

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held in Much Marcle Memorial Hall On Wednesday 28th September 2022

Chairman M Barber-Starkey

Councillors J Baldwin
A Hope
E Thomas

S Cotton
F Powell
T Weston

Also Present B Durkin
D Baldwin

Ward Member
Clerk to the Council

4 members of the public

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

36. To receive Declarations of Interests

No declarations Of Interest were received at this point in the meeting.

37. Public Participation

The new residents of Hall Court came to offer to the Council information on their application for the Chicken sheds. There has been a number of uses over the years and the applicants wish to change the use to long term storage of classic vehicles.

Ward member Councillor Durkin presented his report as of September 2022: with the main points being: Herefordshire Council budget deficit of 9.1 million mainly with Children's services, Census 2021, Veterans help available on HC website.

38. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 20th July 2022 were approved as correct record of that meeting and be signed by the Chairman.

39. Parish Council Vacancy

Councillors considered the applicants for Co-option onto Much Marcle Parish Council. The applicant addressed the Council with a brief account of the reasons why he wished to join the Parish Council and his qualifications as a Chartered Surveyor after which the Councillors voted on accepting his Co-option.

RESOLUTION: That Edward Jefferson be Co-opted as a member to serve on Much Marcle Parish Council.

40. Community Shop

No report available. To be placed on the next agenda.

41. Defibrillator Rushall & Kynaston

Councillors considered the installation and costings of a Defibrillator in Rushall to cover the Rushall & Kynaston area of the Parish. Councillor Baldwin informed the Council that the cost of purchasing the unit from the British Heart Foundation would be £975 plus £480 for the cabinet. A grant of £600 towards costs is available from the

British Heart Foundation Permission to site the unit on the outside of Rushall club has been granted.

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council proceed with the installation of a Defibrillator at Rushall Club funded by either grant and donations or the Parish Council. It was agreed for Councillor Baldwin to lead the application and the Parish Council to pay the costs at this stage.

42. Bartons Playing Field

Councillors considered the installation of bespoke Gates and Estate fencing to the Barton's Playing Field to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. The Chairman presented illustrations of the gates and it was felt that it would be a great improvement which would leave a legacy to the parish and be an investment especially as the current wooden gates are in a poor condition. Costings were discussed and it was considered that funding could be by Parish reserves, donations and possibly some of the surplus money for the Jubilee celebrations. It was also felt that any the other options for the use of the surplus money should be discussed at the next meeting

RESOLUTION: That Councillors look for suggestions, along with the Barton's Gates, for the use of the surplus money from Parishioners with in their area and bring to the next meeting.

43. Flooding

The Chairman reported that, with the aid of Ward Member Barry Durkin and the Flood Specialist from Balfour Beatty, he had discuss the flooding issue at the crossroads on the A449 with local land owners. To proceed with any actions he suggested that a Flooding working group be formed to work with the specialist to look at solutions.

RESOLUTION: That a Flooding Working group be formed with the following members: Councillors Mike Barber-Starkey and Simon Cotton.

44. Planning

44.1 Planning Applications:

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| a) Site | Annexe at Summerhayes, Much Marcle, HR8 2LY |
| Description | Proposed change of use of garage to dependant's annexe |
| 222283 | No objections |
| b) Site | Hall Court Farm, Kynaston HR8 2PD |
| Description | Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of part of an old chicken shed to a storage facility. There are no proposed changes to the scale or design of the building. Schedule 2, Part 3, Class R |
| 222780 | No objections |
| c) Site | Evergreen, Much Marcle, HR8 2LY |
| Description | Proposed change of brick to white render |
| 222753 | Object as not in keeping with the surrounding properties in the same development |

44.2 Planning Decisions

None received

45. Highways

45.1 Footpaths & Rights of Way

In the absence of the Footpath officer, Councillor Baldwin reported that with the lack of available budget from Herefordshire Council many of the outstanding projects would be put on hold until the next financial year.

45.2 Highways

Councillor Powell reported that there had been a good spurge on the reported pothole repairs.

The Bus shelter as Old Pyke Crossroads has become in a need of repair. The seat has been smashed and become overgrown with Ivy.

RESOLUTION: That Councillor Thomas assess the costs of repairs and bring back to the next meeting.

46. Finance

46.1 Receipts and Payments

Councillors considered the summary of receipts and payment as of the 31st August 2022

RESOLUTION: That the summary of receipts and payments be approved

46.2 Bank Reconciliation

Councillors considered the Bank Reconciliation as of the 31st August 2022

RESOLUTION: That the Bank Reconciliation, showing a balance of £20,943.98 be approved

46.3 To approve the list of invoices for payment.

Staff Salaries	September 2022	£189.55
Staff Salaries	October 2022	TBC
Microsoft 365	x 2	£22.56
Expenses		£155.00

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

47. Correspondence

Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence received.

HALC Information Corner. Locality report

RESOLUTION: That the list be noted.

48. Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Surplus Jubilee Funds allocation, Much Marcle Memorial Hall report, Community Shop, Bus shelter

49 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is currently scheduled for the 9th November 2022.

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Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____

Meeting Close 8.55pm