

## MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held in the Memorial Hall  
On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**Chairman M Barber Starkey**

**Councillors G Baker J Baldwin  
A Hope F Powell  
E Thomas E Weston  
T Weston**

**Also Present D Baldwin Clerk to the Council  
8 members of the public**

**51. Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted for Councillor S Cotton and the Parish Footpath Officer.

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

**53 Public Participation**

A local resident, who has managed Hall woods for many years, explained the management plan submitted to the Parish Council for comments in the fact it was a continuation of the thinning process plan from the previous application.

A resident also wished to comment on the prior approval plans submitted for the former village shop. As this item was not on the agenda as comments from the Parish Council were not required then this was declined. He also offered information on the latest litter figures for drinks cans along the Dymock Road taking into account the closure of the village shop. Since 2016 to 2019 the number of cans has reduced from 850 to 499.

Councillor Durkin presented his report with the main points being:

The cabinet decision to pause and review the Hereford bypass & Southern link road schemes, which if not implemented could have repercussions on the Herefordshire Five-year Housing supply 2019.

The next Parish Council Summit 20 September 2019.

Asking veterans to take part in the Armed Forces veterans' survey on the Herefordshire Council website.

**54. Minutes**

54.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019, with the amendment of number of public present, were approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman.

54.2 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 were approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman

**55. Village Shop**

A member of the Village shop group reminded Councillors of the public meeting on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

**56. Councillor Working Groups**

The remaining Councillors Working Groups presented the objectives for their groups, where able, as follows:

**Community & Environment:** Councillors: S Cotton, E Thomas & E Weston

To consider ways of raising money for the benefit of the Community, for example re-instate the Village Fete involving other community groups within the parish, to investigate the funding for providing services that will not be covered by Balfour

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**Highways:** Councillors: G Baker S Cotton & F Powell

To address the issue of the road markings at the Millennium tree junction, to continue addressing the speed limit and crossroads on the A449.

**Communication & IT:** Councillors: M Barber Starkey & A Hope

To continue developing the page on the website of an introduction to the elected Parish Councillors with a photo and a short resume. Councillor G Baker did not wish to be included. Councillor Barber-Starkey reported that he had attended a session with Fastershire organised by Herefordshire Council and had taken up the offer of a free evaluation of the Parish Council website. The website proved to robust and was considered to be of a very high standard.

**57. Parish Noticeboard**

Councillor Baldwin reported that the Parish Noticeboard refurbishment had been completed, hung in the Rushall Bus Shelter and was already being used by residents. It was suggested that the un-used noticeboard by the entrance to the Bartons Playing Field would be ideal for the Much Marcle Parish Community Noticeboard. A member of the Footpaths group offered to refurbish this along with the Chairman.

**RESOLUTION: That the offer to refurbish the noticeboard be accepted.**

**58. Hall Woods SSSI**

In view of the information received on the Management Plan application it was decided that:

**RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council offer their support of the plan.**

**59. Smart Water Initiative**

The Clerk reported that the presentation from West Mercia Police on the Smart Water Initiative was scheduled for the next meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

**60. Parish Litter Pick**

Councillors considered the date for the Autumn Parish Litter Pick.

**RESOLUTION: That the date for the Parish Litter Pick be set for Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 starting at 10am outside the Village Hall**

**61. Rushall Bus Shelter**

Councillor J Baldwin reported that the refurbishment of the Rushall Bus Shelter had been completed and should be sound for a few more years. A vote of thanks to Councillor Baldwin was given.

**62. Planning**

**62.1 Planning Training**

Councillors M Barber-Starkey, J Baldwin, T Weston and E Thomas attended the Planning training at HALC. Councillors were very pleased with the training session and felt it was very beneficial. Lynda Wilcox also covered adopted NDP and suggested that the Council set review dates once Herefordshire Councils core strategy has completed its review.

**62.2 Planning Decisions**

None Received

**63. Highways**

**63.1 Footpaths and Rights of Way.**

The Footpath group reported that the aim was to complete five stiles by the year end. Councillor E Weston will look at covering the footpaths on Weston's Land and Councillor J Baldwin and the Footpath Officer and members of the footpath group the rest.

63.2 Councillor T Weston reported that the changes to the kerbside and the installation of bollards outside Bartons Playing Field had been raised at the School Governors meeting. It appeared that Balfour Beatty may have completed the work due to subsidence. It was suggested that this needed to be reported to the Locality Officer for confirmation.

**RESOLUTION: That this be reported to the Locality Officer for clarification and confirmation that the work had been carried out by Balfour Beatty.**

63.3 Councillors Barber-Starkey and T Weston met with the Senior Engineer (Network Regulations) from Balfour Beatty to discuss the issues of the road markings at the Watery Lane junction and the crossroads on the A449. In his opinion the Watery Lane junction could be changed to a single line on both sides, which if implemented by Balfour Beatty would be a cost to the Parish Council of £1000. There is the option for the Parish Council to apply for the changes through the Community Commission Model and if granted carry out the work themselves. Councillor Baker offered to carry out the work if granted.

**RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council apply to make the changes through the Community Commission Model.**

The Senior Engineer suggested that an evaluation and safety operation would show that the most effective plan for the crossroads on the A449 would be to apply dragons' teeth and site repeater speed roundels.

#### 64. Financial Items

64.1 Councillors considered the revised Financial Regulations.

**RESOLUTION: That this item to be reviewed by the Financial Working group and presented to Council at a future meeting.**

#### 64.2 Financial Report

Councillors considered the summary of receipts and payment as of the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 showing a bank balance of £ 5073.81

**RESOLUTION: That the summary of receipts and payments be approved**

#### 64.3 Invoices for Payment

Councillors considered the payment of the invoices for:

Staff Salaries September	£185.11
Expenses	£155.00
HALC Training	£600.00

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

#### 64.4 PAYE

Councillors considered implementing the payment of PAYE by Direct Debt.

**RESOLUTION: That the Clerk set up the payment of the PAYE by Direct Debt.**

#### 65. Correspondence

Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence received.

Locality Report

Water Abstraction Authorisations

**RESOLUTION: That the list of correspondence be noted**

#### 66. Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Parish Noticeboards

Rushall Bus stop

Councillor Working Groups.

Smart Water

Parish Litter Pick

**67. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting, is currently scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Meeting closed at 8.45pm.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**

Date \_\_\_\_\_