

**PIXLEY and DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MUNSLEY W.I. HALL ON**  
**TUESDAY 29th MARCH 2011**

**PRESENT:** Councillors M Skittery (Chairman), H Hodges, S Swaithes, C Thwaites, P Viner, P Whitfield, Mrs J Cowell, B Tremayne, K Davies, E Thompson and Mrs R Jones

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs J Chester (Clerk)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** 0

1. **Apologies for Absence** were accepted from Councillors D Hewitt (Vice-Chairman), Mrs L Clothier
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None received
3. **To Adopt the Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd February 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. **Report from Community Support Officer – Alison Dore (tel: 07970 602338)**

Crime Trends – crime in the area is generally very quiet, however burglaries are on the increase, there have been over 12 break-in's of empty properties since February with small items of high value taken.

Scrap metal and heating oil thefts occurring.

Suspicious vehicles seen in area – red van – reg no R212BWB, white ford transit reg no V571HAX.

Fly tipping is an ongoing problem

Neighbourhood Watch is to be set up in Pixley

Ashperton School – a Safer Road Partnership Survey is to be undertaken.

6. **Parish Plan Discussion with Mel Preedy (HALC)**

The current parish plan was completed in 2005. It was agreed that the surveys carried out and opinions given would be now out of date. Mel advised that there is a £1500 grant available which together with partial match funding could be used to put together a new parish plan. Support is available to the Parish council from three officers and with a more streamlined approach a new plan could be achieved within 18 months. The document can be endorsed as a material consideration for planning applications. The Localism Bill is understood to be giving more powers to Parish Councils and therefore a Parish Plan will become of greater importance. The plan could also be used to decide the annual precept.

Councillors are concerned that the Plan is not referred to by Herefordshire Council Planning Department.

It was suggested that the council liaise with Putley Parish Council as they have a very active Parish Plan.

Mel left a sample timetable and a self assessment review to consider further action.

7. **Report from Ward Councillor**

Mrs Patricia Morgan had emailed the clerk an update on Broadband for circulation as she had another Parish meeting the same night.

## 8. Finance

- 8.1 A brief report from the Finance Group meeting was given by the chairman
- 8.2 Parish Clerk – PAYE – awaiting further information from HALC
- 8.3 Finance report was agreed
- 8.4 Payments – clerks salary and expenses payment agreed

## 9. Planning

### 9.1 Considered Planning Applications

#### 9.1.1 DMN/110470/FH Bears Cottage, Heywood Lane, Ashperton, Herefordshire, HR8 2SD

Demolish porch and replace with single storey orangery rear extension

**COMMENT:** The parish council support this application

### 9.2 To Note Decisions from Herefordshire Council

#### 9.2.1 DMN/110088/F Newbridge Farm. Aylton, Nr Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2QG

Proposed new vehicular access **GRANTED**

## 10. Update on May elections

Councillors C Thwaites, B Tremayne and Mrs J Macrae will not be standing in the upcoming May Elections. All other councillors completed their nomination forms.

It was stressed that there was an awful lot of unnecessary paperwork.

**ACTION CLERK**

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

Further dates confirmed for redeployment of SIDS:-

Knapp Farm – April (on shorter pole)

Verzons – June

Little Marcle – September

N.B. Knapp Farm invoice payment still on hold until we receive the data from the new deployment.

## 12. 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.

## 13. Aylton Lane – a letter is to be sent informing residents that unlawfully parked cars on the verge are obscuring vision, posing a danger to road safety and asking that they use the car park at the rear of the properties.

**ACTION CLERK**

## 14. Putley silt trap proposal

We received a letter from Putley Parish Council requesting that some minor roads that are in this councils area are transferred to Putley so they can be covered under their lengthmans scheme. This was agreed.

## 15. Information Sheet noted (Circulated)

## 16. Planning Record noted (Circulated)

## 17. Items for next scheduled Parish Council Meeting

- Falcon Lane / Baregains Lane – ditch and drain cleaning

**18. Vote of Thanks**

As this was the last meeting before the May elections the Chairman gave a vote of thanks to the retiring councillors.

**19. Next Scheduled Meeting**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at Munsley W I Hall

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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**Signature of Chairman**

**Dated:.....**