

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in Much Marcle Memorial Hall
On Wednesday 17th November 2021**

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

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

57. To receive Declarations of Interests

No Declarations of Interest were given at this point in the meeting.

58. Public Participation

The Treasurer of Rushall Club spoke on the problems the club is currently facing. The main one being that the heating is not working and needs replacing.

The Footpath Officer pointed out the problems with the overgrown hedges at Hall Court.

Ward member Councillor Durkin presented his report as of the November 2021 with the main points being, Council leaders met to discuss shared interests, Energy Advocacy Service: Supporting residents with their home energy, Cabinet backs Children Services Improvement Plan and Council submits plan to Government for investment in bus services

59. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th September 2021 were approved as correct record of that meeting and be signed by the Chairman.

60. Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Councillor E Thomas presented his report on the actions taken so far for the celebrations. The Memorial Hall is willing to help but the Village school are not willing to commit but will promote the event. It was suggested by Councillor Thomas that if

the Parish Council are going to lead the event, then sponsorship is sought from local businesses and volunteer help from residents.

RESOLUTION: That an article be placed in the Mercury asking for volunteers and, also by a leaflet drop. Local Businesses to be approached for sponsorship.

61. Representations

Councillor Baldwin presented his report as the Parish Council representative on the Memorial Hall working group: The hall held a successful lunch on Remembrance Day especially as the hall is now 100 years old. There will be a Christmas tree lights switch on outside the Hall on December 11th at 5.30pm with Carol Singing.

Councillors J Baldwin and M Barber-Starkey have assisted the Hall committee in applying for a climate change grant for community buildings. This is for an upgrade for better insulation and a more efficient heating system.

RESOLUTION: That the report be noted

62. Bartons Playing Field

Councillor Hope presented the tree report on the Bartons Playing Field. Two trees need attention with remedial work and the removal of deadwood.

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council approve the recommendations and the work be completed

63 Parish Tidy

The Parish Tidy was well attended in both the Much Marcle and Rushall sites. Volunteers carry out litter picking, trimming back vegetation and clearing drains of debris. It was noted that there was a reduced amount of litter compared to the last litter pick day. The Parish Council wished to thank the many volunteers for their sterling efforts.

RESOLUTION: That the date of the next Village Tidy be set as 26th March 2022.

64. Herefordshire Community Foundation

Councillors considered the request for Parish Council representation on the grant committee of the Herefordshire Community Fund Foundation and if there were any local organisations needing financial help. Councillor G Baker volunteered to be the representation. It was suggested that Rushall Club may benefit from a grant.

RESOLUTION: That Councillor G Baker become the Representative of the Paris Council on the Grant Committee of the Herefordshire Community Foundation.

65. Rushall Club

Councillors considered options to help Rushall Club, especially with aid for the upgrade of the heating system and insulation. It was suggested that the Club would be a suitable organisation to apply to the Herefordshire Community Fund Foundation. Councillor Baldwin offered to help with this. Councillor B Durkin also offered to

contact the former Grants Officer of Herefordshire Council to ask if he knew of any other grants available.

RESOLUTION: That Councillor Baldwin contact the Herefordshire Community Foundation for more information.

66 Planning

66.1 Planning Applications

Site	Phillips House, Much Marcle, HR8 2NL
Description	Conifer (T1) - dismantle and remove due to excessive shading and leaf litter over driveway and buildings. Also due to excessive roof intrusion into drainage systems. In addition to this there is a danger of damage to an adjacent oil tank
214107	No objections

66.2 Councillors considered the possible encroachment on the roadside outside Evergreen. As highways is under the jurisdiction of Herefordshire Council it was decided that this should be reported to them for investigation.

RESOLUTION: That this be reported to Herefordshire Council and copied into Ward Member Councillor B Durkin.

66.3 Planning Decisions

None received

67. Highways

67.1 Footpaths & Rights of Way

The Footpath Officer presented his report of November 2021.

The inspection of the stile behind St Bartholomew's Church revealed that the main side support had rotted. This repair with the addition of the second higher footplate to make climbing the Stile easier will be completed shortly

67.2 Highways

Councillor F Powell reported that he and the Chairman had met with the Locality Officer and conducted a Parish walk. Some of the current issues inspected were: the repeated build-up of silt on Hall Court corner, a possible solution maybe to cut grips through into the ditch, also drains and culverts.

Another issue is the build-up of silt along the kerb in the village. Councillor Thomas informed the Council that if the silt could be loosened first then Weston's would offer their Road Sweeper to sweep up the edges. It was suggested that volunteers be sought to help with the loosening of the silt.

RESOLUTION: That a leaflet drop be organised to ask for volunteers to help with the loosening of the kerb build-up and the offer of the road sweeper from Weston's be accepted.

68. Finance

68.1 Receipts and Payments

Councillors considered the summary of receipts and payment as of the 30th October 2021

RESOLUTION: That the summary of receipts and payments be approved

68.2 Bank Reconciliation

Councillors considered the Bank Reconciliation as of the 30th October 2021

RESOLUTION: That the Bank Reconciliation, showing a balance of £14974.21 be approved

68.3 To approve the list of invoices for payment.

Staff Salaries November 2021	£186.08
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Microsoft 365 Three months	£33.84
Ted Newman Designs	£100.00
Laptop Charger	£20.00

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

69. Correspondence

Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence received.

Locality report

Community Police Office

70. Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Queens Jubilee Celebrations,

Rushall Club,

Herefordshire Community Foundation,

Police PCSO.

71. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is currently scheduled for the 12th January 2022.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____

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Meeting Close 8.40pm