MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party held in the Memorial Hall on Monday 12th July 2016

Present:		J Marsden	Chairman
Also P	Present:	J Finnigan B Morgan	J Gibbon H Woodman
1.	Apologies:	Cllr T Weston S Rose	K Cotton J Weston

2. Declarations of interest

J Finnigan declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 and did not participate in discussion of the specific proposals considered under this item.

3. Report of 6th June 2016 - The report was accepted.

4. Correspondence with J Chapman – St. Bartholomew's Churchyard

a) **Burial Ground**

The correspondence was discussed and specific issues commented on were: the residual capacity available; the need for additional burial ground space with an estimate of numbers required over time; and consideration of alternative sites.

b) Car Parking

The general consensus of the meeting was that the two areas suggested, if implemented, would have a damaging impact on the Conservation Area of the village. The proposals appeared to be for convenience rather than in response to a quantified need as sufficient unrestricted parking was available along the B4024 within walking distance of the church.

ACTION

The Chairman was requested to write a reply to Mrs Chapman indicating the position of the Working Party on these issues. The advice of J Weston would be sought before sending the letter to Mrs Chapman, which would also include an offer for the Chairman and another Working Party member to meet with Mrs Chapman to explain the stance taken by the Working Party.

5. Correspondence with A Carlton – Old Pyke

Discussion considered this to be a repeat of previous communications about this site. ACTION

The Chairman was asked to reply on behalf of the Working Party and, in so doing, explain the further opportunities for local people to comment on and influence the content of the draft Plan.

6. Draft Neighbourhood Plan Version 2.2

The Chairman was grateful for the proposed amendments to version 2.2 provided by J Finnigan. These had been incorporated into version 2.3, which was reviewed in some detail. The Chairman would consolidate further amendments discussed into the production of version 3 which would be used for informal consultation with the Parish Council, Foxley Tagg and Herefordshire County Council NDP team.

7. Landscape Views

The identification of important landscape views into and out of the settlement areas was considered as making a valuable contribution to the Plan. These would be listed in the text of the Plan and shown on a map in an annex. A sub-group of J Marsden, B Morgan and J Gibbon was established to agree criteria for and generate a mapped record of such views.

ACTION

J Gibbon to identify a mutually convenient time to meet preferably before the next meeting.

8. Extension of the Much Marcle Settlement Area

It was agreed that a small area, currently used for garden planting and a dutch barn, adjacent to Brace's orchard and to the south of Pickett's corner be added to the Much Marcle Settlement Boundary.

ACTION

J Gibbon to forward existing map for adjustment to B Morgan.

9. Photographs for Evidence Base Summary and Draft Neighbourhood Plan

B Morgan displayed photographs he had prepared to illustrate these documents. ACTION

B Morgan to forward a file of photographs with suggested locations in the Evidence Base Summary document to the Chairman in order they can be sent, in turn, to Foxley Tagg for inclusion in the final version of that document.

Involvement of the Parish Council

The Chairman indicated his intention to contact the Chairman of the Parish Council so that an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council could be convened to:

- consider and agree Version 3 of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan
- approve informal consultation of this document with Herefordshire County Council NDP team
- comprehend the risks associated with continuing to treat Kynaston as a Settlement Area rather than Open Countryside
- clarify the position of the Locality Grant, and/or alternative funding to employ the services of Foxley Tagg
- discuss arrangements for updating the Parish Council Web-site.

J Gibbon

15th July 2016