

## MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held in the Memorial Hall  
On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>T Weston</b>	
<b>Councillors</b>	<b>J Blandford</b>	<b>M Barber-Starkey</b>
	<b>G Baker</b>	<b>R Cotton</b>
	<b>F Powell</b>	<b>E Thomas</b>
<b>Also Present</b>	<b>D Baldwin</b>	<b>Clerk to the Council</b>
	<b>B Durkin</b>	<b>Ward Member</b>
	<b>3 members of the public</b>	

**18. Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted for N Bullock.

**19. To receive Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received at this point in the meeting.

**20. Public Participation**

Residents expressed their disappointment in the lack of notification of the Parish Council election to the parishioners. He understood the cost implications of the issuing of Poll Cards. Ward member Councillor Durkin informed the meeting that elections are run by Herefordshire Council not the Parish Council and that he would express the concerns over the costs for poll cards to Herefordshire Council. A footpath problem in that the Bridge at Bickerton was still down and needed to be fixed was reported and requested that the Parish Council report this to the Highways.

**21. Minutes**

21.1 Correction to the spelling of principle under item 11 on the agenda. The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018, as amended, were approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman.

21.2 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 were approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**22. Ward Member Report**

Councillor Durkin presented his report with the main points being: Herefordshire Council have decided on a timescale and method of works to improve local roads, as part of the Local Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund project, Herefordshire Council have budgeted £6.55m of revenue and £21m of capital to spend on 2000 miles

of roads, a new velocity patching machine for pothole repairs and Herefordshire council recycles 41% of the waste it collects

**RESOLUTION: That the report be noted.**

**23. Neighbourhood Plan**

**23.1** The Chairman of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party reported that with the referendum would take place on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> July, hopefully with a yes vote, he felt it was time for him to stand down and resigned as Chairman of the working group.

**RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council accept the resignation of the Chairman of the NDP working group**

**23.2** Councillors considered the content of the referendum report for submitting to the Mercury magazine. Along with the official referendum notice it was decided to:

**RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council publish the referendum report in the Mercury along with the official referendum notice.**

**23.3** Councillors considered the Poster for placing at various sites around the Parish to advertise the referendum. It was felt that the addition of the venue of the polling station, the Memorial Hall, should be added.

**RESOLUTION: That the poster be approved with the addition of the Polling station venue.**

Councillors also considered the distribution of the Poster with the following areas allocated: Cllr Blandford-Royal Oak, Cllr Baker-Rushall Club and GB Motors, Cllr Thomas- The Slip, Cllr Barber Starkey – Noticeboard and Walwyn Arms. Cllr Weston- village shop.

**24. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)**

The Clerk reported that she had started the letters to all Councils suppliers informing them of the Council Privacy policy and asking for their consent to communicate with them. The security of all Councils documents and files both in hard and electronic format was also highlighted.

**RESOLUTION: That the Paris Council investigate the risk associated with all the Council's confidential material.**

**25. Website**

Councillor Barber -Starkey gave an update on the continued work with the Parish Councils website. Councillors are now all listed and the newly elected member register of Interest will be added once they have been received and confirmed by the monitoring officer. The next stage will be the inclusion of a privacy and security policy for the website.

**RESOLUTION: That Councillors Barber Starkey and Thomas put together a policy along with the Clerk for consideration at the next meeting.**

**26. Standing Orders**

This item to be placed on the next meeting

**27. Planning**

**27.1 Planning applications**

**a) Site                    The Old Coach House, Much Marcle, HR8 2NL**

Description            Proposed works to Lombardy Poplar (T1) – Fell Reason: Safety poor condition, Birch (T2) – Fell, Reason: Safety extensive decay, poor condition.

**181986                    No Objections**

**27.2 Planning Decisions**

Huntleys Farm P180899/F: Permission granted

**28. Highways**

**28.1 Footpaths and Rights of Way.**

Councillor Weston presented the Parish Footpath Officers report.

In May 2018 the Footpath Officer has: Supplied Signpost wooden qty 1 to Cllr Barber-Starkey to self-install on MM6A.

June 5/6/18 08.45 to 12.30pm Walked MM15 Much Marcle to Kynaston cleared brambles and nettles, replaced markers where needed.

Required for location SO6535/3550 FP MM3 & MM152 Ditch crossing planks, 8 Stile cross step uprights, 4 Stile cross step planks.

7/6/18 08.45 to 11.30am. Walked MM15 again. Crops planted and full height on some fields with no attempt to allow for path. Will watch planting after harvest and approach farmers to rectify this in future.

**28.2 Speed Limits/C1262 & C1294**

Councillors were delighted to report that the Speed reduction from 40mph to 30mph on the C1262 and C1294 had been implemented.

**28.3 Highways Issues.**

Councillors considered the reporting of Highway issues and felt that it would be beneficial if parishioners could be encouraged to report defects direct to Herefordshire Council. A link is available on the Parish Council website to the Herefordshire Councils “report a highways problem”.

**29. Financial Items**

**29.1 Annual Governance Statement**

This item to be considered on the next agenda

**29.2 Exemption Certificate**

This item to be considered on the next agenda

**29.3 Accounting Statements**

This item to be considered on the next agenda

**29.4 Invoices for Payment**

Councillors considered the payment of the invoices for:

Staff Salaries June	£181.39
PAYE	TBC
Planning Consultants	£1200
PATA Payroll	£22.50
Memorial Hall	£15.00

**RESOLUTION: That the payment of the invoices as above be approved.**

**30. Correspondence**

Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence received.

HALC Information Corner.

**RESOLUTION: That the list of correspondence be noted**

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

NDP planning training.

Referendum result

Welcome to the newly elected Councillor

**32. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting is currently scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

**Meeting closed at 8.45pm.**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chairman**