

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 20th December 2016

Present:	J Marsden	Chairman
Also Present	Cllr T Weston B Morgan J Gibbon H Woodman	K Cotton J Finnigan J Weston
1. Apologies	S Rose	R White

2. Declarations of interest

No interests were declared.

3. Report 16th December 2015

J Finnigan proposed that the report was accepted, and was seconded by B Morgan.

4. Matters Arising

Planning Consent Slip Tavern

An additional building had been added to the planning application consequently the number of new homes required in the parish was reduced from 22 to 21 (Application Number 153244).

5. Ver 1.9 Issues, Objectives, Evidence Justification and Draft Policies Document

The place of community energy programmes as an objective was questioned, it was agreed that it should be removed as it was deemed to be aspirational in nature.

Sandbags were discussed, and because the necessary action was in hand it was agreed that this issue should also be removed.

A statement from Herefordshire Council concerning the inadequacies of the Barton's playing field for a parish the size of Much Marcle needed to be included.

ACTION:

The Chairman was to forward by email version 1.9 taking into account the discussed issues.

RECOMMENDATION

In the absence of any negative comments the Ver 1.9 Issues, Objectives, Evidence Justification and Draft Policies Document be submitted to the Parish Council for approval at their next meeting on 3rd February.

6. Settlement Boundaries and Housing Land Allocations

Kynaston

T Weston presented the Settlement Boundary for Kynaston, which took into account the suggestions made at the last meeting. He was thanked for his proposals, which were accepted.

ACTION:

T Weston was asked to email the proposals to the Secretary and the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Rushall

R White in his absence had proposed the Settlement Boundary for Rushall. In order to maintain a

standardised approach the following action was suggested.

ACTION:

T Weston was asked to liaise with R White in the production of a revised map and document, which adopted the guidelines expressed in Guidance Note 20 as he was now fully familiar with these.

Much Marcle

B Morgan proposed a draft Settlement Boundary for Much Marcle, which had entailed a detailed and difficult analysis for which he was thanked.

The details discussed included:

- ‘squaring off’ the area on the eastern side of the path up to Walwyn Court.
- an area of traditional standard orchard (a UK Biodiversity Action Plan Priority Habitat) to the east of Glebe Orchard subject to mitigation/compensation.
- non inclusion of the triangular piece of land with standard orchard trees to the north of Glebe Orchard.
- Land allocation item number 14 (The gardens of Watery Lane) to be retained on the map, but item number 16 (The Slip Tavern) to be removed because of its recent planning application referred to above in Agenda item 4.

ACTION:

B Morgan to amend the proposals as discussed so that a revised document could be accepted at the 2nd February meeting to be adopted as part of the Evidence Base.

Size of Settlement Boundary of Much Marcle

Some concerns were expressed that the size of the Much Marcle Settlement Boundary was inadequate and would be unable to fulfil the need for the provision of a greater number of properties. Alternative views suggested that specific land allocations and re-use of redundant buildings could provide at least double the number of new homes required to meet the target of 21 over the plan period.

7. Working Party Response to the Evidence Gap Analysis

RECOMMENDATION

The Parish Council is recommended to approve the Working Party Response to the Evidence Gap Analysis Version 1.2.

8. Evidence Summary Report prepared by S Tagg

This item was discussed in some detail.

ACTION:

J Marsden agreed to take account of the issues raised by the Working Party and make necessary amendments to improve accuracy and clarity before submitting it back to S Tagg.

9. Community Consultation

Brief discussion suggested an outline plan of:

J Finnigan to act as coordinating Chairman for the entire event

T Weston to introduce (as PC Chair)

J Marsden to outline progress on issues, objectives, evidence summary and draft policies

T Weston, B Morgan and R White to lead examination of relevant Settlement Boundaries.

The detailed format, timings and presentation of the Public Meeting to be addressed by the Working Group under J Weston as Chair on Wednesday February 17th.

10. Interest of K Johnson Herefordshire Neighbourhood Planning Officer

ACTION:

J Gibbon to advise K Johnson that the Working Party would be in a position to refer documents to her for advice after their next meeting.

J. Gibbon

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