

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in the Memorial Hall
On Wednesday 12th February 2020**

Chairman	M Barber-Starkey	
Councillors	J Baldwin	S Cotton
	A Hope	F Powell
	E Thomas	E Weston
	T Weston	
Also Present	D Baldwin	Clerk to the Council
	B Durkin	Ward Member
	Footpath Officer	
	3 members of the public	

116. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received and accepted for Councillor G Baker.

117. To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest at this point in the meeting.

118. Public Participation

Councillor B Durkin presented his January 2020 report with the main points being:

Herefordshire Council cabinet approved setting aside reserve funding of £360,000 to pay for the review into the plans for a city bypass and southern link road. Due to high Phosphate levels in the River Lugg catchment area Herefordshire Council have placed new development proposals on hold.

119. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11th December 2019 were approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman.

120. Village Shop

It was noted that the Community Shop Projects next meeting would be with Ward Member, Barry Durkin and the Herefordshire Councils Grant Officer. The excellent business plan had been completed and members are arranging visit to other Community shop projects.

121. St Michaels Hospice

Councillor T Weston reported that the Garden had been designed by Monty Don, this item to be placed on the next agenda.

RESOLUTION: That this item be placed on the next agenda for an update and consideration.

122. Parish Emergency Plan

Councillors reviewed the template of a Parish Emergency Plan and decided that a Working Group be set up to complete the work for approval by Council.

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council set up an Emergency Plan Working group with the following Council members

Councillors: M Barber-Starkey, S Cotton, A Hope, F Powell and E Thomas.

123. Cycle Loop

Two local residents had replied to the advert in the Mercury and offered to help develop a Cycle Loop. One volunteer had put a suggested plan together for consideration.

RESOLUTION: That Councillors Hope & Thomas work with the volunteers to further review the Cycle Loop.

124. Village Broadband

Councillor Barber-Starkey reported that he had attended a meeting at Kempley Parish Council on faster broadband. A scheme with Airband to provide free fibre connection to properties had been presented and would be available for households in Much Marcle.

RESOLUTION: That the details with a link to the scheme be placed on the website.

125. Community

125.1 VE Day Celebrations

Councillor Thomas put forward a proposal for a VE Celebration of a 1940s picnic on Bartons Playing Field and possibly an evening dance in the hall on the 8th May. Councillors E Weston and S Cotton volunteered to help and other volunteers from the Community be sought.

125.2 Bartons Playing Field

Councillors considered the request from the Village Hall Committee to use the Bartons Playing Field for a Community Event.

RESOLUTION: That permission be granted to the Village Hall Committee to use the Bartons Playing Field for a Community Event.

126. Planning

Planning Decisions

None received

127. Highways

127.1 Footpaths and Rights of Way.

The Footpath Officer reported that due to the extreme wet conditions the working group were unable to complete any work. He had identified the need to replace or repair footpath signposts from the roadside.

127.2 Highways Group

In the absence of Councillor Baker, the information on the progress for the Community Commission Model be placed on the next agenda.

128. Financial Items

128.1 Website Hosting

Councillors considered the quote for the Website Hosting of £285 plus VAT per year.

RESOLUTION: That the quote of £285 plus Vat annually for website hosting be accepted.

128.2 Arnold Baker.

Councillors considered the purchase of the current edition of the Arnold Baker Local Government Administration publication.

RESOLUTION: That the Clerk arrange the purchase of the Arnold Baker Local Administration Publication.

128.3 Financial Report

Councillors considered the summary of receipts and payment as of the 31st December 2019 showing a bank balance of £6936.37

RESOLUTION: That the summary of receipts and payments be approved

128.4 Invoices for Payment

Councillors considered the payment of the invoices for:

Staff Salaries December	£185.11
HALC Subscription	£471.74

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

129. Correspondence

Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence received.

Locality Report, Hereford Transport package

RESOLUTION: That the list of correspondence be noted

130 Matters to be raised for the next meeting

St Michaels Hospice Much Marcle Garden

Smart Water

Community Commission Model & Speed Limit on A449

Village Shop

Emergency Plan

Cycle Loop

VE Day Celebrations

Parish Litter Pick

131. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting, is currently scheduled for the 11th March 2020

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed _____

Date _____

Chairman