

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of the Parish Council held in Much Marcle Memorial Hall on Wednesday 23rd May 2018.

Present:	Councillors	
	T Weston	M Barber-Starkey
	N Bullock	R Cotton
	F Powell	E Thomas
Also Present	B Durkin D Baldwin	Ward Member Clerk to the Council
	11 members of the public	

1. Election of Chairman 2018-2019

Councillor T Weston was nominated by Councillor F Powell, seconded by Councillor E Thomas for the office of Chairman. Councillor Weston accepted the office of Chairman to the Parish Council.

Vote:

Unanimous

2. To consider the acceptance of apologies for absence from Councillors

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillor J Blandford and G Baker.

3. To receive Declarations of Interest.

There was no Declarations of Interest at this point in the meeting.

4. Vote of Thanks for the 2017-18 Chairman.

Councillor E Thomas gave a vote of thanks to Councillor Weston for his hard work over the previous year including his much appreciated work with the Neighbourhood Plan.

5. Election of Vice Chairman for 2017-18

Councillor E Thomas nominated and Councillor N Bullock seconded, Councillor M Barber-Starkey for the office of Vice-Chairman. Councillor Barber-Starkey accepted the office of Vice Chairman to the Parish Council.

Vote:

Unanimous

6. Public Participation

A local resident raised concerns that they believed the agenda had not been posted on the Parish Council website. The Clerk assured them that the agenda had been posted in the afternoon of Friday the 18th May 2018. A resident also pointed out that the Clerks telephone number on the email was incorrect.

7. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 23rd April 2018 were approved as correct record of that meeting and be signed by the Chairman.

8. Ward Report

Councillor Durkin gave his report during the Annual Parish meeting.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman of the NDP working party gave an update on the chosen Independent examiner for the Much Marcle NDP. On receipt of the examiner's report and with input from the appointed Planning Consultants, Foxley Tagg, to carry out final formatting, the final

version of the plan would be submitted to Herefordshire Council in advance of the proposed date for the referendum on the 12th July 2018. A Parish Council meeting would need to be called to consider the Examiners report and the final version of the NDP. It was suggested that the Council meeting be set for Thursday 31st May 2018.

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council set a meeting for the 31st May 2018 to consider the independent Examiners report and the final version of the Much Marcle NDP.

10. Casual Vacancy Election

The Clerk reported that there were three nominations for the vacancy on the Parish Council and that the election would be held on Thursday 14th June 20148 in the village hall.

11. Cycle Route

Councillors considered the proposal to establish a cycle route around the Parish to link in with the existing Ledbury and Newent Cycle Loops. The Council were informed that the Parish Council would not be expected to supply funds, but their support would be appreciated.

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council approve, in principal, the establishing of the Cider Cycle loop to link in with the existing Ledbury and Newent loops on the understanding that no financial support would be expected from the Parish Council.

12. Planning

Site Upper Greens Place, Much Marcle, HR8 2PF
Description Proposed new bile and bin store and plant room building
181205 Recommend approval

13. Highways

Highways issues for reporting

Damaged 40mph sign Watery Lane by the Old Cricket Pitch.
Potholes Kempley Road, Culvert collapsed by Harold's Farm.

14. Financial Items

14.1 Internal Auditor

Councillors considered the appointment of the independent internal auditor. It was proposed that the Parish Council use previous years auditor.

RESOLUTION: That the previous year's auditor be appointed.

14.2 Parish Council Insurance

Councillors considered the renewal of the Parish Council insurance from Came & Company at a cost of £302.76 year two of the fixed three-year period.

RESOLUTION: That the renewal of £302.76 from Came and company be approved and accepted

14.3 Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk presented the bank reconciliation for the period to 28th April 2018 showing a bank balance of £6758.86

14.4 Invoices for payment

Councillors considered the payment of the invoices for:

Staff Salaries	£181.39
Viking Direct	£82.19
Came & Co Insurance	£302.76
Memorial Hall	TBC

RESOLUTION: That the payment of the invoices be approved.

15. Correspondence

HALC Information Corner

RESOLUTION: That the list of correspondence be noted

16. Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Annual Accounts

17. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday 13th June 2017

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed _____

Date _____

Chairman