

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held in Much Marcle Memorial Hall On Wednesday 9th March 2022

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

88. Apologies for absence – There were no apologies received

89. To receive Declarations of Interests

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

90. Public Participation

Ward member Councillor Durkin presented his report as of March 2022 with the main points being, the request to place the Veterans link onto the Parish Council website, Full Council meeting on affordable housing set for Monday, discussion on the possibility of another town being proposed of around 17,000 houses. More a demand from Government rather than local need.

91. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th January 2021 were approved as correct record of that meeting and be signed by the Chairman.

92. Parish Tidy

The flyer advertising the Parish Tidy had been printed and will go out for distribution to all households. Councillor T Weston volunteer to carry out the risk assessment and will deliver the litter picking equipment to Councillor J Baldwin, who as before will head the Rushall area group.

93. Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Councillor E Thomas reported that the local community and organisations have now shown much more interest in holding the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. He also suggested that the Parish of Yatton should be invited to take part and asked for approval from the Council. So far the working group have arranged and booked the pig roast, music and bar and arranged the firework display. Councillor T Weston has ordered the steel work for the Beacon fire Basket, which will be lit at 9.15pm on Thursday 2nd June.

Councillor A Hope will co-ordinate the donations and sponsorship from the residents and local companies. The next working group meeting has been arranged for 15th March.

RESOLUTION: That Yatton Parish be invited to take part in the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

94. Representations

Councillor Baldwin gave his report as the representative of the Parish Council on the Memorial Hall Working Group. The group would like to plant a commemorative tree with a plaque. The claim for the grant has been submitted to receive the 75% of the £13,000.

RESOLUTION: That the report be noted

95. Jubilee Tree Planting

Councillor Hope purchased the Oak at a cost of £220, which was then planted on the Barton's Playing field. Councillors discussed the plaque to be placed by the tree on Jubilee Day and felt that a local Community hero should be invite to place the plaque.

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council approve invoice of £220 for the Oak tree.

96. Herefordshire Community Foundation

Councillor Baker will contact the Herefordshire Community Foundation and report back at the next meeting.

97. Working Groups

Councillors considered the setting up of a Biodiversity & Environmental Working Group.

RESOLUTION: That the setting up of a Biodiversity and Environmental Working group be agreed in principal and revisited in 6 months' time.

98. Consultations

Councillors considered submitting comments to the draft Environmental Building Standards Supplementary Planning Document Consultation. It was felt that with the short time factor and the complexity of the paper that the Parish Council decline to comment on this occasion.

99. Glebe Orchard

The Clerk reported that she had been informed of a vacancy at Glebe Orchard in the Section 106 area. The Parish Council had not been informed by the Housing Authority of the vacancy and had offer the tenancy to the open market. With the help of Councillor Durkin, the Housing Authority were contacted and informed of the Section 106 with the result that they had withdrawn the property from the open market and enforced the local connection.

RESOLUTION: That Councillor inform the Clerk of any locally connected possible tenant to recommended to the Housing Authority

100. Planning

100.1 The Clerk and Councillor Durkin reported that Balfour Beatty were investigating the possible encroachment on the roadside outside the property Evergreen along with Herefordshire Councils Conservation Officer. Once their investigation is complete, they will report back to the Parish Council.

100.2 Planning Decisions
None received

101. Highways

101.1 Footpaths & Rights of Way

The footpath officer for adjacent Parish has resigned, therefore, the footbridge that crosses the parish boundary with Little Marcle is on hold until a new footpath officer is appointed

101.2 Highways

Councillor F Powell informed the Council that Balfour Beatty had completed the following defeats: Hall Court corner scrapped back, Kempley road potholes and a spring trap had been fitted for the water problem on the lane outside Graham Baker Motors.

RESOLUTION: That the report be noted.

102. Finance

102.1 Receipts and Payments

Councillors considered the summary of receipts and payment as of the 28th February 2022

RESOLUTION: That the summary of receipts and payments be approved

102.2 Bank Reconciliation

Councillors considered the Bank Reconciliation as of the 28th February 2022

RESOLUTION: That the Bank Reconciliation, showing a balance of £ 13589.49 be approved

102.3 To approve the list of invoices for payment.

Staff Salaries	March 2022	£186.08
Staff Salaries	April 2022	TBC
Microsoft 365	Two months	£22.56
PAYE		£139.60
Expenses		£155.00
HALC Subs		£605.42

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

103. Correspondence

Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence received.

HALC Information Corner. Verge Cutting

RESOLUTION: That the list be noted.

104. Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Queens Jubilee Celebrations, Bartons Playing Field gate post, Herefordshire Community Foundation, Playground Equipment

105. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is currently scheduled for the 11th May 2022 and will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Councillors also considered the date for the Annual Parish Meeting which will be determined once availability is established for the Memorial Hall

Signed _____ Date _____
Chairman Meeting Close 8.40pm