

PIXLEY and DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MUNSLEY W.I. HALL ON
TUESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2011

PRESENT:

Councillors M Skittery (Chairman), D Hewitt (Vice-Chairman), H Hodges, S Swaithe, C Thwaithe, Mrs J MacRae, P Viner, Mrs L Clothier, P Whitfield, Mrs J Cowell, B Tremayne

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs P Morgan (Ward Councillor)
Mrs J Chester (Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

1. Apologies for Absence were accepted from:-
Councillors K Davies, E Thompson and Mrs R Jones

2. Declarations of Interest:

Councillor M Skittery expressed a prejudicial interest in items 7.1.1 and 7.1.3 on the agenda
Councillor H Hodges expressed a personal interest in items 7.1.2 on the agenda
Councillors H Hodges, P Viner and P Whitfield expressed a personal interest in items 7.1.5 on the agenda
Councillors C Thwaites and Mrs J Cowell expressed a personal and prejudicial in item 7.1.5 on the agenda

3. To Adopt the Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 25th January 2011

The minutes were adopted and signed by the chairman

4. Open discussion for Local residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council

None

5. To Receive a Brief Report and update on council budget from the Ward Councillor Mrs P Morgan

Mrs Morgan outlined the key points of a letter from Councillor Roger Phillips Herefordshire Council Leader , a copy of which has been distributed to all councillors. Key points were:

- No increase in Council Tax
- Huge saving to be made by sharing of services between Herefordshire Council, Primary Care Trust and County Hospital
- Free bus travel no longer available before 9.30am

6. Finance

6.1 Finance report was agreed

6.2 Payments –

Thelma Holland £160.00 for silt trap on Aylton Lane (George Day & Son) AGREED , however clerk to send letter to Putley Parish Council requesting that they keep the silt trap clean.

Janet Chester – to agree purchase of Parish Councillors Guide Book, Local Council Clerks guide and Local Council Finance – total £43.74

7. Planning

7.1 Considered Planning Applications

7.1.1 DMN/110088/F

Newbridge Farm, Aylton, Nr Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2QG

Proposed new vehicular access

Comment: The council recognises that visibility at the proposed new entrance is significantly better than at the existing entrance and therefore support this application as we consider it a safer option. However we do have concerns about the number of entrances on this stretch of road and hope that planners will consult with highways to consider better signage and introducing 50mph speed limit on this stretch.

7.1.2 DMN/110273/FH

Greenacre Cottage, Munsley, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2SN

Alterations to conservatory to form playroom.

Comment: The Parish Council support this application

7.1.3 DMN/110272/FH

Brooklands, Putley, Nr Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2RL

Removal of existing outbuildings and erection of single storey side Extension.

Comment: The Parish Council support this application

7.1.4 DMN/110275/F

Queenswood School, Callow Hill Farm, Hereford Road, Nr Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2PZ

New overflow car parking area

Comment: The Parish Council support this application

7.1.5 DMN/102668/F

Haygrove Farm, Falcon Lane, Pixley, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR9 2PY

Application to retain 61 caravans used for residential purposes by temporary agricultural workers (i.e 23 at Oakside, 8 at Woodside and 30 at Lakeside) and the retention of a 'welfare block' and refuse storage area at 'Woodside' and a recreational building at 'Oakside'. **Additional information received**

Comment: The Parish Council still cannot support this application as they feel that Haygrove have not addressed the issues raised in November. A letter is to be sent to planning department advising of our further concerns (Copy of letter sent to all councillors)

7.2 To Note Decisions from Herefordshire Council

DMN/103070/F

Hedgehog Cottage, Pixley, Ledbury, Hfds HR8 2QB

Retrospective application for change of use of land

Forming part of residential curtilage for the siting of 2

mobile homes for permanent agricultural workers. **REFUSED**

8. Update on May elections

Mrs J Chester (clerk) had attended a HALC meeting about the elections and advised the councillors of the key points and timescale of election.

9. Updating of Councillors contact details

Contact sheet was circulated and amended as necessary

10. Receive feedback on SID's and decide new dates SID's required

Councillor Hewitt has spoken to Linda and advised that we are holding the Knapp Farm invoice as we are querying results. He also needs to speak to Emma **ACTION - D HEWITT**

Suggested further dates for redeployment of SIDS:-

Knapp Farm - ASAP

Verzons – June / July

Little Marcle – September

ACTION - CLERK

11. Receive feedback on salt bins

Amey have all our required locations on file. Due to county demand far outweighing stocks held these locations have been rated. The question of us supplying temporary bins has been raised and we await reply. **ACTION - CLERK**

12. To elect Parish Council's representative on Haygrove committee

The Chairman thanked Councillor Clothier for representing the council for the last two years. Councillor Whitfield was proposed by Councillor Skittery and seconded by Councillor Hodges to be the new representative. Councillor Whitfield agreed.

13. Pot hole Aylton side of Knapp entrance

Councillor Morgan suggested as there is such a large number of potholes all instances are to be reported to streets@hereford.gov.uk

14. Verge markers at the Watresses, Trumpet and Pixley Court

Verge markers are in place at The Watresses. Brian Butler from Amey has been informed of the other required locations. Please can we add to this list the back entrance of The Trumpet Inn.

15. Report from Amey regarding Pool End Bus shelter

Clerk has chased report from Ross Garbutt at Amey and awaits his response. **ACTION – CLERK**

16. Complaint of rubbish on A4172

Clerk has reported this problem and received acknowledgement from Amey.

It was mentioned that a transit van with open cage on rear has been seen with rubbish blowing out onto various roads, the registration number is to be noted and reported that vehicle is not fit for the purpose intended.

17. Setting up of a new finance group

It was agreed to set up a new finance group made up of Chairman, Vice-chairman, Past Chairman, Clerk and one other council member. Councillor Clothier was proposed and agreed.

18. To consider changing the bank account to a different provider

Details held at bank are to be checked to see if they have updated their records and have current signatories listed. This item is then to be passed onto the new Finance Committee.

19. Update on caravan situation in field bordering Baregains Lane & Falcon Lane

Councillor Whitfield advised that the owner has confirmed that caravans will be moving, one in fact has already gone, the other caravan will go in due course.

20. To discuss putting forward a proposal to Herefordshire Council of more feedback required from planning decisions especially when conditions applied are changed or reversed. Also to copy proposal to HALC.

After discussion it was agreed that to receive detailed feedback on every application would be a huge task for the county planners. Councillor Morgan offered her assistance with decisions made which disagree with or reverse decisions/comments made by Parish Council as she is normally aware of how decisions are reached.

21. Update on Parish Plan

It was decided to take up Mel Preedy (HALC) offer of help. Invitation to Parish meeting to be sent. **ACTION - CLERK**

22. Proposal of inviting Community Support Officer to meetings

Invitation to be sent. **ACTION - CLERK**

23. Information Sheet noted (Circulated)

24. Planning Record noted (Circulated)

25. Items for next scheduled Parish Council Meeting

- Broadband update from Councillor Morgan
- Election candidates and papers

26. Next Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday 29th March at 7.30pm at Munsley W I Hall

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

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Signature of Chairman

Dated:.....