

PIXLEY AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25TH JANUARY 2011 AT 7.30PM IN MUNSLEY W.I. HALL

PRESENT:

Councillors: M Skittery (Chairman), D Hewitt (Vice-Chairman), H Hodges, K Davies, S Swaithes, C Thwaites, E Thompson, Mrs J MacRae, P Viner, Mrs R Jones, P Whitfield

Mrs P Morgan (Ward Councillor)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs J Chester – Clerk elect

Members of the Public:

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The Chairman welcomed the members of the public to the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence were accepted from:-

Councillors B Tremayne, Mrs L Clothier and Mrs J Cowell

2. Declarations of Interest:

Councillor M Skittery expressed a prejudicial interest in item 10.1.1 on the agenda

Councillors H Hodges, P Viner and P Whitfield expressed a personal interest in item 10.1.2 on the agenda

Councillors C Thwaites and E Thompson expressed a personal and prejudicial interest in item 10.1.2 on the agenda

3. To adopt the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 23rd November 2010.

The minutes were adopted and signed by the chairman

4. To receive a brief report from Ward Councillor

Mrs P Morgan handed out the latest news release from Herefordshire Council dated 21.1.11. As Mrs Morgan had to attend another meeting that same evening, it was agreed that comments resulting from this would be brought to the next meeting. However, it was suggested that school bus services were looked into as paid places did not automatically guarantee a seat and that there was a problem of overcrowding on some buses.

5. Open Discussion for Local Residents on Matters relating to the Parish Council

No comments were made

6. Finance

6.1 Finance Report was agreed

6.2 Payments agreed: Herefordshire Council – Deployment of SID's at Little Marcle Site £117.50 and Verzons site £117.50, Clerks expenses (E Wood) £8.00, HALC Training Course for Clerk (E Wood) £30.00.

N.B. Payments withheld: Herefordshire Council Deployment of SID at Knapp Farm £117.50. Councillors are still unhappy with data received for this location as it appears to contain numerous anomalous values. **ACTION: D HEWITT** to contact HFS Council.

6.3 Budget and Precept agreed for 2011/12 and set at £4000.00 Proposed Councillor K Davies Seconded Councillor H Hodges **AGREED**

7.0 Salt Bin Allocation and Requirement for 2011/12

Requests were made for new salt bins to be placed at the junction of Laddin Lane/ A417 and at the Trumpet crossroads on the Ashperton junction.

It was noted that due to the recent bad weather Herefordshire Council are currently out of stock of Salt Bins but the possibility of us providing bins and having them filled by Amey is to be explored. Also previously suggested sites highlighted are to be confirmed to be still on the councils list. **ACTION – CLERK**

8.0 To set Meeting Dates for 2011

Meetings to be held on the last Tuesday of the month (with the exception of May 2011 due to local elections)

Dates set:

February 22nd, March 29th, April 26th, May 17th (due to elections), June 28th, July 26th, Sept 27th, October 25th, November 29th.

9.0 To note Date and Time for Pool End Bus Shelter Site Meeting

After a site meeting held on 11 Jan 2011, a representative from Amey is to carry out a survey and the report will be brought back to the February meeting. It was suggested that the parish council donate to the repairs/replacement and, once completed, the ownership would transfer to Herefordshire Council. A sum of £1200 was suggested but possibly share this cost with Putley Parish Council. **ACTION - CLERK**

10.0 Planning

10.1 Considered Planning Applications

10.1.1 DMN/102968/F NEWBRIDGE FARM, AYLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE, HR8 2QG

Erect a play barn to accommodate indoor playgroup, picnic and refreshment area. An on-site meeting had been held on 4 Dec 2010 and a number of concerns had been raised and communicated to Herefordshire Council.

Comment: This application has already been agreed by Herefordshire Council subject to a number of planning conditions, which were noted.

10.1.2 DMN/103070/F HEDGEHOG COTTAGE, PIXLEY, LEDBURY, HR8 2QB (discussed immediately after Item 4)

Retrospective application for change of use of land forming part of residential cartilage for the siting of 2 mobile homes for permanent agricultural workers.

Comment:

After open floor discussion it was decided that ideally the one van would be repositioned and that the application is to be limited to two vans in the future – proposed by Councillor K Davies and Seconded by Councillor H Hodges.

The Parish Council support this application with the above conditions applied

10.2 Decisions from Herefordshire Council

10.2.1 DMN/102968/F Newbridge Farm, Aylton, Herefordshire, HR8 2QG – GRANTED

11.0 UPDATE ON SPEED INITIATIVE A417/A4172 AND A438

Only one response has been received from Ledbury and that was negative. It was suggested that due to the lack of responses and negative feedback received that this initiative be dropped for the time being. AGREED

12.0 INFORMATION SHEET

The information sheet was circulated and agreed to be a very helpful and useful item

13.0 Planning Record

Haygrove - still waiting for decision

Newbridge Farm – application for a new access pending

14.0 Position of Parish Clerk (actually discussed after item 5)

A number of applications had been received in response to the advertisement and two candidates presented themselves for interview on January 5th. The interview panel (D Hewitt, L Clothier and H Hodges) unanimously agreed that Mrs Janet Chester was the better qualified candidate for the post. Mrs Chester was duly elected as the new Parish Clerk by the councillors.

15.0 Items for next meeting

- More feedback required on Herefordshire Councils planning decisions especially when conditions applied are changed or decision is reversed
- Consider changing the bank account to a different provider
- Verge markers at Watresses, Trumpet and Pixley Court
- Setting up a new Finance Group
- Pot hole Aylton side of Knapp entrance

16.0 Next Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday 22nd February 2011 at 7.30pm in Munsley WI Hall.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.02pm.

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Signature of Chairman

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Dated