



## PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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

#### Present

Councillors K Davies, H Hodges, Mrs J Cowell, A Mawby, P Whitfield & E Thompson

#### In attendance

Janet Chester – Parish Clerk  
Patricia Morgan – Frome Ward Councillor

#### Members of the Public: 0

#### Action

#### 105/12 To appoint a new Chairman of the Parish Council

Due to the resignations of eight councilors the council remains quorate but without a chairman. A chairman was needed for tonight's meeting and Cllr Davies was proposed by Cllr Thompson and seconded by Cllr Mawby. Cllr Davies agreed to be acting - chairman but just for this meeting.

#### 106/12 To appoint a new vice-chairman of the Parish Council

By a unanimous vote it was decided not to appoint a vice-chairman.

#### 107/12 Apologies for Absence and note the reason - none

#### 108/12 To receive declarations of interest - none

#### 109/12 To agree minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th June 2012 (previously circulated)

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by Cllr Davies.

#### 110/12 Open Forum

Concerns were expressed about the number of councillors who had resigned due to the requirement to register pecuniary interests. John Jones, Head of Governance of Herefordshire Council is to be asked to attend a meeting to explain and defend this decision and give a presentation on the new Code of Conduct adopted by Herefordshire Council in July. The councilors who resigned are to be invited to attend in the hope that they may change their minds and be willing to stand for co-option back onto the council.

CLERK

#### 111/12 To receive a report from Ward Councillor

Cllr Morgan advised that Herefordshire Council had ratified the new Code of Conduct on 20<sup>th</sup> July. The parish council now has the option of adopting the same code. A letter had been received from a concerned resident of Falcon Lane regarding the speed and volume of traffic using the lane. Cllr Morgan advised that Amey are considering changing the speed limit at the Trumpet Crossroads to 40mph. She will chase for more details and advise.

**112/12 Highways and Footpaths**

**112.1 Speed Concerns A4172** – Cllr Morgan is to ask Graham Powell, cabinet member for infrastructure to come out to a meeting and view the traffic with councilors.

The condition of the road surface on the A4172 is of concern and there is also pooling of water on the newly resurfaced road by Newbridge Farm Park.

CLLR MORGAN

**113/12 Finance**

**113.1 Bank Signatories** – Allen Mawby and Phil Whitfield are to be added to the list of signatories

**113.2 Finance Report RESOLVED**

**113.3 Payments RESOLVED:**

HALC Training Course Fees – £10.00

Herefordshire Council SID – £120.00

Clerks Salary & Expenses - £284.97

CLERK

**114/12 Planning**

**114.1 Planning Applications to be Considered** – none

**114.2 To note comments on Planning applications already considered** –

**114.2.1 N121312/FH Wallers Green House, Hereford Road, Ledbury, HR8 2PX** Proposed single storey side extension

**PC Comment:** The parish council support this application

**114.3 To note decisions of Herefordshire Council** – as planning record

**115/12 Training / Meetings**

**115.1 To note HALC training dates – RESOLVED**

**116/12 Discussion**

**116.1** Correspondence has been received from Bill Wiggin MP regarding the flooding issue at Poolend. Cllr Thompson asked to be sent details. Drainage improvements have been made on the road to Putley. There were no reported problems during the recent storms. Martin Jackson of Herefordshire Council is to be contacted for details of any further works to be carried out.

CLERK

**116.2** Councillor Vacancies – Joh Jones Head of Governance of Herefordshire Council is to be invited to a meeting which it is hoped the former councilors will also attend and maybe change their minds and be willing to be co-opted back onto the council.

CLERK

**116.3** Code of Conduct – John Jones could also present the code recently ratified by Herefordshire Council and answer any questions before the parish council decide to adopt the same code of conduct.

**117/12 To note Planning Record (Circulated) – RESOLVED**

**118/12 Items for next meeting (No Discussion)**

- Code of Conduct
- Councillor Vacancies

**119/12 Date of next scheduled meeting** : Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012

*The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm*

Signed:  
Chairman

Date