

The Marshfield Parish Council held a meeting on Tuesday 15th September 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 N Sweet Cllr H Finnegan Cllr K Wilkinson Cllr T Durnell
 Cllr B Stokes +approx. 15 members of public

Apologies: Cllr P Munro-Davies

Confirmation of previous minutes

Proposed by Cllr Sweet, seconded by Cllr H Finnegan, carried unanimously.

Items from the public

Mr Frankland advised that the Friday bus into Bath (no79) had now ceased. The only alternative was the number 228 which only goes to the Almshouses early morning and returns back at 6.00 and this does not always turn up.

Matters arising

- a) Highway Matters – Cllr Sweet advised the meeting of pot holes outside 94 High Street and serious problems from 153 High Street to the water tower. Clerk will report to South Glos.
- b) Marshfield Outdoor Recreation Association – A 3 year old had fallen from the connecting bridge of the two-tower fort through the chains and has broken her collar bone. MORA has made an immediate site inspection, visited the injured girl and put temporary extra barriers in place. Permanent proposed modifications to include an additional rail.
- c) Local Housing Requirement- First Step Homes (FSH) have formally withdrawn the current affordable housing scheme on the site to the east of the Water Tower. Cllr Albon-Crouch read out their letter. The Parish Council has received a letter from Luke Hall MP expressing an objection to the proposal and giving his views on protecting the green belt.
Cllr Wilkinson advised she thought withdrawal of the scheme was the right thing to do & hoped the community would come up with an alternative proposal. The Chairman echoed this and said this was not the end of the search to provide affordable housing for local people. If the community was unable to develop a scheme then there was a risk that commercial developers may impose one upon us, but if the energy that parishioners had shown in addressing the FSH scheme could be transferred into finding a solution then a community scheme was realistic.
A question was asked concerning the FSH financial interest in the water tower site. The Chairman responded that it was known that FSH have a time-limited legal charge on the land, but no further details were known.

Planning

Planning applications-

- 40 High Street- Erection of single storey rear extension to existing outbuilding to form additional living accommodation (PK15/3627/F & PK15/3628/LB)
No objection proposed by Cllr Sweet, seconded by Cllr Christie. Carried unanimously.
- 4 Tythe Court- Work to remove 1 Alder tree (PK15/3708/TCA)
No objection proposed by Cllr Wilkinson, seconded by Cllr Flint, carried unanimously.
- 14 East End- Internal & external alterations to facilitate the replacement of a larger window in north elevation & insertion of 2 rooflights in the west elevation of kitchen. (PK15/3878/LB)
No objection proposed by Cllr Sweet, seconded by Cllr Finnegan, carried unanimously.

Planning approved: - 3 Bences Close- Erection of single storey rear extension.

(PK15/3252/PDR)

-101 High Street- Work to fell 1 Turkey Oak tree. (PK15/3417/TCA)

-127 High Street- Erection of single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation with internal & external work. (PK15/2927/LB & PK15/2926/F)

Correspondence

Cotswold Conservation board Annual review & autumn newsletter

South Gloucestershire Citizens Advice report 2014-15

LCR Autumn 2015 issue

Agenda for the ALCA AGM on Saturday 3rd October.

Finance

After the following transactions, balances are: C.A. £1800.16 D.A. £76384.26 D.A. (14 day) £2209.94.

Viking direct	£37.16	Printer cartridges
C Carter	£85.00	Light fittings for Tolzey Hall
The Consortium	£60.28	Cleaning materials Pavilion
Marshfield Church Hall	£350.00	Grant

Cheque schedule proposed by Cllr Wilkinson, seconded by Cllr Durnell, carried unanimously.

District Councillor Feedback

News from the Safer Stronger meeting for Boyd valley included that Police had seen a flat line in criminal activity with fewer burglaries but more garden shed break- ins.

Avon Fire Brigade offer home fire safety checks and help source Fire Alarms & Carbon Monoxide & smoke detectors. They are contactable on 0117 9262061.

Plans are being considered to turn the Quarry at Wick into a nature reserve.

With regard to housing 58K new homes will be built in the region by 2036 and will include 34K affordable homes. Cllr Stokes will share the joint strategic plan with us when it reaches the next stage.

Cllr Stokes will take forward the bus situation and speak to the Kingswood Community service.

Matters for Discussion

A complaint had been received from a resident in Sheepfair Lane regarding parking but after Cllr Veitch had spoken to them it was decided not to take it any further.

Filming will take place in the village on the 30th September and the support Vehicles will be parking at Withymead Playing Fields car park.

Oliver Shirley has invited the Councillors to a presentation by Wessex Community Land Trust on 24th September to investigate community-led housing schemes. Given the impartiality of this meeting and the desire to support a community approach, Parish Councillors were happy to attend.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 6th October 2015

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm