



## PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 25th September 2012

#### Present

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

#### In attendance

Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

#### Members of the Public: 2

#### Action

Cllr Davies welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 120/12 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs J Cowell, Ward Councillor Morgan, Lesley Clothier & David Hewitt

#### 121/12 To co-opt new councilors onto the parish council

Current councillors were pleased to see that Mr Steve Swaites and Mr Michael Skittery had reconsidered after the recent meeting with John Jones, Herefordshire Council Head of Governance and unanimously voted them back onto the council by a show of hands. They both completed the necessary forms.

#### 122/12 To appoint a new Chairman of the Parish Council

Cllr S Swaites was proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Whitfield. There were no other nominations and Cllr Swaites duly accepted the position of Chairman.

Cllr Swaites took the chair and thanked Cllr Davies for his help over the last couple of difficult months for the parish council.

#### 123/12 To appoint a new vice-chairman of the Parish Council

Cllr A Mawby was proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Thompson. There were no other nominations and Cllr Mawby duly accepted the position of vice-chairman.

#### 124/12 To receive declarations of interest -

Cllr Skittery declared a personal interest in planning application N121903/F Greytree, Aylton, HR8 2QJ

#### 125/12 To agree minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31st July 2012 (previously circulated)

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

#### 126/12 Open Forum - No matters raised

**127/12 To receive a report from Ward Councillor**

Cllr Morgan had passed on her apologies as she was attending another parish council meeting.

**128/12 Discussion****128.1 Poolend Flooding**

Cllr Thompson advised that he had been approached with regard to a meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October with Ward Councillor Morgan and a cabinet member. He will circulate details to all so that others may attend the meeting if they wish.

**128.2 Review of meeting with John Jones Head of Governance Herefordshire Council**

The general feel of the councilors was that the meeting was not of any great benefit. For a man in his position, Mr Jones gave no encouragement or reasonable explanation for the requirements of the new Code of Conduct. His attitude left a lot to be desired. Cllr Swaithe was asked to approach Ward Cllr Morgan re making a complaint.

CLLR  
SWAITHE

**129.2 To adopt a new Code of Conduct**

A new code was agreed in principle but formal adoption deferred to the October meeting once all councilors had had time to read thoroughly. The clerk was asked to re-circulate the Code of Conduct.

CLERK

**130/12 Highways & Footpaths**

**130.1 Speed Concerns A4172** – Following the meeting with Andrew Lee-Jones from Amey and Graham Powell, Herefordshire Council cabinet member for infrastructure where traffic was viewed with councilors, Mr Lee-Jones had sent through a new proposal. It was RESOLVED that the clerk acknowledge this proposal but is to express both our welcome of the recommendation of installing a 50mph limit to beyond Pixley Court, but also our regret that the suggestion of 60mph on the whole of the A4172 was not supported. The reduction of the Trumpet Crossroads area to 40mph was felt not really necessary but would be accepted.

CLERK

The Amey speed limit review that had been sent was questioned, the council disagree with the detail and observations quoted. The results of a review of the whole stretch of the A4172 to Prestons Cross are awaited with interest. The clerk us to express our regret that the review does not extend the 50mph from Trumpet Crossroads to Tarrington. Mr Lee-Jones is to be asked to inform us of his discussions with Gloucestershire Council.

CLERK

**130.2 Speed Indicator Devices** -The increase in the hire of the Speed Indicator Devices from £100 to £150 each time is felt to be a "tool" to make us no longer use them. The results of SID's contradict the results of the Safer Roads Partnership. The available option of purchasing the SID was thought not viable as the data collected is not acted upon.

**130.3 Potholes etc to be reported to Amey** - 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.

**131/12 Finance**

**131.1 Finance Report RESOLVED**

**131.2 Payments RESOLVED:**

SLCC membership – £72.00

Clerks Salary & Expenses - £518.40

**131.3 Finance Group – RESOLVED** members confirmed as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Past Chairman and Responsible Finance Officer. The clerk is to confirm date of next meeting.

**131.4 Precept 2013/14** – to be discussed at the finance group meeting and a proposal brought to full council in November.

### **132/12 Planning**

#### **132.1 Planning Applications to be Considered**

##### **132.1.1 N121903/F Greytrees, Aylton, HR8 2QJ**

Erection of a stable block

**PC Comment:** The Parish Council support this application

#### **132.2 To note comments on Planning applications already considered – none**

#### **132.3 To note decisions of Herefordshire Council – as planning record**

### **133/12 Training / Meetings**

#### **133.1 To note HALC training dates – RESOLVED**

Cllrs Swaites and Mawby are to advise the clerk which courses they wish to attend and the clerk will book places accordingly.

#### **134/12 To note Planning Record (Circulated) – RESOLVED**

#### **135/12 Items for next meeting (No Discussion)**

- Code of Conduct
- Councillor Vacancies
- Precept
- Report from Finance Group
- Report from Poolend Flooding meeting
- Falcon Lane
- Neighbourhood Watch

#### **136/12 Date of next scheduled meeting : Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

*The chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm*

Signed:  
Chairman

Date

**CLERK**

**FINANCE  
GROUP**