

PIXLEY and DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MUNSLEY W.I. HALL ON
TUESDAY 25th OCTOBER 2011

PRESENT: Councillors M Skittery (Chairman), D Hewitt (Vice-Chairman), H Hodges, K Davies, G Mowbray, S Swaithes, A Mawby, P Viner, E Thompson, Mrs L Clothier, I Brookes & P Whitfield

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs P Morgan (Ward Councillor), Mrs J Chester (Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

1. Apologies for Absence were accepted from:-

Councillor Mrs R Jones

2. Declarations of Interest:

Councillor H Hodges declared a personal interest in item 8.1.1 on the agenda

3. To Agree the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 27th September 2011

The previously circulated minutes were agreed 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 from the Ward Councillor Mrs P Morgan

Mrs Morgan reported that she hoped the meeting on the Local Development Framework at Bishops Frome Village Hall on 12th October was helpful. There is another meeting on 2nd November on Neighbourhood Planning. She asked if the Parish Council would like her to arrange group meetings for councils in the Frome Ward on topics such as Localism, Road Safety and with Amey. This met with a positive response. The Tesco's Planning Application is to be decided by Herefordshire Council on 2nd November. A new "Hereford brand/logo" has been launched which the use of is hoped will promote the county in a uniform way.

6. Correspondence

The clerk read out the response from Gloucester regarding their response to 50mph speed limits. It was decided that the clerk should request from Herefordshire Council a copy of the research criteria used to implement 50mph limits through the county and also to ask what criteria makes the A4172 remain at 60mph **ACTION – CLERK**

A request had been received from Herefordshire Citizens Advice Bureaux for a donation/grant. The Parish Council has a donations policy and cannot agree this request.

7. Finance

7.1 Revised Election costs of £187.88 have been advised from Herefordshire Council. As each parish has incurred an extra charge of £25 the clerk is to question the charge and advise that payment will be agreed for ONE charge of £25 for the Group. **ACTION – CLERK**

7.2 Finance report was NOT AGREED (see 7.1 above)

7.3 Payments as per the financial report were NOT AGREED (see 7.1 above)

8. Planning

8.1 Considered Planning Applications

8.1.1 DMN/112788/L Mainstone Court, Trumpet, Ledbury, HR8 2RA

Repairs and internal alterations (part retrospective) replacement of sash windows..

PC Comment: The Parish Council support this application.

8.2 Planning Applications already considered

8.2.1 DMN/111554/F Ledbury Welding and Engineering Ltd, New Mills Industrial Estate, Leadon Way, Ledbury, HR8 2SR

Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a Class A1 (retail) store, car parking, landscaping and associated works.

PC Comment: The Parish Council believe there is a need for a larger supermarket in Ledbury in principle but do not support this present application because of its adverse effect on the town centre car parking and independent retailers which is a major attraction for visitors.

8.3 To Note Decisions from Herefordshire Council

8.3.1 DMN/111696/F Hazel Cottage, Aylton, Ledbury, HR8 2QH

Construction of an all weather surface 20m x 40m horse ménage for private use and a 12m x 8m pond for nature conservation. Installation of a new access gate onto the country lane from the south east part of the field in order to create a 2 acre independent field. **GRANTED 19.9.11**

9. Training / Meetings

- 9.1 HALC Training Dates were noted. Details of Highway Patrol meeting to be circulated to councillors by clerk **ACTION – CLERK**
- 9.2 Report from Local Development Framework meeting. This concentrated on Herefordshire Council's Local Housing plans upto 2031. The proposed Neighbourhood Plan will replace the Parish Plan and there is an ongoing pilot scheme in the Golden Valley for grouping parishes together.
- 9.3 Report on Herefordshire Partnership Event. This was an interesting and informative event. The Rotherwas Enterprise Zone should create approx. 6000 jobs in the defence and security sector. The "Hereford" brand was launched.

10. Blind Spot at Little Marcle Crossroads

Councillor Hewitt advised that a meeting will be arranged between the landowner and a representative from Amey to organise the cutting of the hedge.

ACTION - CLLR HEWITT

11. Update on Sandbag's for parishes

100 sandbags have been ordered to be delivered to Priors Court for storage and distribution. Delivery date to be advised by Herefordshire Council prior to despatch.

12. Overflowing Bin at Falcon Lane Bus Shelter

The clerk has sent letters of complaint to Haygrove and to Herefordshire Council. Amey have advised that the bin does not belong to Herefordshire Council. A representative from Haygrove has

been spotted picking up the litter around the bin. Clerk to contact FOCSA to try and get the bin emptied.

ACTION – CLERK

13. Footpath from Little Marcle to Much Marcle through Laddin Farm

There are actually two footpaths with a “break” between them. It is believed that the previous owner of Laddin Farm let people cross his land unofficially to access one footpath to another. No evidence to suggest otherwise has been found.

14. Horse Issues in Aylton

The Clerk is to advise that the Parish Council do not believe the number of horses using this stretch of road warrants the need for warning signs.

ACTION - CLERK

15. Haygrove Minutes

A copy of the minutes of the last meeting of Haygrove had previously been circulated. The meeting due on the 8th October had been cancelled. Low rainfall this year has led to the reservoirs being extended and a retrospective planning application has been submitted. It was noted that the reservoirs were now 40 metres closer to neighbouring properties and that it would be difficult to reinstate the old roadway if the application is refused.

16. Light Pollution from Alexander Park

The Parish Council has received two complaints regarding the driving range lights at Alexander Park. It is believed that the lights have been moved from the roof onto ground level.

17. Information Sheet Noted (Circulated)

18. Planning Record Noted (Circulated)

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

- Newbridge Farm Play Barn extension
- Report from Finance Meeting
- Broadband Questionnaire
- Falcon Lane Give Way sign
- Little Marcle SID

20. Next Scheduled Meeting

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

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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Signature of Chairman

Dated:.....