

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held in the Memorial Hall On Wednesday 12th June 2019

Chairman M Barber Starkey

Councillors G Baker
S Cotton
F Powell
E Weston

J Baldwin
A Hope
E Thomas
T Weston

Also Present D Baldwin
5 members of the public
Clerk to the Council

18. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received and accepted for Ward Member Councillor Barry Durkin and the Parish Footpath Officer.

19. To receive Declarations of Interest
No Declarations of Interest were received at this point of the meeting.

20. Public Participation
No member of the public present wished to speak.

21. Minutes

21.1 The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 15th May 2019 were approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman.

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22. Ward Member Report

Councillor Barber Starkey presented Councillor Durkin's ward report with the main points being: Councillor Durkin gave his thanks to the electorate for voting him back into office and although he is not a member of the cabinet, he will continue to work for his parishes, the administration of the Council to an Independent, It's our County, Green coalition with Cllr Sebastian Bowen from Bircher ward being elected as Chairman and David Hitchiner from Madley as Council leader and the Travellers Sites Development Plan public consultation running from 1 May 2019 to 12 June 2019,

RESOLUTION: That the report be noted.

23. Village Shop

Councillors received a report on the first Village Shop Community Group meeting. The group are currently analysing the results of the questionnaire and have concerns that this may not meet the requirements for funding.

24. Councillor Working Groups

The Working groups for Councillors were considered and decided as follows:

Planning and NDP

Councillors: J Baldwin, E Thomas and T Weston

Highways

Councillors: G Baker S Cotton & F Powell

Communication & IT

Councillors: M Barber Starkey & A Hope

Finance

The Responsible Financial Officer, The Chairman & Vice Chairman.
Community & Environment
Councillors: S Cotton, E Thomas & E Weston

Footpaths & Rights of Way

J Baldwin & E Weston.

Standing Group

The Clerk, The Chairman & The Vice Chairman

25. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Councillor Barber-Starkey suggested that with the addition of new Councillors that the Parish Council should look at professional planning training. Until this could be arranged that an informal meeting be held for Councillors J Baldwin & T Weston to run through the NDP as soon as possible.

RESOLUTION: That the Clerk be instructed to establish the availability of Planning training with HALC for Councillors and that an informal meeting be held as soon as possible for a run through of the NDP.

26. Smart Water Initiative

Councillors considered the offer of a presentation from West Mercia Police on the Smart Water Initiative. After consideration it was agreed the invitation should be accepted.

RESOLUTION: That the presentation from West Mercia Police on the Smart Water Initiative be accepted.

27. Parish Council Website

Councillor Barber Starkey proposed that the Parish Council website hosting should be moved to a dedicated hosting site for reasons of security and confidentiality.

RESOLUTION: That Councillor Barber Starkey prepared a time scale for the changeover to the dedicated website hosting site.

He also suggested that there should be a page on the website of the current elected Councillors with a photo and a short pressie and also a history page of past Councillors celebrating their contribution to the Parish.

28. Previous Councillors

Councillors considered ways to recognise the contribution of previous Parish Councillors. It was suggested that this could be achieved by an article in the Mercury and to present them with a certificate of recognition. The Communication & IT working group will work on this and present their recommendations at a Council meeting.

29. Planning

29.1 Planning applications

a) Site **Kittles, Much Marcle, Ledbury, HR8 2NT**

Description Proposed erection of building for (a) storage of hay and farm machinery (agricultural) and (b) shelter and storage of horse drawn implements and equipment (equestrian).

191651 Recommend Approval

b) Site **1, Glebe Orchard, Much Marcle, HR8 2PL**

Description Proposed works to various trees OBV7, OBVB, OBVE, OBVH, OBVJ, OBV1, OBVO

191103 Recommend Approval

147.2 Planning Decisions

Dobbins Pitch Withdrawn.

30. Highways

30.1 Footpaths and Rights of Way.

With the absence of the Parish Footpath Officer no report was available

30.2 Councillors Powell reported that he was having difficulty in arranging a meeting with the locality officer. The Clerk offered to contact him on Councillor Powell's behalf.

31. Financial Items

31.1 Accounting Statements

Councillors reviewed the Annual Governance Statement for 2018-19.

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council approve the annual governance statement for 2017/2018 and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

31.2 Annual Governance Statement

Councillors considered the Accounting Statements for 2018-19.

RESOLUTION: That the Accounting Statements be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

31.3 Exemption Certificate

Councillors considered the signing of the Exemption certificate in line with the new Audit regulations for Small Authority with income under £25,000.

RESOLUTION: That the Exemption be signed by the Chairman and Clerk for submission to the External Auditors.

149.3 Invoices for Payment

Councillors considered the payment of the invoices for:

Staff Salaries April 2019	£185.11
Newman Designs	£100.00
PATA Payroll	£93.00

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

32. Correspondence

Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence received.

Locality Report

RESOLUTION: That the list of correspondence be noted

33. Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Parish Noticeboards

Rushall Bus stop

Working Groups.

34. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting, is currently scheduled for the 10th July 2019

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____

