

# MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

## Report of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Present:

Councillors

T Weston  
B Morgan

Chairman

Also Present

J Finnigan  
C Monkley  
J Weston  
J Wood  
R Yorke

J Marsden  
S Rose  
R White  
H Woodman

D Baldwin  
J Gibbon

Clerk to the Parish Council  
NPWP Secretary

1. Apologies J Brierley

A Taylor

2. Declarations of interest.

No interests were declared.

3. Report 19<sup>th</sup> March

The report, which had been approved at the previous Parish Council meeting, was accepted.

4. Addendum to the Village Design Statement

Mr. Finnigan indicated that the work involved had taken longer than expected, but he hoped to have completed it before the next meeting.

**Action Mr. Finnigan to circulate to committee members the “Addendum to the Village Design Statement”, if available.**

5. Update on Website

The Parish Clerk reported that the website would be completed before the end of the month and that the Neighbourhood Plan page would be arranged adjacent to the Parish Council web page.

6. Neighbourhood Plan Article for Website and Mercury

Mr. Marsden reported that he felt unable to prepare such an article in view of the uncertainty created by the presentation of the Planning Consultants Kirkwells.

Discussion identified that the Parish Clerk's previously issued notes on Local Plans could provide the basis of an update.

**Action The Parish Clerk to re-issue the Local Plan notes for the website and the June edition of the Mercury.**

7. Hampton Bishop Training Course on Neighbourhood Plans Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March

J Weston reported on her impressions of the Kirkwell's led training day. The main themes were:

- (a) Kirkwell's experience in submitting Local Plans in Herefordshire.
- (b) Plans could shape but not prevent development.
- (c) Plans needed to reflect distinct local features.
- (d) Impetus to be gained by marking potential development sites on a map as a start.

Comment was made that this approach represented a change in emphasis to that previously adopted by the committee. The general to specific would be replaced by specific to general. Discussion overlapped the following Agenda item.

8. Proposal of receiving professional help from Planning Consultants to aid in the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Issues identified included:

land allocation – land use and flood control

housing

industry

built-in natural heretage

specific village character views in and out of village

“Bartons” and “Marcle Ridge”.

The scope of the assistance required needed to be established for Planning Consultants

The scope can be wide and visionary but needed to comply with the policy set by Herefordshire Core Strategy.

9. Items for inclusion in the next meeting

- (a) C Monkley requested that the “Vision” document that she had produced be included in the Agenda for the next meeting for acceptance.

**Action Committee members were requested to forward their comments to the Secretary for collation.**

- (b) **Action J Weston to update the Baseline Report and submit.**

- (c) Questionnaire produced by R Yorke and J Brierley to be submitted for discussion.

- (d) **Action The Chairman to produce a list of issues to be addressed by the Neighbourhood Plan.**

10. Other relevant matters

Members of the committee were invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May when Foxley Tagg are making a presentation.