

Marshfield Parish Council held a meeting on Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 7.00pm in Tolzey Hall.

Cllrs present: Cllr G LeMasonry Cllr A Christie Cllr D Brooks Cllr H Finnegan Cllr P Hogben
Cllr B Homent Cllr R Snow Cllr B Veitch
Cllr M Palmer Cllr B Stokes Cllr C Willmore

Members of the Public - 10

Apologies: Cllr L Cousins

Confirmation of previous minutes

Proposed by Cllr Christie, seconded by Cllr Hogben, carried unanimously.

Items from the public

None

Matters arising

- a) Highway Matters – PC to chase up cutting of A420 verge. Closure of Ayford Lane 19th December. PC to put notice on Facebook nearer the time.
Meeting with SGC confirmed that Weir Pool wall and western verge are all SGC owned and to be managed by StreetCare according to their best horticultural practice. Grants maybe sought for the repairs to the wall. The water body is registered as common land and owned by the PC (CL77).
- b) Marshfield Outdoor Recreation Association – Annual Insurance assessment on behalf of Zurich.
- c) Marshfield Community Land Trust – New Entrance to the site has been opened.
Update on activities from Energy Group 1. Investigations into Smart meters. 2. How to get Heat Pump ready. 3. All landlines analogue phones to switch to digital by summer 2024. Implications for security pendant users. 4. Spreadsheet model to help households assess the costs and benefits of investing in domestic PV and batteries.
- d) Local Environment – Cllr Brooks proposed a Sustainability Audit of the PC. Agenda for February.

Planning

Land Off Market Place. Erection of 1 detached dwelling with access and associated works. (re-submission of P22/00533/F). P23/02870/F

Cllr Finnegan declared an interest and left the meeting.

The Parish Council very strongly objects to this planning application on the same grounds as the Planning Inspectorate refused the previous application. Proposed by Cllr Christie, seconded by Cllr Snow, carried unanimously.

Cllr Finnegan rejoined the meeting.

The Old Barn Touching End Lane. Works to crown reduce 1 Silver Birch Tree by approx 3 metres. P23/02865/TCA
No objection proposed by Cllr Christie, seconded by Cllr Homent, carried unanimously.

Oldfield Farm Gloucester Road. Erection of agricultural building over existing concrete cattle handling yard. P23/03005/F

No objection proposed by Cllr Christie, seconded by Cllr Homent, carried unanimously.

Withymead Playing Fields Withymead Road. Works to Crown Lift all the trees which overhang the car park, paths and children's play area and works to fell 1 Ash. The crown lifting has not been undertaken for many years, and branches are being damaged by vehicles. P23/03000/TCA

No objection proposed by Cllr Homent, seconded by Cllr Snow, carried unanimously.

Community Centre Chippenham Road. Works to fell 1 Hawthorn. P23/02999/TCA

No objection proposed by Cllr Finnegan, seconded by Cllr Homent, carried unanimously.

Harness Cottage 9 High Street. External alterations to replace rear door and both front bay windows. Velux window to be replaced with 1 dormer and a new velux window installed. Internal alterations to install new boiler and flue through rear wall, installation of new staircase from first to second floor and partition wall erected on second floor to form ensuite. P23/02972/LB and P23/02971/HH

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

5 Hitchen Close. Demolition of existing Conservatory. Erection of single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation. Erection of replacement porch. P23/03013/HH

No objection proposed by Cllr Homent, seconded by Cllr Finnegan, carried unanimously.

Approved Planning

Marshfield Post Office 59 High Street. Works to crown thin 1 silver birch by 25%. P23/02712/TCA

54 Hayfield. Works to fell 1 Beech. P23/02739/TCA

Agricultural Barn Rushmead Lane. Change of Use of building from agricultural to 1 no. dwelling (Class C3) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) P23/01074/F

Keepers Gate Ashwicke Road. Single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation. P23/02785/HH

Marsh House 119 High Street. Internal refurbishment to barn at rear of house move bathroom to top floor, instal kitchen to ground floor, update staircase, lay new flooring to ground floor, replace fenestration. P23/02528/LB.

Refused Planning

Land At Oldfield Farm Gloucester Road. Prior notification of the intention to erect 1 agricultural building. P23/02796/PNA

SGC offer of Cleaning and Maintenance

PC to request general clearing of weeds from gutters and drain gullies and strimming of the perimeter fences of Withymead playing field, including the path from the school to the play area.

PC to contact Alan George at SGC re any drain issues near to A420.

Correspondence

James Hare – advised that lumen levels were in line with current SGC policy.

Mr G Teasdale – Re St Martins Park. Circulated

Mr J Cridland – Re empty Houses at Withymead. Circulated. PC to respond that they have done all that they can do and are meeting regularly with Bromford for updates.

Graham Snell – Re Community Centre. Agenda next meeting.

Wild flower Group – Survey to be carried out at Ringswell next February.

Finance

After the following transactions the balances are: C/A £23,493.74 D/A £91,415.18 NatWest £33,232.57

Nest	£127.99	Pension payments
EDF Energy	£18.82	Electricity at Pavilion
South Gos Council	£40.50	Litter Collection at Withymead
South Gos Council	£639.18	Dog waste collection and amenity grass cutting
Jess Robbins	£72.00	Cleaning at Pavilion
Marshfield Community Land Trust	£4,485.00	Grant towards legal fees
BT	£54.66	Phone and Broadband

Finance Schedule proposed by Cllr Christie, seconded by Cllr Snow, carried unanimously.

Clerk to circulate NALC pay award notification for approval at next meeting.

District Councillor Feedback

Cllr Chris Willmore, Cabinet Member for Planning and Infrastructure, spoke to the PC about the direction of the Local Plan, ahead of the consultation that runs from the beginning of December to the end January 2024. She explained that the current preferred strategy was to build 50 new houses in the village. The best strategy would be for CLT to identify a site and for the PC to re consider putting together a Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Stokes mentioned availability of Warm and Well grants as well as low rate loans for energy efficiency home improvements.

PC to post details of the Consultations as soon as they are available.

Matters for Discussion

Xmas tree lights to be turned on as part of an event on 1st December, refreshments to be provided by Davis Meade.
PC agreed to donate £75 towards the Village Band to play Xmas carols. PC to help with the printing of carol sheets.
Proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Veitch, carried unanimously.
Notice Board at Tolzey Hall needs replacing. Agenda next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting – 21st November 2023 in Tolzey Hall

Meeting closed at 9pm
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