

Marshfield Parish Council held a meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 in Tolzey Hall.

**Cllrs present:** Cllr G LeMasonry, Cllr H Finnegan, Cllr D Brooks, Cllr A Christie, Cllr L Cousins, Cllr P Hogben, Cllr B Stokes

**Members of the Public - 2**

**Apologies,** Cllr B Homent, Cllr R Snow

**Confirmation of previous minutes**

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

**Items from the public**

None

**Matters arising**

- a.) Highway Matters – Ashwicke Road closed (Nr Jct with Oakford Lane) 3<sup>rd</sup> March for 3 days. National Highways overnight closures from 24<sup>th</sup> February on A46 due to resurfacing and new speed limit signs see <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/south-west/south-west-maintenance-schemes/> for full details. PC to chase up St. Martins Lane potholes.
- b.) Marshfield Outdoor Recreation Association – Tree works application in place to trim trees around play area. Cllr Christie addressed the PC to remind members how the MORA charity was set up in 2002 so that a grant could be used to build the skatepark. The charity is run by the managing Trustees and a Budget is agreed with the PC from the SGC Precept. MORA own and operate the land. The PC, as Custodian Trustee, hold the deeds. The PC also own the assets on the land. It was agreed in 2015 that any underspend from the Budget set aside for MORA is held in reserve for Capital Projects.
- c.) Marshfield Community Land Trust – SGC confirmed that the contractor has applied for a speed restriction on A420 alongside the new houses. Boundary dry stone walling is being built. Reminder to people interested in the properties to register with Homechoice. See MCLT website for details <https://marshfieldclt.org/>
- d.) Local Environment – Chipping Machine put to good use at Cemetery and Community Centre. Green Beans is a new group for 9-15 yr olds interested in Sustainable Marshfield, see their facebook page for more details.

**Planning**

111 High Street Marshfield. Works to fell 1 Walnut Tree, situated within Marshfield Conservation Area.

P25/00092/TCA

No objection proposed by Cllr Brooks seconded by Cllr Cousins carried unanimously

Land Off Of High Street Marshfield. Creation of agricultural vehicular access onto classified road (class C) and installation of access gate. P25/00048/F

Objection. PC agrees with SGC Conservation Officer comments and that No precedent for an opening had been set with the previous temporary opening. Proposed by Cllr Christie, seconded by Cllr Cousins, carried unanimously.

**Approved Planning**

10 Tremes Close Marshfield. Installation of replacement windows and doors (retrospective) P24/01920/HH

8 Barn End. Erection of single and two storey rear and single storey front extensions to form additional living accommodation. Installation of 4 rear rooflights to facilitate loft conversion. P24/02782/HH

Home Barns High Street. Works to Trees. P24/02978/TCA

**Refused Planning**

Poulsons Farm Ashwicke Road Marshfield. Erection of a stable block. P24/01410/F

Land At West Kington. Prior notification of the intention to erect 1 agricultural building with associated works for the storage of straw and hay. P25/00013/PNA

### **Village Christmas Tree Budget**

Additional costs to light the tree to be confirmed by Powerline. PC to meet and discuss.  
PC to investigate alternatives.

### **Maintenance of Cemetery and Farm Pool Grass areas**

TACAS sent in a proposal with a quote to offer their services to take over the maintenance of the grass at Withymead, Cemetery and Farm Pool. Cllr Christie requested that they contact him directly re Withymead.

TACAS have made contact.

They will not be able to undertake the Cemetery and Pool separately from the Playing Fields.

### **Grant request from Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire.**

£50 has been requested as a grant to help with the services provided by the Citizens Advice in South Glos area.

PC agreed to support this, proposed by Cllr Finnegan, seconded by Cllr Cousins, carried unanimously.

### **Correspondence**

Neil Trotter – re speed limit on A420 past Wheatfield Barns

Mark Cardwell – Re CAB grant. Discussed.

Tony Kerr – Re drainage queries. Forwarded to Wessex and SGC

Cindy Matthews – Re Tree planting. PC suggested the picnic area behind the Skatepark.

John Barnett – Re information board at Ringswell. PC to prepare a draft of the board for approval.

Letitia MacQuillan – Re VE Day 80. CC event on 9<sup>th</sup> May. Liaising with Sally Wheeler re a service at War Memorial on 8<sup>th</sup> May

Sally Wheeler – Re VE Day 80. PC to discuss. Cllr Brooks to ask around to see what might be planned.

Simon Penfold – Advised that no permissions are required to remove the trees at the Cemetery as it is outside of the Conservation Area and they are not covered by a TPO.

### **Finance**

After the following transactions the balances are: C/A £2,065.88 D/A £60,701.92 NatWest £28,232.57

Microsoft	£71.16	Cllr email Subs
Grist Environmental	£2.98	Recycling collection at Withymead
HMRC	£1,495.10	Q3 Tax and NI
British Gas	£30.07	Electricity at Tolzey Hall
Bendrey bros	£1,398.59	Materials for the paths at Ringswell (FiPL works)
Nest	£140.14	Pension Payments
Hilary Newman	£10.00	War Memorial Plants

Finance Schedule proposed by Cllr Finnegan, seconded by Cllr Christie, carried unanimously. Payments to be made online.

Mrs MacManus offered to help the PC to cover the Internal Audit for one more year. She attended the office and checked the records.

### **District Councillor Feedback**

Cllr Stokes advised that from 3<sup>rd</sup> March Sort it Centres require a pre booking. A Directory of Services including Local Groups is available on the SGC website. Grants are available from the Royal Countryside Fund, will send details.

A meeting took place with the residents of Beeks, Ayford and Oakford Lanes re the condition of the road. A Petition was set up, at the PO for signing.

### **Matters for Discussion**

PC to request that StreetCare pick up any loose litter following recycling collections.

PC to make enquiries regarding the ground works at the paddock site off Rushmead Lane.

Apologies from Cllr Finnegan for next 2 meetings. Apologies from Cllr Brooks for next meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Meeting closed at 8.15pm**

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