

MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Memorial Hall

On Wednesday 17th October 2018

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| Chairman | T Weston | |
| Councillors | M Barber Starkey | J Blandford |
| | R Cotton | A Hope |
| | E Thomas | |
| Also Present | D Baldwin | Clerk to the Council |
| | J Edwards | Footpath Officer |
| | 2 members of the public | |

67. Election of Chairman

Due to the resignation of Councillor T Weston as Chair, Councillors voted on his successor. Councillor M Barber-Starkey was nominated by Councillor E Thomas, seconded by Councillor A Hope for the office of Chairman and was duly elected. Councillor Barber-Starkey accepted the office of Chairman to the Parish Council.

Vote: Unanimous

Election of Vice-Chairman

Councillor E Thomas was nominated by Councillor R Cotton and seconded by Councillor A Hope for the office of Chairman and was duly elected.

Vote: Unanimous

68. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received and accepted for Councillor N Bullock, G Baker, F Powell and Ward Member Councillor B Durkin.

69. To receive Declarations of Interest

Councillor A Hope declared an Interest to item 9.1a on the agenda and Councillor M Barber –Starkey an Interest to Item 9.1b on the agenda.

70. Public Participation

A resident reported that the minutes of the last meeting were not posted on the Parish Council website and also asked that the Parish Council continue to pursue the reduction of the speed limit through the village on the A449. Another resident reiterated his concerns over the presence of what he believed to be Japanese Knotweed in the ditches of the lane from the Shop up towards Weston's.

71.. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19th September 2018 to be approved at the next meeting.

72. Ward Member Report

In the absence of Councillor Durkin Councillor M Barber Starkey presented his ward report the main points being: The council spends around £325 million providing services for residents and businesses in Herefordshire funded from a variety of sources and how this money is spent; Remembrance Sunday with a number of events taking place across the County and a precis of events in Hereford at the Cathedral; Centennial commemoration of county-born Victoria Cross recipient Lance Corporal Allan Leonard Lewis VC.

RESOLUTION: That the report be noted.

73. Website Security

Councillor Barber-Starkey updated the Council on the website security. Presently work is continuing on the hosting of the website.

74. Litter Picking

Due to the change of Editor for the Mercury the article advertising the Community Litter Pick was not included in the October edition. With this in mind Councillors re-considered the date to hold the Community Litter Pick.

RESOLUTION: That the date for the Parish Community Litter Pick be re-scheduled for Saturday 10th November 2018 10am meeting at the Village Hall.

75. Planning

75.1 Planning applications

- a) Site The Bartons Playing Field, Much Marcle, HR8 2LY**
- Description All work required for safety reasons as detailed in report ref:13889. American Red Oak (T1) - Remove deadwood. Beech (T2) - Reduce height of tree by approximately 5 meters and lightly reduce lower canopy to balance. Oak (T3) - remove deadwood. Oak (T4) - fell. American Red Oak (T5) remove deadwood. American Oak (T6) - remove major deadwood and remove three low branches over football pitch to prevent encroachment
- 183531 Councillor Hope left the room for the duration of this item's consideration and decision.
No Objections for public safety reasons.
- b) Site Greenway Cottage, Much Marcle, HR8 2LY**
- Description Proposed timber frame repairs to gable. To include brick infill panel re-building. Timber frame repairs to front elevation. 2 x window replacement to gable.

183409 No Objections

75.2 Planning Decisions

None received.

76. Highways

76.1 Councillors reviewed the information received on the possible presence of Japanese Knotweed in the ditches along the lane from the village shop to the Jubilee tree. The Clerk explained that Councillor Powell had inspected the site and in his opinion was not Japanese Knotweed. Councillor E Thomas offered to investigate by asking a local agronomist for his opinion and bring back advice to the next meeting.

76.2 Councillors receive information on the work to repair a large embankment collapse on the A449 at Much Marcle. This will begin on Monday October 22 and take around six weeks. A 6-week programme of repairs will commence on Monday and is scheduled to be completed by the end of November

76.3 Footpaths and Rights of Way.

The Parish Footpath Officers asked that Councillors look for addition volunteers to assist him with the inspection of footpaths as the parish covered a large area making it difficult to cover effectively. Councillors offered to ask around for volunteers and request be placed in the Mercury.

RESOLUTION: That Volunteers be sort to support the Footpath Officer in the inspection of footpaths.

77.. Financial Items

77.1 Budget 2019/20

Councillors consider the Budget for 2019/20.

RESOLUTION: That the Finance group and the Clerk meeting to review the budget and precept and bring their recommendations to Council.

77.2 Bank Reconciliation

Councillors presented the Bank reconciliation as of the 30th August 2018

RESOLUTION: That the Bank reconciliation showing a balance of 3825.00 be approved.

77.3 Invoices for Payment

Councillors considered the payment of the invoices for:

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| Staff Salaries October | £181.39 |
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RESOLUTION: That the payment of the invoices as above be approved.

78. Correspondence

Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence received.

Love in the Countryside

Locality Report

RESOLUTION: That the list of correspondence be noted

79. Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Website.

Footpath Map

Japanese Knotweed

Speed Limit A449

Bartons Gate

80. The next meeting is currently scheduled for the 14th November 2018.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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Date _____

Chairman