



## PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 28th February 2012

#### Present

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

#### In attendance

Ward Councillor Patricia Morgan  
Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

#### Action

**15/12 To accept apologies for absence** - Councillor P Viner

#### 16/12 To receive declarations of interest

Councillor E Thompson expressed a personal and prejudicial interest in item 13.1.1 on the agenda – Planning application N120042/F

#### 17/12 To accept minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 31st January 2012 (previously circulated)

Councillor Whitfield had requested an amendment to the minutes, this was discussed and an amended copy of the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman. Clerk to recirculate amended minutes

CLERK

#### 18/12 Open forum for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council:

It had been noticed in a local magazine that Tarrington is to get two new bus shelters and traffic calming measures. Ward Councillor Morgan was asked to investigate if there was a pot of money and on the progress of our Poolend bus shelter request.

CLLR MORGAN

#### 19/12 To receive a report from Ward Councillor

Cllr Morgan reported that at the latest Neighbourhood Planning event it was stressed that the plan is about building communities and is not compulsory and is not to stop growth. Any new parish council Neighbourhood Plan must be compatible with the local council plan / local development framework guide. It would first be subject to a referendum and an independent check before being adopted. The Neighbourhood Plan would be more rigorous than a Parish Plan. A question was raised "Is parish council power lost if a Neighbourhood Plan is not done?" Cllr Morgan stated that a lot of detail is still not sorted out. There is no funding for a Neighbourhood Plan but Herefordshire Council are obliged to provide support and technical advice. Herefordshire Council are due to finalise their budget this week. There will be no council tax increase. The proposal is to make a saving of £10

million. £6 million is to go into the provision of Broadband, Gloucestershire are giving £7.5 million, both of which are match funded by government. The broadband supplier is due to be announced in May with work scheduled to start in Autumn 2012.

**20/12 Light Pollution from Alexander Park** – Putley PC are still receiving complaints. An email had been received from Herefordshire Planning Enforcement Officer stating that light readings would be taken. Cllr Morgan was asked to ascertain the conditions on the planning permission. It was thought the lights are being turned off earlier in the evenings.

**CLLR MORGAN**

**21/12 HM Diamond Jubilee Celebration 2012** – a further meeting had been held. Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> June Street Party, Aylton. Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Service of praise, Aylton followed by lunch at Putley and to watch Thames Pageant on big screen. A beacon is to be lit but location is yet to be decided. It was **RESOLVED** that the parish council would in principle offer a donation towards costs but the amount would be confirmed at a later date

**CLLR JONES**

**22/12 Request for donation from Fownhope & District Medical Trust**  
It was **AGREED** that the clerk is to request further information – 250 is not many drops, what does the van do the rest of the time, and what percentage of the community is served by this home delivery service?

**CLERK**

### **23/12 Update on Planning Application Process**

The clerk read out a letter from Mike Willmont of Herefordshire Council. The council website will contain a weekly list of decisions made so Herefordshire Council will no longer send paper copies or email decision notices to the clerk. The clerk will in future look on the website for decisions. Cllr Morgan will also forward any decision notices she receives.

**CLERK / CLLR MORGAN**

### **24/12 Highways and Footpaths**

**24.1 List of Potholes in the parishes** – a list was compiled for the clerk to forward to Amey

**CLERK**

**24.2 Speed Concerns A4172** –The Clerk is to waiting for a response to the request for a copy of Andrew Lee-Jones evidence. A recent Countryfile TV programme featured a group campaigning for lower speed limits on rural roads, clerk to investigate at they be able to help us.

**CLERK**

**24.3 Little Marcle Blind Spot** – **RESOLVED** that Councillor Hewitt and landowner will remove the hedge from inside this week.

### **25/12 Finance**

**25.1 Finance Report RESOLVED**

**25.2 Payments RESOLVED:**

- ICO Data Protection – new direct debit form signed for Annual Fee
- Vision 20/20 Conference attendance fee

### **26/12 Planning**

**26.1 Planning Applications Considered - RESOLVED**

**26.1.1 N/120042/F Pixley Berries, Lebury, HR8 2RB**

Installation of solar photovoltaic panels on commercial building  
**PC Comment:** The Parish Council support this application

**26.2 To note decisions from Herefordshire Council - RESOLVED**

**27/12 Training / Meetings**

**27.1 To note HALC training dates RESOLVED**

**27.2 Vision 20/20 Conference** 2nd March – **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Hewitt and Davies will attend

**27.3 Neighbourhood Planning Meeting** – Ward Cllr Morgan had earlier reported on this meeting

**28/12 To discuss next Vice-Chairman**

A new vice-chairman is due to be elected in May. The position normally rotates around the four parishes – Little Marcle, Pixley, Munsley and Aylton. It was **AGREED** to try and keep this rotation as it was a fair system. Councillors from Pixley were asked to consider the vice-chairmans role before the next meeting.

**29/12 To note Information Sheet (Circulated) – RESOLVED**

**30/12 To note Planning Record (Circulated) – RESOLVED**

**31/12 Items for next meeting (No Discussion)**

- **Next Vice Chairman (Pixley Parish)**
- **Fownhope Medical Centre Donation Request**

**32/12 Date of next scheduled meeting** : Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012

*The chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm*

Signed:

Chairman

Date