

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in the Memorial Hall
On Wednesday 11th October 2017**

Chairman T Weston

Councillors M Barber-Starkey
N Bullock
F Powell
E Thomas

G Baker
R Cotton
A Taylor

Also Present D Baldwin
B Durkin
3 members of the public

Clerk to the Council
Ward Member

58. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received and accepted for Councillor J Blandford.

59. To receive Declarations of Interest

Councillors E Thomas declared an interest to Item 9.1b: Planning on the agenda.

60. Public Participation

No member of the public present wished to speak.

61. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th September 2017 were approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman.

62. Ward Member Report

Councillor B Durkin presented his report, previously circulated by email, with the main points being:

Library book amnesty. Government funding of 5 million and Herefordshire Council of 3 million for the repairs to three key A roads. City link new road set to be open by the end of this year.

RESOLUTION: That the report be noted.

63. Neighbourhood Plan:

63.1 The Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party gave an update to Councillors. From the further meeting with Herefordshire Council they indicated that they were happy to proceed at risk. The recommendation to stick to our guns and continue with the assessment on those grounds was given with concessions of the dropping of two allocation sites at the Steppes and Bridge Cottage in Kynaston, but keep the settlement boundary for that area. It was also recommended that the garden plots at Monks Walk not be allocated as housing, but remain within the settlement boundary.

In order to meet the timeline, the Chairman of the Working party requested that all Councillors review the draft plan and submit any comments to him as soon as possible. It was also requested that a meeting with Councillors be arranged to review any alterations to the draft plan for Wednesday the 25th October 2017 in order to meet

the suggested timeline of December for submitting to Herefordshire Council for assessment

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council approve the above recommendations for the allocation of sites within Kynaston and the removal of the Garden Plots at Monks Walk, but kept within the settlement boundary. It was also approved to arranged a meeting to review the Draft Plan with any changes from submitted comments on the 25th October 2017.

63.2 Councillors considered the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party reports of the 12th September 2017.

RESOLUTION: That the reports of the meeting held on the 12th September be noted and approved.

64. Website

The Clerk asked Councillors to consider the further improvements to the Parish Council website and presented a quote of £75 from the appointed website administrator, Newman Designs, to instigate the improvements.

RESOLUTION: That Councillors approve the quote of £75 for the improvements to the Parish Council website.

65. Dog Waste

The Clerk informed Councillors of the service that they could provide with suppling of free dog waste pick up bio-degradable bags to dog owners within the village. This system had proved to be effective in reducing the number of offences in other parishes. The bags are provided in a pack of 50 and are handed out from a local hub such as the village shop. Also, the issue of litter bins was addressed and it was suggested that prices be obtained for the next meeting.

RESOLUTION: That the Clerk obtain prices for litter bins for consideration at the next meeting.

66. Planning

66.1 Planning applications

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| a) Site | Upper Greens Place, Much Marcle, Ledbury, HR8 2PF |
| Description | Variation of a condition 2 163596/F (erection of a new dwelling).
Amendments to include Option 1 and 2 to amend floor levels. |
| 173197 | No Objections |
| b) Site | Barn at Manaakitanga, Rushall, Ledbury, HR8 2PB |
| Description | Demolition of redundant pole barn and erection of ancillary accommodation/holiday let with home office over. |
| 172973 | Outside the settlement boundary, not a conversion of existing dwelling, an agricultural building being replaced by a new house in open countryside. |
| Object | |
| c) Site | Land to the west of the Noggin Farm, Much Marcle |
| Description | Proposed erection of agricultural buildings, associated infrastructure and landscaping to support a new agricultural enterprise. |
| 173477 | Impact on Marcle Ridge which is a AONB. |
| Object | Run off into stream, a priority habitat and then into River Leadon |

Which is a nitrate vulnerable zone. The impact on the amenities and bore hole, which is the only source of fresh water to the neighbouring properties. Increase of flooding which is within 20 metres of the borehole.

d) Site

Description

Land to the west of the Noggin, Much Marcle

Proposed erection of temporary agricultural workers dwelling associated parking and residential curtilage.

173476

Not temporary dwelling a pre-cursor to a permanent dwelling.

Object

Need not proven. Impact on Marcle Ridge which is a AONB.

Run off into stream, a priority habitat and then into River Leadon Which is a nitrate vulnerable zone. The impact on the amenities and bore hole, which is the only source of fresh water to the neighbouring properties. Increase of flooding which is within 20 metres of the borehole.

e) Site

Description

Windrush, Much Marcle, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 2LY

Proposed works to Birch (T1) 2 Trees - Fell. Reason: Over mature, short life expectancy. Works to Trees in a Conservation Area

173456

No objections

66.2 Planning Decisions

None received.

67. Highways

67.1 Review of Speed limits in the Parish

Councillors reviewed the briefing notes and were pleased that the recommendation was to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph on C1294 and the C1262, but disappointed that the recommendation is for no reduction for the A449. On behalf of the parishioners they would like to submit the evidence from the nearly completed Much Marcle draft Neighbourhood plan, and the following comments:

Considerable number of vulnerably road users, School children crossing etc to the bus stop by the garage. and pedestrians to reach the village shop.

Difficult cross roads to exit onto, lack of visibility etc.

Number of access onto the A449 and sharp bend.

Speed of traffic approaching the crossroads from Marcle straight.

RESOLUTION: That the above comments and evidence from the Neighbourhood Development Draft Plan be submitted in response to the briefing notes recommendations.

67.2 Councillors considered the parking issue at Orchard View, Rushall caused residents parking on the roadside. It was felt that as allocated parking was available at the rear of the properties this item should be reported to the Locality Officer.

RESOLUTION: That the issue of parking at Orchard View be reported to the Locality Officer.

67.3 Councillors received information of fly-tipping within the parish. It was suggested that this issue be placed in the Mercury to inform residents that anyone spotting offenders to report either to Herefordshire Council or the Clerk for her to report.

67.4 This item to be placed on the next agenda.

67.5 Councillors received a complaint concerning the possible obstruction of the highway by the use of traffic cones at the entrance to a property close to the school. As the cones had been removed this item was:

RESOLUTION: That this item be noted.

67.6 The Parish Council welcomed the return of the Footpath Officer. He reported that the bridge on MM15 had been replaced and requested help with installing new finger posts. Councillor G Baker offered to assist.

Items for reporting:

Potholes at Kynaston, Dobbins Pitch and Kempley Road.

68. Financial Items

68.1 Budget 2018/19

For consideration at the next meeting.

68.2 Summary of Receipts and Payments

In the absence of a Bank Statement this item be referred to the next meeting.

68.2 Invoices for Payment

Councillors considered the payment of the invoices for:

Staff Salaries August £206.19

Memorial Hall NDP £15.00

Expenses £125.00

RESOLUTION: That the payment of the invoices in the sum of £346.19 be approved.

69. Correspondence

Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence received.

HALC Training Schedule.

RESOLUTION: That the list of correspondence be noted

70. Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Dog waste issues and litter bins.

Volunteers for Highways

Budget 2017/18

71. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting is currently scheduled for the 8th November 2017.

Meeting closed at 9.25am

Signed _____

Date _____

Chairman