

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in the Memorial Hall
On Wednesday 20th March 2019**

Chairman	M Barber Starkey	
Councillors	N Bullock	R Cotton
	A Hope	T Weston
	E Thomas	
Also Present	B Durkin	Ward Member
	D Baldwin	Clerk to the Council
	J Edwards	Footpath Officer
	6 members of the public	

123. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors G Baker, J Blandford, and F Powell

124. To receive Declarations of Interest

Councillors E Thomas & T Weston declared an interest for item 10.1a and Councillor A Hope declared an interest to item 10.1e on the agenda.

125. Dispensations

Councillor R Cotton requested, and was granted, a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Dispensation for Item 10.1b on the agenda

126. Public Participation

A local resident expressed his concerns over the condition of the bench commemoration the best kept village 1967. It was in need of attention.

Another resident gave information on the deposit return scheme and the effect on the loss of the shop on that scheme. He also expressed his support of the Dobbins Pitch application in that it met the majority of requirements and could be considered on its merits as a section 106 and employment basis.

Another resident asked that the agenda format be changed to include public participation at each item on the agenda, It was explained that this is not the format for a Council meeting and that the public participation at the beginning of the meeting is compliant with the Transparency act.

127. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13th February 2019 were approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman.

128. Ward Member Report

Councillor Durkin presented his ward report with the main points being: Council Tax increase of 4.9%, Guide to the Council Financial Strategy on how Herefordshire Council maintains stability is available on line, a man was fined for attempting to fell a protected tree, Herefordshire Council winning an enforcement case against un lawful tipping at the recycling centre, a consultation on walking, cycling, bus and public space improvements in Hereford is running until 11 March 2019, the launch of Herefordshire Now - Council magazine. **RESOLUTION: That the report be noted.**

129. Village Shop

Councillors reviewed the report of the Village Shop Parish Meeting held on the 28th February 2019. The resolution to form a Village Shop Community Group was noted and the date for the first meeting was discussed and agreed that it should be as soon as possible depending on the availability of the Memorial Hall.

RESOLUTION: That the Clerk establish the availability of the Memorial hall and contact the persons, who wished to participate on the Community group, with a date of the first meeting. It was also resolved that the Parish Council would pay for the hall booking.

130. Parish Elections 2019

The Clerk ran through the time table for the Parish Elections 2nd May 2019. It was noted that the deadline for the delivery of nomination papers is 4pm on the Wednesday 3rd April 2019.

131. Parish Litter Pick

Councillors considered the date for the Spring Parish Litter Pick.

RESOLUTION: That Spring Parish Litter Pick be scheduled for Saturday 30th March 2019.

132. Planning

132.1 Planning applications

a) Site **Gwynnes Hill Farm, Much Marcle, HR8 2NR**

Description Proposed first floor extension.

190301 Support

Councillors E Thomas & T Weston left the room for this item on the agenda

b) Site **Dobbins Pitch, Dymock Road, Much Marcle, HR8 2NL**

Description Demolition of two cottages and erection of 4 new cottages.

190544 Support. Although not in compliance with the NDP it is on a brownfield site and would provide much needed affordable local housing. Encourage market housing to other allocated sites in the NDP

c) Site **West Doran, Much Marcle, HR8 2PJ**
Description Proposed two storey and single storey extensions.
190377 Support

d) Site **Roseland, Much Marcle, HR8 2NL**
Description Proposed replacement of single storey rear extension.
Proposed detached workshop/studio and extend on-site parking and
turning area
190546 Support

Councillor A Hope left the room for this item on the agenda.

e) Site **The Plech, Church Lane, Much Marcle, HR8 2LY**
Description Beech (T1), reduce large low limb extending towards property by
50% to reduce leverage on weak fork. Crown lift by removing
approximately 3 low branches.||Beech (T2), heavily leaning over
neighbouring property, fell.||Beech (T3), remove side limb extending
over garden back to the main trunk.||Beech (T4), remove small low
branch over garden.||Multi-stemmed Sycamore (T5), leaning heavily
over neighbouring property, fell.||Beech (T6), remove three low
branches over garden to allow light onto adjacent specimen Conifer.||
Beech (T7), leaning over neighbouring garden sheds, remove two
large low branches arching over neighbouring garden.||Beech (T8),
remove two.
190740 Support

f) Site **Amberlea, Much Marcle, HR8 2NA**
Description Proposed single story extension to rear.
190755 Support

132.2 Planning Decisions

None received.

133. Highways

133.1 Footpaths and Rights of Way.

The Parish Footpath Officer presented his reported as follows:

The working footpath volunteers have started on the stiles at Hall End Farm and repaired three, Another three stiles plus a fingerpost on the roadside from hall End Farm towards the Cockshoot. Requested on the 12th March materials from

Balfour Beatty to repair missing foot planks and stile steps across a ditch and received delivery on the 20th March.

RESOLUTION: That the Highways Working Group report be noted.

133.2 In the absence of Councillors Baker and Powell no report was available but Councillor Powell gave a verbal report to the Clerk in that the drainage issue at Jink Robbin had been addressed and that he had arranged a meeting with the Locality Officer.

134. Financial Items

134.1 Grants

Councillors considered a grant application from the Parochial Church Council for costs towards the Churchyard upkeep. Unfortunately, a budget is not available to award a grant at this time.

RESOLUTION: That The grant application from the Parochial Church Council is declined.

134.2 Financial Report

Councillors considered the summary of receipts and payment as of the 28th February 2019 showing a bank balance of £4430.13

RESOLUTION: That the summary of receipts and payments be approved

134.3 Invoices for Payment

Councillors considered the payment of the invoices for:

Staff Salaries February 2019	£181.39
Expenses	£155.00
HALC Subscription	£557.71
PATA Payroll	£68.25
HMRC PAYE	£544.20

RESOLUTION: That the payment of the invoices as above be approved.

135. Correspondence

Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence received.

Locality Report

HALC Information Corner

RESOLUTION: That the list of correspondence be noted

136. Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Village Shop

Parish Litter Pick

Internal Auditor

Standing Orders

137. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting is currently scheduled for the 10th April 2019

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed _____

Date _____

Chairman