

# MUCH MARCLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting  
held in the Much Marcle Memorial Hall  
at 7.30pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**Present:**

**Councillors**

M Barber-Starkey

R Cotton

E Thomas

N Bullock

A Hope

T Weston

**Also Present**

Cllr B Durkin

D Tristram

D Baldwin

79 members of the public

Old Gore Ward Member

Grants Officer HC

Clerk to the Council

**1. Apologies -:** Councillor F Powell

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None received at this point of the meeting.

**3. Village Post Office and Stores**

Councillor Barber-Starkey welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the shop and Post Office would be closing on the 30<sup>th</sup> June as the owners were retiring. Although the shop had been marketed for sale there had been no interest or viewings. The question was asked if the shop was still on the market and this was confirmed by the proprietors. It was noted that the largest part of the business was from passing trade, therefore the location of a shop is important for sustainability. The shop is important as a Community Hub.

It was also noted the Village Shop is listed as a Community asset in the NDP.

Councillor Barber- Starkey introduced David Tristram, the Grants Officer from Herefordshire Council and the Ward Member Councillor Barry Durkin. They advised that if the parish wanted to investigate the possibility of a Community Shop and Post Office that this would need be community led. They would help any way possible and also to look at any grants available.

The Landlord of The Walwyn Arms offered to stock basic items for the short term if it would help residents.

It was proposed that the way forward would be set up a Community group to investigate options and look at the viability of a Community Shop and Post Office and a vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION: That a Community Group be set up to look at option sand the viability of a Community Shop and Post Office. VOTE: Unanimous**

**Anyone wishing to put their names forward to be members of the Community Group were asked to give their contact details to the Clerk.**

Meeting Closed 8.20pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**Chairman**

Date \_\_\_\_\_