

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in the Memorial Hall
On Wednesday 17th July 2019**

Chairman M Barber Starkey

**Councillors G Baker J Baldwin
A Hope E Thomas
E Weston T Weston**

**Also Present D Baldwin Clerk to the Council
6 members of the public**

35. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors S Cotton and F Powell and the Parish Footpath Officer.

36. To receive Declarations of Interest

Councillor M Barber-Starkey declared an interest to item 11.1 B on the agenda.

37. Public Participation

The Village Shop Community Group reported that they felt interest was waning and felt that a public meeting should be called as soon as possible to re-establish interest and to establish any volunteers willing to step forward to help.

38. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12th June 2019 were approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor G Baker left the meeting.

39. Ward Member Report

Councillor Durkin's presented his ward report with the main points being: Work is due to start on the £9 million Cyber Quarter - Midlands Centre for Cyber Security in Hereford, Council recycling scheme thanks to a national metal recycling scheme that has allowed the Crematorium to donate over £70,000 to local charities since 2011. Station Approach car park to close and Hereford car dealer jailed for forgery and unfair trading

RESOLUTION: That the report be noted.

40. Councillor Working Groups

The Councillors Working Groups presented the objectives for their groups, where able, as follows:

Planning and NDP: Councillors: J Baldwin, E Thomas and T Weston

To attend formal Planning training at HALC, In House Councillor Training on the NDP, to compare decisions made on planning applications by the Parish Council and Herefordshire Council over the year and present a report at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Highways: Councillors: G Baker S Cotton & F Powell

In the absence of the Councillors of the Highways group this was not discussed.

Communication & IT: Councillors: M Barber Starkey & A Hope

To continue the improvement of the security on the Parish Council website, to add a page on the website and an article in the Mercury of an introduction of the Parish Councillors with a photo and a short resume.

Finance: The Responsible Financial Officer, The Chairman & Vice Chairman
Standard procedure as required by financial regulations.

Community & Environment: Councillors: S Cotton, E Thomas & E Weston
To be placed on the next Agenda

Footpaths & Rights of Way

J Baldwin & E Weston.

Five stiles repaired so far with the objective is to repair ten. To continue the survey of the footpaths.

41. Parish Noticeboard

With the closure of the village shop it was suggested that lack of available Parish Noticeboards for the use of Parishioners should be looked at, the Original Parish Council noticeboard that was situated at the Village shop is available and could be used either at Rushall Club or the Bus shelter. Councillor Baldwin offered to look at investigate the best site. A Parish Noticeboard in Much Marcle, once funded, could be sited either at the Memorial Hall or by the entrance to Bartons Playing Field.

RESOLUTION: That funding be investigate for the purchase of a Parish Noticeboard for the Much Marcle end of the village and the original refurbished Parish Council Noticeboard be used for Rushall and Kynaston.

42. Smart Water Initiative

Councillors considered the offer of a presentation from West Mercia Police on the Smart Water Initiative. After consideration it was agreed the invitation should be accepted.

RESOLUTION: That the presentation from West Mercia Police on the Smart Water Initiative be accepted.

43. Training

Councillors considered the HALC Training schedule and felt that:
The Planning working group should attend the Planning training on the 24th August.
The Chairman should attend the in the Hot Seat course on the 22nd July 2019.
Inhouse group training with HALC for all Councillors on leading lights should be arranged.

RESOLUTION: That the Clerk book the Planning Training for Councillors J Baldwin, E Thomas, T Weston and M Barber-Starkey and In the Hot Seat course for Councillor M Barber-Starkey. Also, that inhouse training for all Councillors be investigated.

44. Rushall Bus Stop

Councillors considered the refurbishment of the Rushall Bus Stop. Councillor J Baldwin reported that condition was not as bad as previously thought and offered to carry out work as necessary.

45. Planning

45.1 Planning applications

a) Site Picketts Corner, Much Marcle, Ledbury, HR8 2NL

Description Erection of 3m x 2.4m stained timber garden tool store shed & 3m x 1.8m green aluminium framed greenhouse.

192159 Recommend approval.

Councillor Barber-Starkey left the room for this item.

b) Site Walwyn Court, Much Marcle, Ledbury, HR8 2LY

Description Hedgerow removal, to be reinstated approx. 3 metres further away from road (behind ditch).

192309 Recommend Approval

c) Site **The Green Farm, Hallwood Green, Dymock, GL18 2EE**

Description A raised platform and treehouse/nature hide built around an oak tree and accessed by stairs. Retrospective.

192149 Recommend approval

45.2 Councillors reviewed the information received from a concerned parishioner over the possible non-compliance of planning conditions for planning application P/192173/XA2 and the maladministration of this application by Herefordshire Council. This issue is currently being addressed by Councillor Durkin on the local resident behalf.

45.3 Planning Decisions

None Received

46. Highways

46.1 Footpaths and Rights of Way.

With the absence of the Parish Footpath Officer no report was available

46.2 In the absence of the Highways group no report available.

47. Financial Items

47.1 Financial Report

Councillors considered the summary of receipts and payment as of the 30th June 2019 showing a bank balance of £6345.85

RESOLUTION: That the summary of receipts and payments be approved

47.2 Invoices for Payment

Councillors considered the payment of the invoices for:

Staff Salaries April 2019	£185.11
Came & Co Insurance	£308.32

RESOLUTION: That the payment of the invoices as above be approved.

48. Correspondence

Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence received.

Locality Report

Annual Canvass

RESOLUTION: That the list of correspondence be noted

49. Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Parish Noticeboards

Rushall Bus stop

Councillor Working Groups.

Smart Water

Parish Litter Pick

50. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting, is currently scheduled for the 11th September 2019

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed _____

Chairman

Date _____

