

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of the Parish Council held in Much Marcle Memorial Hall on Wednesday 15th May 2019.

Present: Councillors

G Baker	J Baldwin
M Barber-Starkey	S Cotton
A Hope	F Powell
E Thomas	E Weston
T Weston	

Also Present B Durkin Ward Member
D Baldwin Clerk to the Council
5 members of the public

1. Election of Chairman 2019-2020

Councillor M Barber-Starkey was nominated by Councillor E Thomas, seconded by Councillor A Hope for the office of Chairman. Councillor Barber-Starkey accepted the office of Chairman to the Parish Council. **Vote:**

Unanimous The Chairman then welcomed the newly elected Councillors to the Parish Council.

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

Apologies were received and accepted for The Parish Footpath Officer, J Edwards

3. To receive Declarations of Interest.

Councillor A Hope declared an interest to Item 11 on the agenda.

4. Vote of Thanks for the 2018-19 Chairman.

Councillor E Thomas gave a vote of thanks to Councillor Weston for his hard work over the first four months of the previous year including his much-appreciated work with the Neighbourhood Plan. Also, to Councillor Barber-Starkey for taking over the office of Chairman for the remainder of the year and his sterling work progressing forward.

5. Election of Vice Chairman for 2019-20

Councillor M Barber-Starkey nominated and Councillor A Hope seconded, Councillor E Thomas for the office of Vice-Chairman. Councillor Thomas accepted the office of Vice Chairman to the Parish Council. **Vote: Unanimous**

6. Public Participation

With no ward report due to the elections Councillor Durkin gave a brief verbal report. There was a 42.96% turn out for the local elections, and the Cabinet at Herefordshire Council has yet to be decided.

A local resident asked for an update on the safety plans for the main crossroads at the A449, Councillor Durkin will make enquiries and report back.

7. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th April 2019 were approved as correct record of that meeting and be signed by the Chairman.

8. Police Commissioners Survey

Councillors considered the Annual Police Commissioners Survey. Councillor Barker Starkey suggested, along with Councillors Thomas and T Weston, that they review and complete the survey.

RESOLUTION: Councillors Barber-Starkey, E Thomas and T Weston complete the survey.

9. Village Shop & Post Office

A member of the Village Shop & Post Office Community Group gave a report. Six hundred surveys were distributed and a large number of responses were returned. The survey will be analysed to establish a need or desire for a shop and post office.

10. Training

Councillors considered booking an in-house training session for Councillors with HALC and felt that this would be beneficial.

RESOLUTION: That a training session, for Councillors, with HALC be booked asap.

11. Planning

Planning applications

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

Site	Lower Lodge, Much Marcle, HR8 2LY
Description	Propose to fell Western Red Cedar (T1) adjacent to drive boundary. Reason: Suppressing neighbouring specimen Lime
191307	Recommend approval

12. Highways

12.1 Footpaths & Rights of Way

In the absence of the Footpath Officer a member of the Footpaths Working Group reported that the group had repaired five stiles so far. The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council expressed their gratitude for the hard work carried out by the Footpaths working group.

12.2 Highways Report

Councillor Powell reported that he was having problems contacting the locality Officer to arrange a meeting for a Parish walk. The Clerk suggested that it may help to try and contact him by phone. There is also a new App available from Herefordshire Council for the reporting of potholes.

13. Financial Items

13.1 Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk presented the bank reconciliation for the period to 28th April 2019 showing a bank balance of £6373.07.

13.2 Invoices for payment

Councillors considered the payment of the invoices for:

Staff Salaries	£181.39
Came & Co Insurance	£302.76
Memorial Hall	£150.00

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

NDP for new members

Allocation of Working Groups

17. Date of next meeting

The Clerk presented the Cycle of Meetings for the coming year.

RESOLUTION: That the Cycle of Meetings be approved.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday 12th June 2019

Signed _____ Date _____

Chairman

Meeting Closed 8.30pm