

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Much Marcle Memorial Hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 15th May 2019

Present:

Councillors

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

Also Present

Cllr B Durkin	Old Gore Ward Member
D Baldwin	Clerk to the Council
5 members of the public	

1. Apologies -: No apologies were received.

2. Ward Members report

The Ward Member, Councillor B Durkin thanked the Parish for their support in his re-election to the Office of Old Gore Ward Member. The Potholes issue will be a priority for the coming year

3. Chairman's Report

Councillor Mike Barber-Starkey presented his report on the activities of the Parish Council during the year 2018-2019 with the main points being:

The plan to make more of the Annual Parish meeting by inviting other local organisations and groups to be involve and give a report to the Parishioners.

The NDP successful referendum and now forms part of the Parish Council decision making process for planning. A vote of thanks to Councillor T Weston for his contribution.

The Footpath Officer, who has made excellent progress with the Parish Footpaths and Rights of Way, now has a group of very active volunteers, forming the Footpath Working Group, to help him with walking the footpaths and repairs as necessary. The speed limit on the A449 is still an issue that the Parish Council will continue to work at for a reduction.

The casual vacancy in 2018 saw Councillor A Hope elected onto the Parish Council with the turnout to vote of 32%.

The Parish Council arranged a well-attended Parish Litter Pick in October, a pity the weather wasn't kind. This is hoped to be a bi-annual event using our own kits donated by Balfour Beatty.

Eleven candidates stood for election to fill nine places. There was a 46% turnout to vote, which was an excellent ratio for the County

A vote of thanks to Councillor Barry Durkin for all his efforts in representing the Parrish as the Old Gore Ward Member.

4. Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2018-2019

The Clerk presented the budget for 2019-2020 as agreed at the meeting on the 14th November 2018, showing a Parish Council precept of £7400.00 to cover Parish costs.

5. Questions from the Public

A local resident asked if he could have permission to restore the Best Kept Village 1967 commemorative bench by the bus stop outside the Walwyn Arms. The Parish Council accepted his kind offer and expressed their gratitude for this generous offer. Meeting closed 7.45pm

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____