (PC) had not immediately held a public meeting & why they were remained in discussion with FSH. Cllr Albon-Crouch responded that the drop-in event raised many follow-on questions and consequently the PC had sought answers by inviting FSH to use AAM. A public meeting was more beneficial when people knew the facts.

District Cllr Ben Stokes was asked for his opinion. He said that he & Cllr Reade were supportive of the P.C. in their dealings of this matter, but did support protecting the Green Belt.

Dawn Brooks & Trevor Davis are investigating alternative approaches. The group's next meeting is on 30th September at 8.00pm in the Nelson, open to all. Oliver Shirley also said that the Community Land Trust had been contacted for advice on a community led scheme.

The Chairman said that following receipt of the petition, and an ambiguous response from the Government on extension of the right to buy, it seemed there was little significant further evidence awaited which would help councillors decide on whether or not to support the FSH scheme. He asked

Councillors if they were nearing a position whereby they could vote on the matter. Cllr Munro-Davies felt he had enough information to decide on this & all the councillors agreed that the matter be discussed and voted upon at the next PC meeting (15 September).

Planning

Planning applications- None

Planning applications approved-

-9 Bences Close- Erection of single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation. (PK15/2798/PDR)

-Nailey Farm St Catherines- Prior notification of the intention to erect an agricultural building for the storage of farm machinery & fodder. (PK15/3265/PNA)

- 87 High Street- Erection of 2 storey & single storey rear extension & conversion of coach house from store to form additional living accommodation. Installation of flue to Coach House.(PK15/1724/F & PK15/1728/LB)

Correspondence

Local History Society Programme of talks 2015-16

Cotswold edge September 2016 issue

South Glos. Clinical Commissioning Group Newsletter Summer 2015 issue

Letter from Marshfield Church Hall Treasurer requesting a contribution towards the cost of insulation of walls & redecoration of the Church Hall. Cllr Sweet proposed a grant of £ 350 with an extra £150 if we have enough money at the end of the financial year. Seconded by Cllr Wilkinson, carried unanimously.

Finance

After the following transactions, balances are: C.A. £428.60 D.A. £76384.26 D.A. (14 day) £2209.94

The Consortium	£107.33	Cleaning materials for Pavilion
F Rawlings	£20.61	Litter collection @ Withymead
A Price	£325.00	Grave preparation
Bradley Stoke Town Council	£15.00	Fire Training
Mrs L McManus	£665.00	August Salary
K Keasey	£599.37	Groundsman charges
South Glos. Council	£482.37	Grass cutting & empty dog waste bins
John Attwooll & Co (Tents) Ltd	£2284.80	Marquee for Village Day
J Chiddy	£80.00	Strimming @ Withymead
J Chiddy	£49.25	Lock & Chain for Withymead gates

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

District Councillor Feedback

Doynton Parish Plan has suggested areas where they would like future development for affordable housing. Cllr Stokes represents South Glos. Council on the regional strategic housing group with North Somerset, BANES & Bristol. The plan includes 86K new homes in the region by 2036 with 35% affordable. Cllr Stokes is also involved in the committee dealing with making savings of £36 million.

Matters for Discussion

Cllr Veitch advised he had asked for volunteers in AAM to help with clearing the ponds & tidying the cemetery. As yet no one has come forward. It was suggested that Facebook could be an alternative. Cllr Munro-Davies gave his apologies for the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 15 September 2015. 7.15pm

Meeting closed at 8.36 pm