

## MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held in Much Marcle Memorial Hall  
On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Elliott Thomas</b>	
<b>Councillors</b>	<b>J Baldwin A Hope M Barber-Starkey</b>	<b>S Cotton F Powell E Jefferson</b>
<b>Also Present</b>	<b>B Durkin</b>	<b>Ward Member</b>

### **9 members of the public**

- 50. Resignations** Prior to the meeting Councillor M Barber-Starkey had resigned from his position as Chair, he will remain a Parish Councillor. The Parish Council recorded it's thanks for the outstanding work that Councillor Barber-Starkey had undertaken during his time as Chair.

The clerk, Diane Baldwin had also resigned from her post. Her resignation is with immediate effect. Ms Baldwin has been clerk to the Parish Council for some 20 years and thanks for her long service were recorded. The Chair would also send a letter of thanks.

Councillor Hope was appointed to take the minutes of the meeting.

- 51. Apologies for absence** – apologies were received and accepted for Councillor E Weston & Councillor T Weston.

**52. To receive Declarations of Interests**

Councillor Elliott Thomas declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 11c.

**53. Public Participation**

A member of the public commented in respect of item 11c – planning application, that he was concerned where 24 storage silos would be positioned.

Ward member Councillor Durkin presented his report which had been previously circulated; bringing to the attention of those present – COVID information is available via Herefordshire Council website; Avian Flu advice and information on Herefordshire Council website; Childrens' services in Herefordshire, now rated inadequate, a report to Government will be produced by mid-December to see if it is still viable for Herefordshire Council to run this service; concerns being raised over the telecare service which will become obsolete for analogue users in 2025; warm spaces for Winter are listed on Herefordshire Council website. Consultations for improvement for Hereford City Streets, Hereford Town Hall, Transport Hub for Hereford City.

**54. Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were approved as correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman.

- 55. Homme House Woodland Management Plan** Councillors considered the Woodland Management Plan which had been circulated. It was agreed that this represented continued investment and maintenance of valuable woodland and habitat.

**56. Community Shop**

A report of the current situation and progress of the proposed Community Shop was presented by various members of the steering group. The group has experienced many setbacks but is still moving forward. Currently £61,000 has been raised from donations and the share offer, leaving in the region of £230,000 required. At a recent meeting of shareholders, the vote was overwhelmingly in favour of continuing with further fund raising. A request was made for consideration of a possible donation of funds from the parish council from the surplus held from the Platinum Jubilee. The steering group is researching possible building solutions which may lower costs. They are also consulting with and visiting other projects.

**57. Defibrillator Rushall & Kynaston**

Councillor Baldwin reported that the Defibrillator and wall cabinet have been purchased and received and will be installed as soon as possible. A grant of £375 was received from British Heart Foundation.

**58. Much Marcle Memorial Hall**

Councillor Baldwin reported that the new heating system has been installed in the hall and is now running. The committee is currently working on a 5 year maintenance plan. An event will be taking place at the Memorial Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> December, lighting up of the Christmas Tree, carols and mince pies.

**59. Platinum Jubilee Funds**

Councillors gave feedback on the railings project for the Bartons which had been presented at the previous meeting. Alternative suggestions were put forward for the inclusion of some wooden railings and/or posts. Further suggestions received for possible allocation of the funds: Community Shop, King's Coronation. Councillors were in agreement that the funds should be used for a project to mark the Jubilee as originally stated in the fund raising.

**RESOLUTION: That the proposals for railings be further investigated and brought back to the next meeting.**

**60. The Boundary Commission**

Councillor Durkin gave information regarding the BCE website which shows information of proposed changes to reflect population changes.

## 61. Planning

### Planning Applications:

- a) Site Cwtch Cabins and Camping, Much Marcle, HR8 2NN  
Description Removal of Condition 4 of Planning permission 183834 (variation of condition 2 Ref 180256/F) proposed Camp site and temporary dwelling. This is an amended application that is a resubmission of application no 172848 – changes to approved drawing no 1317:1827:03D) To Allow permanence  
223218 No objections.
- b) Site Dingle Barn, Much Marcle, HR8 2PF  
Description Proposed variation of condition 2 of permission 102646 (construction of agricultural buildings) – to allow for amended design  
223142 No objections

**Councillor E Thomas left the room, Chair taken by Councillor J Baldwin**

- c) Site The Bounds Much Marcle HR8 2NQ  
Description Proposed B8 storage and distribution buildings and 24 storage silos and associated work  
223195 No objections/support. Comments:- The biggest employer in the area, the village is lucky to have this employer. The Parish Council would like to see screening/tree planting included in the conditions for the easterly facing aspect.

**Councillor E Thomas resumed chair**

## 62. Planning Decisions

None received at meeting

## 63. Highways

### 63.1 Footpaths & Rights of Way

The Footpath Officer was not present, however Councillor Baldwin confirmed that there is nothing to report at the present time.

### 63.2 Highways

Councillor Powell confirmed that he continues to report potholes requiring repair, although the process is quite long winded and could be improved. He also confirmed that the reported encroachment of the road at Rushall (past Baker Motors) is being looked into.

**63.3** To consider the invitation for a Parish Council representative to attend a site meeting with the Traffic engineer from Herefordshire Council, along with Ward Member Councillor Barry Durkin, to investigate possible changes to the 50mph speed limit on the A449 and the existing speed limits on the side roads off the A449 in Much Marcle

Meeting to be held 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022. Possible changes to be discussed will be a reduction in speed limit to 40mph on the main road and 20 mph from the Walwyn crossroads through the village past the school. Councillor Thomas confirmed that he has already been invited to attend.

**RESOLUTION: That Councillor Barber-Starkey attends the meeting.**

**64. Finance**

As no clerk was present at the meeting, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

**65. Correspondence**

Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence that had been circulated prior to the meeting:

HALC AGM; Locality report; Herefordshire Council Street Work Report.

It was brought to the attention of the Council by Ruth Rennick that she had sent in an item of correspondence to the clerk which had not been circulated or included on the agenda for the meeting. This was to inform the Parish Council that she had taken over responsibility for the village website [www.muchmarcle.net](http://www.muchmarcle.net) and wished to ask if there would be any funding available (approximately £150 p.a.) to assist with the running of this website.

**RESOLUTION: That the list of circulated correspondence be noted and the funding request for the village website be discussed at the next meeting.**

**66. Matters to be raised for the next meeting**

Surplus Jubilee Funds allocation, Much Marcle Memorial Hall report, Community Shop report, Bus shelter, Village Website, Precepts & Budgets, appointment of Clerk.

**67. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is currently scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

The Chair confirmed that he has taken advice from HALC regarding the appointment of a replacement clerk. HALC will be able to assist with this process and can also provide a temporary clerk for meetings in the meantime.

**RESOLUTION: That a temporary clerk be requested if required for the January meeting.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**Chairman**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Meeting Closed 8.37pm**