

PIXLEY and DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT MUNSLEY W.I. HALL ON TUESDAY 25th MAY 2011 at 8pm

PRESENT: Councillors M Skittery (Chairman), D Hewitt (Vice-Chairman), H Hodges, S Swaithe, P Whitfield, Mrs J Cowell, K Davies, Mrs L Clothier and Mrs R Jones

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Chester (Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

Prior to the meeting commencing all members signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office

1. Election of Chairman

RESOLVED Cllr M Skittery elected Chairman. A Declaration of Acceptance of Chairman was signed

2. Election of Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED Cllr D Hewitt elected as Vice-Chairman

3. Apologies for Absence were accepted from Councillors P Viner and Mrs P Morgan (Ward Councillor). **Apologies for lateness** were received from Cllr E Thompson

4. Declarations of Interest:

Cllrs H Hodges, P Whitfield and K Davies expressed a personal interest in item 10.1.1 on the agenda

Cllrs E Thompson & Mrs J Cowell expressed a personal and prejudicial interest in item 10.1.1 on the agenda

Cllr H Hodges expressed a personal interest in item 10.1.2 on the agenda

Cllr S Swaithe expressed a personal and prejudicial interest in item 10.1.4 on the agenda

5. To Adopt the Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 29th March 2011

RESOLVED The minutes (previously circulated) were adopted and signed by the chairman as a true record

6. Vacancies on Parish Council

The Parish Council have three vacancies - two in Pixley and one in Aylton. It was agreed that the Chairman would approach the people who had previously expressed an interest in being on the council and members would co-opt new members at next meeting on Tuesday 7th June 2011.

7. Open Discussion for Local Residents to Raise Matters Relevant to The Parish Council

Councillors agreed that a complaint is needed regarding the reams of unnecessary paperwork sent out over the election period. The Clerk is to send a letter to Eric Pickles and Herefordshire Council chief executive. **ACTION – CLERK**

Cllrs Hodges and Davies had attended a HALC presentation on 20th April in Ledbury about “People Proofed Budgets” – copy attached and circulated to councillors

8. Report from Ward Councillor – Patricia Morgan

Mrs Morgan had previously given her apologies.

9. Finance

9.1 Finance report (previously circulated) was agreed

9.2 Payments as per Finance Report agreed

9.3 **RESOLVED** Signatories on Bank Mandate agreed as Cllrs M Skittery, D Hewitt, K Davies and S Swaithe

- 9.4 RESOLVED The accounts for 2010/2011 were agreed and accepted
- 9.5 Insurance – RESOLVED. The Clerk had received quotes and it was agreed to move the Parish Council insurance to Came & Company with an agreed premium set for the next three years.

10. Planning

10.1 Considered Planning Applications

Cllrs Thompson and Cowell left the room prior to discussion

10.1.1 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 urge Herefordshire Council Planning department to address our previously advised concerns before reaching a decision

10.1.2 DMN/111084/ENF EN/2010/001238/ZZ

Hedgehog Cottage, Pixley, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2QB

Appeal against enforcement notice

Comment: The Parish Council having previously supported this application have no further comments

Cllrs Thompson and Cowell returned to the meeting

10.1.3 DMN/110939/E

Electrical Line, Priors Court, Pixley, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2QE

Erection of 2 single poles and 2 stays and the slight relocation of existing overhead line

Comment: The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Cllr Swaites left the room

10.1.4 DMN/110845/F

Parkhold Cottage, Trumpet, Ledbury, HR8 2RA

Change of use of domestic garage and cottage to provide creative industries workshops/galleries complete with refreshment area and toilets. First floor to be self-contained living accommodation.

COMMENT: The Parish Council unanimously support this application believing it to be a good use of buildings in a suitable position for supporting the Parish Plan aim of increasing tourism.

Cllr Swaites returned to the meeting

10.1.5 DMN/ 110888/FH

Old Shire House, Aylton, Ledbury, HR8 2QE

Construction of new access drive to Old Shire House from A4172, and associated works.

COMMENT: The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

10.2 To Note Decisions from Herefordshire Council

10.2.1 DMN/110273/FH

Greenacre Cottage, Munsley, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2SN
Alterations to conservatory to form playroom. **GRANTED**

10.2.2 DMN/110272/FH

Brooklands, Putley, Nr Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2RL
Removal of existing outbuildings and erection of single storey side
Extension. **REFUSED**

10.2.3 DMN/110275/F

**Queenswood School, Callow Hill Farm, Hereford Road, Nr
Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2PZ**
New overflow car parking area **GRANTED**

10.2.4 DMN/110470/FH

**Bears Cottage, Heywood Lane, Ashperton, Herefordshire, HR8
2SD**
Demolish porch and replace with single storey orangery rear
extension **GRANTED**

11. Update on SID's

This item was deferred to next meeting as we await April results of Knapp Farm
ACTION CLERK

12. Falcon Lane / Baregains Lane drain and ditch cleaning

A site meeting with Brian Butler of Amey is to be arranged **ACTION - CHAIRMAN**

13. Herefordshire Councils offer of free apple trees for communities

Possible sites - Little Marcle Church, Cllr Davies will approach David Watkins
Aylton Triangle, Cllr Jones will approach Parish Church Council

14. Newspaper Village News

It was agreed to enter dates of Parish Council Meetings in the Village News sections of the
Hereford Times and Ledbury Reporter. Also promotion of the website and request of
parishioners views when setting Budget/Precept **ACTION CLERK**

15. SLCC Membership

The parish council agreed to the Clerk becoming a member of SLCC and payment of the
annual subscription. It was noted that for future years Bosbury Parish Council are to be asked to
contribute as the clerk also works for them.

16. Parish Plan

Because Pixley and District Parish Council were one of the first to do a Parish Plan and other
councils are now doing their Parish Plans, it was decided to see whether other council's are
recognised and made use of as part of "The Localism Bill" before updating the existing plan.
Review in six months.

17. Information Sheet noted (Circulated)

18. Planning Record noted (Circulated)

19. Items for next scheduled Parish Council Meeting

- Brian Butler to be advised of potholes in the parishes

- Parishes being blighted by the “Blandford Fly”
- Clerk’s Contract
- Report from Finance Group

20. Next Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm at Munsley W I Hall

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

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Signature of Chairman

Dated:.....