

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in the Memorial Hall
On Wednesday 23rd April 2018**

Chairman T Weston

Councillors M Barber-Starkey
F Powell

N Bullock
E Thomas

Also Present D Baldwin
B Durkin
5 members of the public

Clerk to the Council
Ward Member

130. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received and accepted for J Blandford, G Baker and R Cotton.

131. To receive Declarations of Interest
No declarations of interest were received at this point in the meeting.

132. Public Participation
A resident pointed out that the minutes recorded that Councillor Durkin as present when he had sent his apologies.

133. Minutes
Correction to: Also present, Councillor Durkin was not present. The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th March 2018, as amended, were approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman.

134. Ward Member Report
Councillor Durkin presented his report, previously circulated by email, with the main points being: Pothole funding for Herefordshire of 1.25 million from central government.

The submission of a bid to European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) for Fastershire broadband project has been successful and Herefordshire has been awarded £3m. Progress on the new Southern Link Road of the Hereford Bypass.

RESOLUTION: That the report be noted.

135. Neighbourhood Plan

135.1 The Chairman of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party Informed Councillors that the NDP had been submitted to the independent examiner and his report on his findings should be returned around the middle of May.

135.2 Councillors considered the proposal that they attend a training session with selected members of the NDP working party on how to apply the NDP to planning applications. Councillors felt that this should be deferred until the appointment of a new member of the Council had been decided.

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council approve the training session for Councillors on applying the NDP to planning applications with the date to be decided after the appointment of a new member of the Council.

136. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The Clerk gave a report on the HALC GDPR training sessions she had attended. With the resolution that the Council had made to set up a GDPR working group to look at NALCs GDPR Toolkit the compliance had been met. The National Association of Local Councils negotiations had led to a review of Parish Councils situation with the employment of a Data Protection Officer. All personal data must be held on the Parish Council computer only and all correspondence should come through the Clerk to enable control of the holding of data.

137. Casual Vacancy

Councillors received information that ten members of the electorate had called for an election. The notice will be posted as due and nominations will be invited to stand. If more than one nomination is received an election will be called for no later than 14th June 2018.

138. Standing Orders

Councillors considered the new updates required to Parish Councils Standing orders. This item needed further consideration and will be placed on a future agenda.

139. Bartons Playing Field

Councillors consider a policy for the use of the Bartons Playing Field. With the gifting of the field to the Parish Council for the local Community Councillors felt that the policy should reflect that. With this in mind it was agreed that:

RESOLUTION: That Bartons Playing Field is for Community use only and not used for private hire.

140. Planning

140.1 Planning applications

a) Site **Huntleys Farm, Much Marcle, Ledbury, HR8 2NB**
Description Demolition of Dutch barn and proposed agricultural building.
180899 Recommend Approval

b) Site **The Hawthornes, Monks Meadow, Much Marcle, HR8 2LY**
Description Birch Tree, reduce in height by approximately one third to a point just above where previously cut. Reduce remaining canopy to balance.
173698 Recommend refusal

140.2 Councillors considered the rebuttal received to a previously considered planning application in closed session.

RESOLUTION: The Parish Council are confident that the comments submitted for Planning application 180256 were compliant with the Emerging Much Marcle Neighbourhood Development Plan.

140.3 Planning Decisions

None received

141. Highways

141.1 Litter Pick

Councillors gave an update on the areas they had covered for the Litter Pick. The area from the rocks to the Shop the only section currently not completed.

141.2 Highways Issues.

Items for reporting:

Potholes: Sunny banks, Caerswall Rocks,

Culverts blocked: Jink Robbin, and Piccadilly

Ditches overflowing by Jink Robbin and the Vennings,

A449 subsiding on Marcle Straight.

142. Financial Items

142.1 This item to be consider on a future agenda.

142.2 Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk presented the bank reconciliation for the period to 31st March 2018 showing a bank balance of £5565.13

142.3 Invoices for Payment

Councillors considered the payment of the invoices for:

Memorial Hall	£30.00
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Staff Salaries April	£205.99
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PATA	£22.50
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RESOLUTION: That the payment of the invoices as above be approved.

143. Correspondence

Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence received.

HALC Information Corner.

RESOLUTION: That the list of correspondence be noted

144. Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Parish Cycle Route

Grants

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Vacancy

NDP planning training.

145. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting is currently scheduled for the 9th May 2018.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed _____

Date _____

Chairman