

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held by Zoom Virtual Meeting
On Wednesday 17th March 2021

Chairman **M Barber-Starkey**

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

Also Present **D Baldwin** **Clerk to the Council**

44. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received and accepted for Councillor E Weston

45. To receive Declarations of Interest
Councillor E Thomas declared and Interest to item 7.1 on the agenda

46. Public Participation
No members of the public joined the meeting.

47. Minutes
Councillor A Hope raised her concerns that the minutes had not included parts of the discussion on the Parish Litter Pick. Although the said discussion was not listed on the agenda and therefore could not be included in the minutes her comments were duly noted The minutes were then approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman.

48. Projects
Councillor E Thomas put forward a suggestion of holding a celebratory community picnic this summer on the Bartons Playing Field with the parishioners bring their own picnic and also involving the Village Hall. Although everyone thought this was a good idea it was generally felt that this year would be too soon with regard to Covid 19. It was suggested that the Community picnic be a priority for next year and also be a celebration the Queens 70th Jubilee. It was also suggested that June/ July this year would be a good time to start making plans for next year

RESOLUTION: That the Projects working Group look at implementing proposals for next year and involving the Village Hall Committee.

49. Parish Litter Pick
Councillors discussed the work they had carried out Litter picking during lockdown, whilst adhering to the guidelines. Councillors had litter picked in their own areas including the pick of 4 bags of rubbish at the crossroads. An article was placed in the Mercury encouraging local people to litter pick, whilst out walking to support the Parish and that the Bi-annual Community Litter Pick would commence again as soon as Covid restrictions allowed.

RESOLUTION: That the work carried out by Councillors on Litter picking be noted.

50. Community Parish Award

Councillors considered the implementation of starting a Community Parish Award Scheme to recognised any outstanding contribution to the Parish by a local resident. It was felt that this was a good idea and it was suggested that the nominations for recipients should come from the Community. The proposal was to set up a working group to consider options.

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council set up a working group to consider options consisting of Councillors T Weston, M Barber Starkey and E Thomas.

51. Flooding

Councillors considered the flooding issue at the crossroads by the Walwyn Arms. It was felt that this problem had increased in recent years and needed to be investigated and a solution sought. It was suggested that a working group be set up to investigate and also request aid from Councillor Durkin, Herefordshire Council, and Environment Agency.

RESOLUTION: That a flooding working group consisting of Councillors M Barber-Starkey, T Weston, E Thomas, F Powell, & G Baker investigate the flooding problem at the Crossroads

52. Planning

Planning Decisions
None received

53. Highways

53.1 Footpaths & Rights of Way

Councillor J Baldwin reported that general tidy up had been carried out since the last meeting by the footpaths group. He also requested that any footpath issues please be reported to him.

53.2 Highways

Councillor F Powell informed the Council that he had reported potholes and blocked gullies via the Herefordshire Council app. It was noted that this had resulted in Balfour Beatty carrying out work on these reported items, including the clearing of the gulley at Jink Robbin.

54. Finance

54.1 Receipts and Payments

Councillors considered the summary of receipts and payment as of the 30th November 2020

RESOLUTION: That the summary of receipts and payments be approved

54.2 Bank Reconciliation

Councillors considered the Bank Reconciliation as of the 28th February 2021

RESOLUTION: That the Bank Reconciliation, showing a balance of £9,712.58 be approved

54.3 To approve the list of invoices for payment.

Staff Salaries March 2021	£184.91
Staff Salaries April 2021	£185.11
HALC Subscription	£573.89
Expenses	£155.00
PAYE	£555.00

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

55. Correspondence

Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence received.

West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner, Locality Report, HALC Information Corner

RESOLUTION: That the list of correspondence be noted

56. Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Community Award, Flooding

57. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is currently scheduled for the 12th May 2021 and will be the Annual Council Meeting

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____

Meeting Close 8.23pm