

Marshfield Parish Council held a meeting on Tuesday 20 November 2018 in the Tolzey Hall at 7.15 pm.

Cllrs present Cllr P Munro-Davies Cllr R Veitch Cllr S Flint Cllr T Durnell
Cllr P Hogben Cllr R Snow Cllr A Christie
Cllr S Reade
+ 6 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr G LeMasonry

Confirmation of previous minutes

Proposed by Cllr Veitch, seconded by Cllr Christie, carried unanimously

Items from the public

None

Matters arising

- a) Highway Matters – Mr Shirley advised that signs and new lines had now been completed in George Lane at the junction. The Parish Council have been advised that Highways at South Glos will look into the request for signage on the Tormarton Road to advise it will no longer be routinely salted/gritted. Cllr Christie advised that there were mixed messages over the winter gritting in the Sheepfair Lane area and he has asked for written clarification from South Glos.
- b) Marshfield Outdoor Recreation Association-Nothing to report.
- c) Local Housing Requirement-Nothing to report

Planning

Planning applications- 122 High Street- Alterations to existing outbuilding to form carport & store. (PK18/4921/F & PK18/4922/LB)

No objection proposed by Cllr Flint, seconded by Cllr Hogben, carried unanimously.

43 High Street-Demolition of existing outbuildings & erection of a single storey rear extension. Resubmission of PK17/4977/F. (PK18/5144/F) As this is a smaller extension & in view of the time restraints it was decided to discuss. Cllr Flint declared an interest. No objection proposed by Cllr Veitch, seconded by Cllr Durnell, carried unanimously.

Planning Approved-1 Chippenham Road- Erection of first floor & side extension. (PK18/4174/F)
-2 Back Lane- Work to thin 1 Silver Birch by 20% & crown lift to 3 metres. (PK18/4308/TRE)

Planning refused- 81A High Street- Conversion of existing annexe to 1 dwelling. (PK18/3848/F)
Cllrs Snow & Veitch attended the committee meeting as this application had been called in by Cllrs Stokes & Reade. The Parish Councillors were not impressed with the way the meeting was conducted and felt they were only ticking boxes. A further site visit was denied as 2 had been made previously although these were for the originally proposed 4 bed property when in fact it is only a 2 bed. The owner intends to appeal.

Correspondence

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Finance

After the following transactions, balances are: C/A. £1904.34 D/A. £90,507.60 D/A. (14 day) £3,531.84
NatWest- £20,412 Transferred £2000 from deposit account to current account.

John Miller Corsham Ltd Debit Card	£65.00	Registration & No plate for mower
M J Church Plant Ltd	£28.80	Recycling Bins Withymead

T Davis	£113.60	Fuel for mower
Marshfield Community Centre	£500.00	Grant Film Club
ALCA	£60.00	Course Cllr Hogben
Rygol Electrical Services	£354.00	Electric work on Pavilion
Fleet (Line Markers) Ltd	£532.99	White Lining Paint
A Chiddy	£216.00	Pavilion Cleaning
Viking	£121.52	Stationery

Cheque schedule proposed by Cllr Flint, seconded by Cllr Christie, carried unanimously.

Letter received from our Internal Auditor confirming she had checked transactions since her last visit & all have been comprehensively & correctly recorded.

Tree Growing on Pavement Back Lane

Cllr Flint has received complaints about the tree growing on the pavement in Back Lane outside the old telephone exchange. There is only pavement on that side of the road and the road also narrows at this point meaning pedestrians have to go onto the road to get past this area. It is also a main route to the school from Tanners Walk area. Following discussions it was decided to ask South Glos. to assess the position. Clerk to action.

Grant request from St Marys Church

A request for help with the cost of having a self-seeded Sycamore tree removed which needs to be done professionally because of its proximity to the neighbours and the wall. The cheapest estimate from a local tree surgeon is £400. Following discussion Cllr Flint proposed a grant of £200, seconded by Cllr Veitch, carried unanimously.

District Councillor Feedback

Cllr Stokes has asked for clarification from Highways on the what exactly the changes to the winter maintenance gritting/salting means as it appears to be unclear.

Matters for Discussion

The owner of Beeks Mill has complained that too many dogs are not on a lead when using local footpath and as a result her son was bitten by a dog recently. The matter was not reported to the police or dog warden and her son did not attend hospital. She has requested that maybe an article in AAM asking for dog owners to be more responsible. The Cllrs have suggested the lady in question should write an article for publication.

Cllrs Veitch & Snow attended the 'Doing More Together' event run by South Glos. The attendees were split into groups and looked at What are Parish Councils priorities, What could be done differently, What could be avoided or reduced and How can we work together.

The main issues raised were Flytipping, blocked drains, potholes, hidden highway signs, recycling mess after collections, damage to verges and enforcement i.e. of yellow lines and dog mess.

Suggestions included South Glos. had working groups who went out to parishes on a regular basis and would deal with all issues raised by the Parish Council rather than reporting by e-mail and hoping the request is actioned. There would be a budget set for this work.

This review will continue next year but changes will probably not be in the near future.

Following discussion it was decided to have the first meeting in 2019 on Wednesday 2nd January. There will only be one meeting in December on Tuesday 11th.

Mrs McManus and Cllr Hogben gave their apologies for the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting –Tuesday 11 December 7.15pm

Meeting closed at 7.55 pm