

Marshfield Parish Council held a meeting on Tuesday 7th January 2025 in Tolzey Hall.

Cllrs present: Cllr H Finnegan, Cllr D Brooks, Cllr A Christie, Cllr L Cousins, Cllr P Hogben, Cllr B Homent, Cllr R Snow
Cllr M Palmer

Members of the Public - 3

Apologies Cllr G LeMasonry, Cllr R Friend, Cllr B Stokes

Confirmation of previous minutes

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

Items from the public

Mr Gordon-Ingram asked the PC about plans to improve the west bank at Ringswell with a FiPL grant. Cllrs agreed to meet the resident onsite to go through the plan.

Mr Foster, a resident of Hay St was seeking assistance from SGC to help with a planning matter relating to pedestrian access across the land in front of their properties. Cllr Palmer offered to visit the site to see if she could help.

Matters arising

- a) Highway Matters – junction of St Martin’s Lane and Sheepfair Lane has dangerous potholes. PC to report to Streetcare
- b) Marshfield Outdoor Recreation Association – Burst water pipe at the Pavilion, repairs ongoing.
- c) Marshfield Community Land Trust – Building on schedule. Most of the work ongoing is inside the properties at this time.
- d) Local Environment – A Green Team meet up has been scheduled on Saturday 11th Jan at 76 High Street 4-5.30. Open to any 9-15yr olds interested in ‘Green’ projects.

Planning

152 High Street. Erection of first floor rear extension and conversion of loft to provide additional living accommodation. Alterations to roof on existing single storey extension and front dormer. P24/02824/HH

No objection subject to Conservation Officer approval proposed by Cllr Christie, seconded by Cllr Hogben, carried unanimously.

Henley Hill Barn Ashwicke Road. Installation of 1 swimming pool and erection of 1 pool plant/store room. P24/02878/HH

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

Home Barns High Street. Works to fell 1 Damson tree (T3), 2 Ash trees (T9, T10), 2 Ash Trees (G1) and 5 Damson trees (G2). Works to 1 Goat Willow tree (T11) to pollard back to previous pruning points to a height of 4.5m. Works to 4 Field maples (G1) to crown raise to 3m and crown reduce by up to 4m. Works to 3 Field Maple (G2) to prune back to give 3m clearance to surrounding trees and crown raise to 4m. Works to 1 Prunus species (G3) to crown thin by 60-70%. Works to Hornbeam Trees (G6) to remove basal growth and crown raise to 2m. Crown raise 1 Apple tree to 2.5m. Reduce height of Privet (H2) by 1m and cut back outgrown sections of Hawthorn/blackthorn (G4) to 1m reform hedge. P24/02978/TCA

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

Motcombe Farm Ashwicke Road. Erection of porch, rear extension, and 2 detached outbuildings. P24/02982/CLP. No comment.

Approved Planning

3 Bences Close. Erection of front porch. P24/02450/HH

Valley View West End. Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation. Erection of detached outbuilding to facilitate garage. (Resubmission of P24/01505/HH). P24/02279/HH

Village Christmas Tree Budget

£250 requested from Powerline to purchase the tree lights. Additional costs currently unknown. Agenda next meeting once condition of lights assessed and any additional cables etc quoted.

Defibrillator at Drs Surgery plus Village Bleed Kit

PC discussed locating a new replacement Defibrillator outside Dr's Surgery in a polycarbonate heated cabinet. Approximate cost £1,500. Cllr Palmer confirmed that funding of £258 from the Members Award Fund has been granted. Agreement to go ahead on this basis proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Cousins. Carried unanimously.

Cemetery Trees – update and next steps

Quotes received to remove the trees alongside the Cemetery wall £6,150 (including works to trees either side of the Cemetery Building), £6,350 and £13,700. Awaiting one more quote. Agenda next meeting.

Grant request for the purchase of a community shredder

PC discussed this and felt that it would be a useful item for many areas of the village. £1,767.50 + VAT
Go ahead proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Christie, carried unanimously.

Temporary Grazing of Sheep at Ringswell

Pitt Farm have requested temporary grazing of sheep from end of January for one week on the east side of Ringswell around the woodland walk area. PC agreed subject to the placement of necessary signage advising temporary closure of this area.

Proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Homent. Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

John Metcalfe – Circulated.

Patrick Foster – Re Land at Hayfield. Circulated. Discussed in meeting. Cllr Palmer to liaise.

Andrew Newland SGC – Re safety and Security at outdoor events

Iain Gordon-Ingram – Re FiPL grant works at Ringswell. Discussed in meeting. PC to meet with resident onsite.

Finance

After the following transactions the balances are: C/A £2,805.27 D/A £74,701.92 NatWest £28,232.57

Grist Environmental	£9.35	Recycling at Withymead
Microsoft	£71.16	Office 365 subs
British Gas	£110.73	Electricity at Pavilion
British Gas	£25.33	Electricity at Tolzey Hall
British Telecom	£64.74	Phone and broadband at office
South Glos Council	£42.20	Litter collection from Withymead
Powerline	£300.00	Purchase of Village Xmas Tree lights
Callum Duckett	£257.50	Supply and install new lights at Pavilion
Zurich Insurance	£1,228.60	Annual MORA insurance
Jess Robbins	£42.00	Cleaning at Pavilion
James Chiddy	£1,057.00	Supply and install insulation at Pavilion
Andy Elliott	£114.00	Repair leak at Pavilion.

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

Presentation of 25/26 Budget, PC agreed to a Precept request of £80,000.00.

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

District Councillor Feedback

Cllr Palmer advised that an updated Local Plan would be presented after the 4th February and then put out to wider Consultation on 12th March.

Matters for Discussion

Cllr Brooks presented a FiPL granted project to put up signs to show an accessible circular walk around the village starting from the Community Centre carpark. PC to seek permissions from SGC where necessary.

Cllr Brooks gave apologies for the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting – 21st January 2025**Meeting closed at 8.20pm****marshfieldparishcouncil.co.uk**