

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Parish Councillors are summoned to attend a Meeting of Much Marcle Parish Council at Much Marcle Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 8th January at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the business set out below.
The public are cordially invited to attend.**

AGENDA

1. **To receive and accept apologies for absence.**
2. **To receive any declarations of interest or written applications for dispensation from Councillors on agenda items.**
3. **Open Session:**
 - a. To receive a report from the Ward Councillor.
 - b. To receive representations from the public.
Designated maximum period of 15 minutes to accommodate members of the public who may wish to raise relevant issues or ask the Parish Council Questions in respect of business itemised on the agenda and shall not speak for more than three minutes.
4. **To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th November 2024.**
5. **Much Marcle Memorial Hall:**
 - a. To receive a report from the parish council representative and agree any actions.
6. **Highways:**
 - a. To receive a report on the progress of the Community Speedwatch Group following the install of the data boxes.
 - b. To receive an update on SIDS and agree actions.
 - c. To consider any other matters arising from the Highways Working Group.
7. **Footpaths:**
 - a. To receive a report on the Footpath Regeneration Project and agree any actions.
 - b. To receive a report on any other Footpath matters arising and agree actions.
8. **Planning:**
 - a. To comment on Planning Applications for Determination by Herefordshire Council:
 - 242372 Holmleigh, Much Marcle. Proposed alteration and part conversion of existing outbuildings.
 - b. To note Planning Responses Submitted between Meetings under Devolved Powers:
 - None
 - c. To note planning decisions made by Herefordshire Council:
 - 242163 Hill Cottage, construction timber frame barn. APPROVED with conditions.
 - 242508 The Hawthorns Birch Tree – CAN PROCEED
 - d. To note the National Planning Policy Framework and the implications for the use of NDP's over 5 years old.
9. **Assets:**
 - a. To note the latest defibrillator checks.
10. **Environment and Community:**
 - a. To receive an update on the damage to steps and sign by the Hills Ford Stages Rally and any remedial action taken.
 - b. To consider a Community Litter Pick and agree dates as required.
11. **Finance**
 - a. To note the Bank Reconciliation and Bank Balances for November and December 2024 - Appendix 1

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- b. To consider the Budget versus Actuals to December 31st 2024. Appendix 2
- c. To consider and approve the Budget for 2025/26 following the public consultation. Appendix 3
- d. To consider and approve the Precept for 2025/26.
- e. To consider the following invoices for payment:
 - Clerk's Expenses Microsoft Licence and printer ink £43.09net/£51.71gr
- f. To ratify regular payments made between meetings:
 - Clerk Salary November As per contract
 - Unity Bank Service Charges 30.09.24; 31.10.24, 30.11.24 and 31.12.24
- g. To ratify payments made between meetings:
 - First Aid Courses Footpath Officers x 2 £190
 - PATA addl payroll cost £15
 - Website Annual Service Charge £411.37
 - HALC addl sum to underpayment of 24/25 annual charge £26.43net/£31.72gross
- h. To ratify payments made from the Awards for All Footpath Grant:
 - Clerk Expenses Screwfix fixings for signs £16.34net/£19.60gross
 - Signworx – plaques for gates £144net/£172.80gross
- i. To note income received:
 - Credit Interest 30.06.24 £293.17
 - Credit Interest 31.12.24 £258.37
- j. To note virements made between Unity Accounts:
 - Instant access to current total £2500

12. Training:

- a. To note any training that has been undertaken and consider any training needs.

13. Correspondence:

- Local Nature Recovery Mapping Webinar on the 22/1/25, 12.45-1.45pm. A webinar for local, town and parish councils to learn more about the nature recovery mapping, completed to inform by Herefordshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) This webinar will provide an opportunity for the PC to learn how can get involved to support its further development and implementation.
- Ellie Chowns MP contact information received with local surgeries and visits on Fridays and Saturdays.
- Unity Bank Interest rate reduction from 18.02.25 from 2.6 to 2.5%

14. To consider items for the next meeting – no discussion.

15. To note the date of the next meeting.

Rachel Freestone

Date: 3rd January 2024

Rachel Freestone Much Marcle Parish Council Clerk