

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillors are summoned to attend a Meeting of Much Marcle Parish Council at Much Marcle Memorial Hall on Wednesday 14th 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. **Minutes:**
 - a. To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held on the 12th November 2025.
5. **To receive an update from the Community Shop and agree any actions.**
6. **Much Marcle Memorial Hall**
 - a. To receive a report from the Parish Council Representative and consider any actions.
7. **Assets:**
 - a. To note the addition of the two goal posts and two benches on the Bartons Field to the Asset Register.
 - b. To receive an update on
 - Rabbits causing damage to the surface at the Bartons.
 - Maintenance of the goal posts and benches.
 - Perimeter fence bordering farmland.
 - Condition of the hedging to the border with the B4024.
 - Proposed purchase of picnic tables - See Appendix 1
8. **Finance**
 - a. To note the Bank Reconciliation and Bank Balances for November and December 2025 – Appendix 2
 - b. To consider the Draft Budget against the Budget versus Actuals to 31st December 2025 and any public comments from the consultation period and agree actions. Appendix 3
 - c. To approve the Budget for 2026/27. Appendix 4
 - d. To approve the Precept for 2026/27.
 - e. To note the increase in monthly Bank Charges from 1st February 2026 from £6 to £7 per month.
 - f. To note the cancellation of cheque number 100051 £588 to Balfour Beatty following confirmation of no charge for the initial service.
 - g. To note that £1677.67 has been awarded from the Hereford Council for the flood grant which has to be used by the 31st March 2026 and claimed by the 10th April 2026. Consider actions.
 - h. To consider the following invoices for payment:

• Rob Goddard – Awards for All Footpaths	£65.50net/£78.60gross
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 - i. To ratify regular payments made between meetings:

• Clerk Salary November and December to incl. PAYE	As per contract
• Unity Bank Fee November/December	£12.00
 - j. To ratify payments made between meetings:

• Clerk Expenses Screwfix Awards for All Footpaths	£26.82net/£32.18gross
• MMMH Grant awarded	£600

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| • Signworx Awards for All Footpaths Grant | £192net/£230.40 gross |
| • MMMH Hall Hire | £15 |
| • Newman Design Website Annual Fee | £411.37 |
| • Rob Goddard Awards for All Footpaths Grant | £93net/£111.60gross |
- k. To note income received:
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| • Bank Interest December 25 | £181.70 |
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- l. To note virements made between Unity Accounts:
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| • Instant Access to Current Account | 25.11.25 | £1500 |
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9. Planning

- a. To comment on Planning Applications for Determination by Herefordshire Council:
- There are none.
- b. To note Planning Responses Submitted between Meetings under Devolved Powers:
- 253194 Holmleigh, oak tree to be removed. Request for a detailed report to substantiate claim.
 - 253414 Meadow Cottage, work to trees in conservation area. Support
 - 253273 Hellens, Monks Walk. Listed Building consent installation of EV point. Support
- c. To note planning decisions made by Herefordshire Council: Please see Appendix 2
- d. To note the response received from Platform that their Housing Team would assist in resolving the issues at Glebe Orchard.

10. Flooding:

- a. To consider actions to use the Flood grant awarded by the 31st March 2026.
- b. To receive an update from the Flooding Working Group on any other matters arising.

11. Highways/Footpaths:

- a. To receive an update on the Footpath Regeneration project.
- b. To consider any other matters raised by the Footpath Group and agree actions.
- c. To note the water leak in Rushall and subsequent dangerous road conditions and agree actions.
- d. To note that the road surface of the Dymock Road through Much Marcle Village is in a poor condition and consider actions.
- e. To note the request from a parishioner for a grit bin to be placed on Watery Lane and agree actions.
- f. To note that the repairs have been successfully completed at Kynaston to improve drainage and at Picadilly Bridge.
- g. To note that M Group Highways have been announced as successors to Balfour Beatty from June 2026.
- h. To consider any other Highways matters arising.

12. Dates:

- a. To consider a date for the Parish Tidy.
- b. To agree dates for meetings in 2026/27.

13. Correspondence:

- Hereford Council Electoral Review Consultation and cut off date of 2nd February 2026.
- Hereford and Worcester First Responders offer of free CPR and AED community training.
- Parishioner email regarding litter picked in the parish

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

15. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 11th March 7.30pm in Much Marcle Memorial Hall.

Rachel Freestone

Date: 9th January 2026

Rachel Freestone

Parish Clerk – Much Marcle Parish Council.

Appendix 1

Picnic Benches			
NBB Recycled – 25 year guarantee against splintering, rotting and decay. Not colour.	Colour	Cost - Net	Weight
Medium 1500 length 1460mm depth 4-6 people	Brown	£445	75kg
Large 2000 length 1460 depth 6-8 people	Brown	£575	90kg
Medium 3 person and 1 wheelchair space	Brown	£460	68kg
Large 5 person and 1 wheelchair	Brown	£620	80kg
Contract set of 5 tables 1800x1460 6 person	Brown	£2000 (£400 each)	80kg
Refectory picnic table 2995x1440 12 person	Brown	£910	210kg
Refectory picnic table with wheelchair space	Brown	£865	199kg

Also looked at Leisure Bench, Kedel and Cost Cutters UK – more expensive

Appendix 2

11d. To note planning decisions by Hereford Council		
252581	Land at Hill Farm. Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling	Approved with Conditions
252738	Serendipity House. First floor extension	Approved with Conditions
252821	St Bartholemews Church. Works to trees	Can proceed
252958	The Wain House. Works to trees	Can proceed
253126	Hellens Monks Walk. Works to trees	Can proceed
253118	The Plech. Works to trees	Can proceed
252452	Darcy House. Proposed garden buildings	Approved with Conditions
253194	Holmleigh. Works to trees	Withdrawn
253414	Meadow Cottage. Works to trees	Can proceed