

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Neighbourhood Working Party held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 18th September 2013

Present:

Councillors

T Weston
R Cotton
A Taylor

J Blandford
D Powell

Also Present

J Brierly
C Monkley
R Yorke
D Baldwin
E Bannister
Cllr B Durkin

J Finnegan
S Rose
J Weston
Clerk to the Council
Herefordshire Council NP
Old Gore Ward Member

- 1. Apologies for absence -:** Cllr B Morgan, Cllr F Powell, K Cotton, S Fleming, T Jordan, J Marston, J Simpson and J Wood.
- 2. Election of Chairman for the Neighbourhood Plan Working party**
Councillor T Weston was proposed by Councillor A Taylor as Chairman for the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party, seconded by Councillor R Cotton. With no other nominations Councillor T Weston, after a vote, was duly elected as Chairman.
Vote: Unanimous
- 3. Questions to the Herefordshire Neighbourhood Plan team member**
The Chairman asked if there was any official guidance for the development of the plan.
Ted Bannister explained that there was no formal guidance for a NP plan, but suggested that members look at Herefordshire Councils website, where there are guidance notes and also the Much Wenlock NP for ideas.
It was asked if there was a timescale for the completion of a NP plan.
Ted Bannister informed members that the timescale would be individual to each parish, but around 18 months would be an approximate schedule.
Action: Members to review Herefordshire Councils Website and the Much Wenlock's NP for information in time for the next meeting.
- 4. Outline plan**
Members considered the overall outline of the plan and were reminded that the plan must be in general conformity of Herefordshire Councils Core Strategy and the content to be evidence based.
Much Marcle's NP plan will cover the whole parish and a A3 reference map would be available from Hoople.
It was suggested that focus groups should be organised under the headings of, Planning, Business, Employment, Farming and Youth.
- 5. Consultation Methods**
It was asked whether the Village Design Statement could be taken into consideration. It was affirmed that it had content of value to contribute to the NP and it would be a shame to lose all the information contained within it. Other consultation methods would be considered at the next meeting, when further information is gathered.

6. Funding

Ted Bannister informed members that a Local Government grant is available to help towards the costs of developing a NP.

7. Any other matters

Items for consideration at the next meeting:

- Review Much Wenlock`s NP
- Plan Format
- Allocate Focus Groups

The next meeting is currently scheduled for the 23rd October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm