

Marden Parish Council

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 7.00pm at the Marden Community Centre.

Present:

Cllr David Bennett (Chair), Cllr Kate Ryan, Cllr Chris Morgan, Cllr Richard Paske, & Cllr Lesley Hayward.

In Attendance:

Richard James (Clerk) No members of the Public.

1. To receive Apologies.

To Note – No Apologies

2. To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensations.

To Note – There was no declarations of interest or written requests for dispensations.

3. Open Session. (10 minutes are allocated for representations from the public)

- *To receive representations from the members of public*

To Note – There was no public present.

4. Finance Matters.

4.1 - To approve a budget of £500.00 for the Parish Fete.

Resolution – It was agreed to budget and spend up to £500 on the Parish fete.

4.2 - To approve the purchase of the timber for the raised garden beds.

Resolution – It was agreed to purchase the timber for the raised beds along with railway sleepers to site the container upon at a cost of £1350.00+vat.

4.3 - To approve the purchase of a 20' shipping container.

Resolution – It was agreed to purchase a new 20' container with a lock at a cost of up to £2500.00+vat and to instruct D C Gardening Services to prepare the site at a cost of £450+vat.

5. Local Plan.

To consider a response to Herefordshire Council's consultation which ends on 20th May 2024.

Resolution – The Parish Council agreed that the new Local Plan vision and objectives were appropriate for Herefordshire as a whole in. Council felt that parishes where there was to be limited or no development would suffer as it would be difficult to improve already decaying infrastructure. Council was concerned there was not enough emphasis on eco building design.

6. New Financial Regulations.

The Clerk reported that NALC had issued new Financial Regulations which were nothing like the present version. The document appeared to be “one size” fits all regulations and individual councils had to amend them to suit their council and financial working.

***Resolution** – For the clerk to amend the regulations and bring back to either the finance working group or the parish council.*

The meeting was closed at 8.25pm

Signed
Chair of the Parish Council