

PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 31st January 2012

Present

Councillors M Skittery (Chairman), D Hewitt (Vice Chairman), H Hodges, K Davies, S Swaithes, P Viner, I Brookes, P Whitfield, E Thompson, G Mowbray, Mrs L Clothier and Mrs J Cowell

In attendance

Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

Action

1/12 To accept apologies for absence - Ward Councillor P Morgan, Councillors A Mawby and Mrs R Jones

2/12 To receive declarations of interest

None

3/12 To accept minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 29th November 2011 (previously circulated)

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4/12 Open forum for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council:

None

5/12 To receive a report from Ward Councillor

Mrs Morgan had sent her apologies, she was attending Ashperton Parish Council meeting the same night. She had emailed the clerk in response to the concerns raised regarding Knapp Farm Planning Application and the planning officers comments. **RESOLVED** clerk to send a letter to Haygrove requesting the tarmacing of the new road to help alleviate problems and concerns. Copy to be sent to Cllr Morgan.

Clerk

6/12 Reports/Correspondence

6.1 Light Pollution from Alexander Park – Putley PC are still receiving complaints. It was felt that the lights are less bright now since discussions with the owners at our November meeting.

6.2 Haygrove Meetings – a letter had been received from Haygrove in response to concerns raised, detailing a change of leadership of the meetings. **RESOLVED** to accept this letter and to move forward positively

All councillors

6.3 HM Diamond Jubilee Celebration 2012 – meeting at Putley was well attended. It was decided that Sat 2nd June Street Party, Aylton. Sun 3rd June – Service of praise, Aylton followed by lunch at Putley and to watch Thames Pageant on big screen. Next meeting Monday 6th February. It was **RESOLVED** to support.

All councillors

6.4 Community Technology Grant – The grant is for a community project and as there is no “centre hub” at a previous meeting at Trumpet Corner it was thought that this offer would prove to be more of a liability than benefit. It would be better for equipment to be purchased and the grant given for services and running costs needed. HALC to be consulted as other small parish councils must be in the same position.

Clerk

6.5 Herefordshire Council Play Facilities Strategy and Action Plans Draft Consultation – It was **RESOLVED** that this is not particle for Pixley.

7/12 Highways and Footpaths

7.1 Speed Cocnerns A4172 – The press reports were disappointing and not what was sent to them. The SID’s and Safer Roads Partnership results differ. **RESOLVED** Clerk is to request copy of Andrew Lee-Jones evidence and to chase up Knapp Farm black box data. The data in the press reports is to challenged publically after getting all the facts first. Paper press reports to be kept.

Clerk

7.2 SID Deployments 2012 - RESOLVED – Verzons in May, Knapp Farm in August and Little Marcle in December.

Clerk

7.3 Little Marcle Blind Spot – council are unable to help. **RESOLVED** that Councillor Hewitt and landowner will remove the hedge from inside.

Cllr Hewitt

7.4 Little Marcle Footpath – the famer is unwilling to have any sort of footpath cross his farmyard. **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council take no further action.

7.5 Flooding issues at Poolend – a meeting with representatives from Amey concluded that Amey are responsible for maintaining the culvert crossing the A438. A request for a silt trap for the new drain was refused. No new measures have been introduced since 2007 when houses were flooded. **RESOLVED** to send letter to MP asking for support. E Thompson to draft. Copy to be sent to Ward Councillor Morgan.

E Thompson / Clerk

8/12 Finance

8.1 Finance Report RESOLVED

8.2 Payments RESOLVED:

- Herefordshire Council Election Costs
- Herefordshire Council SID deployment
- Clerks Salary and Expenses
- HALC Training Course Fee

8.3 2012/13 Precept – Herefordshire Council has confirmed £5000

9/12 Planning

9.1 Planning Applications to be considered - RESOLVED

9.1.1 DMN/113559/FH Chadney Bungalow, Aylton, HR8 2QD

Single storey garden room extension

PC Comment: The Parish Council support this application

9.1.2 DMN/113052/F Land at Galebreaker House, Ledbury, HR8 2SS

Demolition of existing buildings and construction of a superstore Class A1 patrol filling station, car parking, Biomass boiler, landscaping and associated works

PC Comment: The Parish Council support this application and are pleased to see Galebreakers are remaining in Ledbury

9.1.3 N120002/F Gazerdine House, Hereford Road, HR8 2PZ

Change of use from residential to mixed use (B2)

PC Comment: The Parish Council support this application

9.2 To note decisions from Herefordshire Council - RESOLVED

9.3 To improve Planning responses from Herefordshire Council –

The Clerk was asked to follow up letter sent March 2011. Also following Parish Plan email from C Gooding clerk is to ask Jem Bateman for certificate or photos relating to Parish Plan

Clerk

10/12 Training / Meetings

10.1 To note HALC dates RESOLVED

10.2 Neighbourhood Planning Meeting on 8th February now at Whitecreoss School

10.3 Cluster Meeting – RESOLVED D Hewitt will be Cluster Co-ordinator

11/12 To note Information Sheet (Circulated) – RESOLVED

12/12 To note Planning Record (Circulated) – RESOLVED

13/12 Items for next meeting (No Discussion)

- **Next Vice Chairman (Pixley Parish)**

14/12 Date of next scheduled meeting : Tuesday 28th February 2012

Meeting closed at 10.00pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date