



## PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 26th March 2013

#### Present

Councillors S Swaithe, Mrs L Clothier, Mrs J Cowell, K Davies, D Hewitt, H Hodges, Mrs R Jones, A Mawby, M Skittery & P Whitfield

#### In attendance

Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

#### Members of the Public: 1

Cllr Swaithe welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 28/13 To receive apologies for absence and note the reason

Cllr E Thompson (illness),

#### 29/13 To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations -

Cllr Skittery declared an interest as a neighbour in agenda item 9.1.2 Newbridge Farm Park planning application N130479/F

#### 30/13 To agree minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2013 (previously circulated)

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

#### 31/13 Open Forum

No items were raised

#### 32/13 To receive a report from Ward Councillor

Cllr Morgan did not attend this meeting and had not sent a report.

#### 33/13 Discussion

##### 33.1 Councillor Vacancies

The Chairman asked members to continue to think of possible candidates to invite to join the council. A number of possible names were mentioned to be approached.

##### 33.2 Road Conditions

Herefordshire Council are currently patching and repairing the potholes on the A417. Permanent repairs are to be done after April. In Falcon Lane the road has caved into the ditch in two places by Kim Berrows cottage opposite Keepers Cottage. The surface of the A4172 is still very poor. **RESOLVED** that the clerk will report and pursue these issues.

#### Action

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### 33.2 Neighbourhood Planning

The clerk has asked the neighbouring parishes of Putley and Ashperton if they would be interested in a meeting with Mike Willmont to discuss formulating a joint Neighbourhood Plan. Responses are still awaited. If there is interest we may invite a speaker on Neighbourhood Planning to our annual parish meeting in May, date to be confirmed.

CLERK

### 33.3 Herefordshire Council Core Strategy Draft Consultation

This consultation runs until 22<sup>nd</sup> April and members were encouraged to respond with their comments. It was thought that as this strategy shapes Herefordshire through to 2031, Neighbourhood Plans should be formalized before the Core Strategy is set and Herefordshire Council seem to be doing things in the wrong order by doing this consultation first and only now encouraging Neighbourhood Plans..

### 34/13 Highways and Footpaths

#### 34.1 Speed Indicator Devices

With the increased cost of hiring SID's from Herefordshire Council it was thought that they would only be needed on the A4172 at Knapp Farm and Little Marcle. **RESOLVED** that the clerk is to contact Amey and book one hire period for each location.

CLERK

#### 34.2 Ashperton 40mph Buffer Zone

A site meeting was held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March to discuss. Herefordshire Council do not do "repeater signs". The agreed buffer zone of 40mph is believed to be being fast tracked and should be installed by The Castle within three months unless any strong objections are received.

### 35/13 Finance

#### 35.1 Finance Report **RESOLVED**

#### 35.2 Payments **RESOLVED**

- a) Clerk salary and expenses – as agreed
- b) LRP Cluster Group - £25
- c) HALC Training fee - £12

**35.3 Internal Auditor for end of year accounts – RESOLVED** the clerk is to approach Jim Glanville

CLERK

### 36/13 Planning

#### 36.13.1 130412/F Moorend Farm, Munsley, Ledbury, HR8 2SN

Proposed agricultural building for the housing of livestock

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

Cllr Skittery having expressed an interest in the following application left the room.

#### 36.13.2 130479/F Newbridge Farm Park, Aylton, Ledbury, HR8 2QG

Change of use of the former shop building to residential use for the owners in connection with operation of the farm park business.

**PC Comment:** The parish council support this application with the following conditions:-

1. The new residence stays tied to the farm park business
2. Building regulations are adhered to.

Also the parish council believe a speed restriction is required on this stretch of the A4172.

### 36.2 To note comments on Planning applications already considered – none

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

Cllr Skittery rejoined the meeting

**37/13 Training / Meetings**

**37.1 To note training dates – RESOLVED**

a) Ledbury Rural Parishes Cluster Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> March at Ledbury Town Council Offices 7.30pm

At this recent meeting it was discovered that ward councilors have to sign off any required road traffic orders. To promote tourism in the area Cllr Davies had met with Patrick Whitehead chairman of the Cluster Group and Robert Manning from Stretton Grandison to discuss more publicity and the linking together of the parishes areas of tourism interest. Pixley and District main area was The Big Apple which has a website, it was suggested this could be linked to a website being set up by the cluster group. Also Ledbury is holding an Ox Roast in June to commemorate 60 years since HM Queens Coronation.

b) Affordable Rural Housing Workshop 16<sup>th</sup> April 1pm – 4pm Town Hall Hereford – 2 members. The clerk has booked places for Cllr Whitfield and Thompson

**CLLRS  
THOMPSON &  
WHITFIELD**

**38/13 To note Planning Record (Circulated) – RESOLVED**

**39/13 To note Information Sheet – RESOLVED**

**40/13 Items for next meeting (No Discussion)**

- Neighbourhood Planning
- Community Care
- Little Marcle verges
- Little Marcle Road – HGV's

**41/13 Date of next scheduled meeting :** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013

*The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.47pm*

Signed:  
Chairman.

Date: