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MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Extra Meeting held on,

Wednesday 18th June 2025

7.30pm in Much Marcle Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs M Barber-Starkey (in the Chair); J Baldwin; A Hope; E Jefferson; S Cotton; D Griffiths; F Powell; T Weston; E Thomas

In attendance: Rachel Freestone – Clerk

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1. To receive and accept apologies for absence:

Apologies had been received and accepted from Ward Member Barry Durkin.

2. To receive any declarations of interest or written applications for dispensation from Councillors on agenda items.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest were received from Cllrs E Thomas and T Weston with regards to Agenda item 5a (i). A Declaration of Pecuniary Interest was received from Cllr A Hope with regards to Agenda item 5a (ii).

3. Open Session:

- a. To receive the Ward Councillors report: In his absence there was none.
- b. To receive representations from the Public: There was none. The Chair on behalf of the parish council gave best wishes to Cllr Powell and his partner for their wedding at the weekend.

4. Finance:

- a. Members considered and the HALC Internal Audit Report for 2024-25. **It was RESOLVED:** to accept the results of the 2024/25 internal audit and approved the findings.
- b. Annual Governance Statement: members considered the Annual Governance Statement. **It was RESOLVED:** to approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2024-25.
- c. Annual Return Accounting Statements: members considered the Annual Return Statements. **It was RESOLVED:** to approve the Annual Return Statements for 2024-25.
- d. Members considered eligibility for the External Audit Exemption. **It was RESOLVED:** to confirm eligibility, the chair duly signed the certificate.
- e. Members considered the end of year Explanation of Variances report. **It was RESOLVED:** to approve the Explanation of Variances report.

It was RESOLVED: the Clerk to return the completed AGAR forms to PKF Littlejohn and add to the website.

5. Planning:

19.35 Cllrs Thomas and Weston left the room.

a. Comment on Planning Applications for Determination by Herefordshire Council:

- i. Planning Consultation – 251478 – The Bounds, Much Marcle, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2NQ
DESCRIPTION: Proposed new process building and additional silos.

A member commented that there has been feedback from local residents stating concerns over light and noise pollution. A member asked if screening is in the application, confirmed there is none as positioned behind the current silos. It was NOTED that required screening is not yet in place from a previous planning application. **It was RESOLVED:** to SUPPORT the application with concerns stated.

19.45 Cllrs Thomas and Weston returned to the room.

19.45 Cllr A Hope left the room.

- ii. Planning Consultation – 251540 – Track at Ribston Lawn. Proposed formation of track and removal of 25m of hedgerow. Members commented that the changes will improve the safety of the access to the property. **It was RESOLVED:** to SUPPORT subject to suitable Biodiversity Net Gain requirements.

19.47 Cllr Hope returned to the room.

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

Insurance, Finance Working Group, Flooding Working Group.

7. Members NOTED the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 1st July. The venue for the meeting was considered. Members agreed that a full council meeting should be held at least once a year in another part of the parish. It was NOTED that the Rushall Club has an alcohol licence but there is a lack of other suitable venues in the Rushall/Kynaston part of the parish. It was agreed that the bar will be closed and to hold the meeting in the Rushall Club.

Signed:.....*M Barber-Starkey* Date:.....01.07.2025.....

Chair

The meeting closed at 19.50