

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in Much Marcle Memorial Hall
On Wednesday 8th September 2021**

Chairman M Barber-Starkey

Councillors J Baldwin A Hope

F Powell E Thomas

E Weston T Weston

Also Present D Baldwin Clerk to the Council

42. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received and accepted for Councillor S Cotton, Footpath Officer J Edwards & Ward Member B Durkin. Councillor G Baker absent.

43. To receive Declarations of Interests

Councillors E Thomas, E Weston and T Weston declared an interest to Item 9.1 on the agenda.

44. Public Participation

No members of the public wished to speak.

45. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th July 2021 were approved as correct record of that meeting and be signed by the Chairman.

46. Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Councillor E Thomas presented his report on the actions taken so far for the celebrations. The next working group meeting will be scheduled for the end of September, inviting both the Church and the School to join. Councillor T Weston offered to talk to the School Governors at their meeting on the 22nd September. The Memorial Hall Committee are very interested in working together to help organise the event. The Band has been pre- booked and will be confirmed once all the organisations get together and agree a date.

RESOLUTION: That the report be noted

47. Representations

Councillor Baldwin presented his report as the Parish Council representative on the Memorial Hall working group: The heating is inefficient and the biggest cost for the

hall. Councillor Barber-Starkey has offered to investigate and look at solutions. The hall is now bookable on line via the Memorial Hall website with two levels of hiring. Lower rate for residents and regular organisations and a higher rate for businesses and outside organisations.

RESOLUTION: That the report be noted

48. NDP Revision

It was established that with the housing stock rising from 3.2 to 6.9 in the 5 year plan the need to review the Much Marcle NDP was not necessary at this time.

RESOLUTION: That the Much Marcle NDP stands as is and consider a review in a years' time.

49 Parish Tidy

The Clerk reported that she had contacted both Balfour Beatty and the Locality Officer and had sent out a list of the Lengths man's duties to Councillors. Taking these into consideration the Chairman suggested that the Parish the Autumn litter pick should be extended to include a tidy of village, such as clearing leaves from drains, cleaning road signs and cutting back obscuring vegetation. This would introduce the idea to the village and hopefully extend the number of volunteers. The date was set for the litter pick as the 2nd October with 2 starting points, The Memorial Hall and Rushall Club.

RESOLUTION: That the date of the Village Tidy be advertised in the Mercury, on the website and by a leaflet drop. Councillor T Weston to complete the risk assessment.

50 Planning

50.1 Planning Applications

Site	The Bounds, Much Marcle, HR8 2NQ
Description	Proposed extension to existing building
212749	Support, This application in compliance with Policy EM1 of the Much Marcle NDP.

50.2 Planning Decisions

210746 Lady Croft approved with conditions

51. Highways

51.1 Footpaths & Rights of Way

Councillor Baldwin presented the Footpaths report. The sign at the bottom of Hellens drive had been repaired and place back in situ, an inspection of the footpaths beyond Hellens to the Paris Boundary had been done.

A request was received from Pixley and District Parish Council to liaise over the bridge between the two parishes, which has been closed for a number of years. Councillor Baldwin volunteered to inspect and liaise with the Footpath Officer of Pixley and District Parishes

51.2 Highways

Councillor F Powell reported that he had reported a number of potholes via the Highways website. He also raised the issue of overgrown hedges on the roadside by Hall Court. It was felt that a letter should be sent to the land owners request their attention to cutting back the hedges and, if no action is taken, reporting the issue to Highways.

RESOLUTION: That the Clerk be instructed to write a letter to the Landowners requesting that they attend to cutting back their hedges on the roadside.

51.3 Speed Indicator Devices

Councillors re-considered the use of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) within the Village. It was felt that these should be re-investigated and look at costs, effectiveness and any grants available.

RESOLUTION: That Councillors M Barber-Starkey and A Hope investigate and bring back to a future meeting.

52. Finance

52.1 Receipts and Payments

Councillors considered the summary of receipts and payment as of the 31st August 2021

RESOLUTION: That the summary of receipts and payments be approved

52.2 Bank Reconciliation

Councillors considered the Bank Reconciliation as of the 31st August 2021

RESOLUTION: That the Bank Reconciliation, showing a balance of £11049.13 be approved

52.3 To approve the list of invoices for payment.

Staff Salaries	September 2021	£184.91
Staff Salaries	October 2021	TBC
Expenses		155.00

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

53. Correspondence

Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence received.

Locality report

Safer West Mercia Plan

54 Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Queens Jubilee Celebrations

Village Tidy

Parish Award

Rushall Club

SIDS

Tree Report

55. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is currently scheduled for the 10th November 2021.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____

Meeting Close 8.40pm