

PIXLEY and DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MUNSLEY W.I. HALL ON
TUESDAY 7th JUNE 2011

PRESENT: Councillors M Skittery (Chairman), H Hodges, K Davies, S Swaithes, Mrs L Clothier, Mrs J Cowell, E Thompson

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J Chester (Clerk), I Brooks & A Mawby (cllrs elect)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

1. Apologies for Absence were accepted from:-

Councillors D Hewitt, P Whitfield, P Viner and Mrs R Jones

2. To co-opt three new members onto Parish Council & sign Declarations of Acceptance of Office

The Chairman read out a letter of introduction from G Mowbray who was unable to attend the meeting, and I Brooks and A Mawby gave a short introduction of themselves. It was agreed to co-opt on the new members by a show of hands and I Brooks, A Mawby and G Mowbray were duly co-opted onto the Parish Council. I Brooks & A Mawby signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office, the Chairman took away a form to be signed by G Mowbray.

3. Declarations of Interest:

Councillor K Davies expressed a personal interest in items 8.1 on the agenda

Councillor E Thompson expressed a personal and prejudicial interest in items 8.1 on the agenda

4. To Agree the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 17th May 2011

The previously circulated minutes were agreed and will be signed at the next Annual Meeting.

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

Members expressed concern over the accident on the A4172 at Little Marcle Crossroads. It was agreed to ask Ward Councillor Morgan to pursue our request for a 50mph speed limit on this stretch of road.

ACTION - CLERK

6. To Receive a Brief Report from the Ward Councillor Mrs P Morgan

Mrs Morgan was unable to attend the meeting.

7. Finance

7.1 Report from Finance Group meeting 25th May 2011 – minutes of this meeting were circulated, the Chairman agreed it was a worthwhile meeting as there was more time to discuss financial issues and the Parish Council budget.

7.2 Parish Clerk Contract and PAYE –

The clerk has registered under PAYE and awaits further instruction. A draft contract of employment was given to the Chairman for perusal and agreement before signing at the next meeting

7.3 Election Costs – will be advised in July by Herefordshire Council

7.4 Finance report was AGREED

7.5 Payments AGREED as per Financial Report

8. Planning

8.1 Considered Planning Applications

DMN/111110/U

Pixley End Caravan & Camp Site, Trumpet, Ledbury, HR8 2RA CLUED

Certificate of lawfulness for existing use. The use of field 1 for 10 caravans to be sited and used throughout the year; fields 2 & 3 for accommodating 45 touring caravans or tents all year round and occasional rallies. Together with a toilet block, shower room, campers cabin and store, to meet with the requirements of model site licence conditions

Cllr Thompson having previously expressing an interest in this application was allowed by the Chairman to speak and answer questions from Council then left the room before Council discussed further.

COMMENT: The Parish Council cannot support the application on the following grounds:

- Better sewerage facilities are required to meet the recognised standards for 55 caravans, Environmental Health should be consulted.
- A stile has been built allowing unlawful access to ancient woodland and thus damage has been caused to the woodland
- The whole camp site needs to be adequately fenced to preserve ancient woodland and to prevent access to the dangerous pickling plant and main road (A438)
- The site is to be restricted to accommodating caravans for 10 months of the year.
- The council agree that a footpath and cycleway should be built from the Trumpet Crossroads to Poolend.

The Parish Council agreed that Ward Councillor Patricia Morgan is briefed on this application.

Cllr Thompson re-entered the room

8.2 To Note Decisions from Herefordshire Council

None at present

9. Training

Cllr Skittery is to attend HALC evening "People Proof your Budget" on 14th June 2011 at Brockington.

10. Report on meeting with Amey

Cllr Skittery had met with Brian Butler from Amey and taken him to Falcon Lane and Baregains Lane to show him the areas of concern. It was agreed that Drain and Ditch cleaning is required. The drain jetting at the Trumpet Crossroads has still not been done (defect 100372) – clerk to chase Amey.

ACTION - CLERK

11. Blind Spot at Little Marcle Crossroads

There is a high hopyard hedge obscuring vision from the Little Marcle crossroads towards the Trumpet. Cllr Skittery offered to speak to the landowner and request removing a section of the hedge.

ACTION - CLLR SKITTERY

12. Update on SID's

Data from the recent April deployment shows that previous deployment data was obviously incorrect so it was agreed that the invoice on hold will not be paid. Concern was raised over the high number of speeding vehicles. Clerk to notify police and CSO Alison Dore and request comment from the Safer Roads Partnership. Cllr Swaites will contact the press and put a

paragraph in the local newspapers.

ACTION – CLERK / CLLR SWAITHES

13. Update on “apple trees for communities”

Cllr Davies has not yet managed to contact David Watkins regarding possible Little Marcle Church, so item deferred to next meeting

ACTION – CLLR DAVIES

14. “Blandford Fly” – there was no further discussion

15. Potholes

The whole of Falcon Lane needs repair

16. Information Sheet Noted (Circulated)

17. Planning Record Noted (Circulated)

18. Items to be put on Agenda for next Parish Council Meeting (No Discussion)

- Invitation to be sent to CSO Alison Dore and representative of Safer Road Partnership to attend July meeting
- To receive comments on Locality Working
- To receive comments on Charter between Parish Councils and Herefordshire Council
- Falcon Lane Bus Shelter Bin overflowing
- Clerk contract of employment
- Councillor Packs

19. Next Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday 26th July at 7.30pm at Munsley W I Hall

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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Signature of Chairman

Dated:.....