



## PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 30th April 2013

#### Present

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

#### In attendance

Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

#### Members of the Public: 0

The Chairman Cllr Swaithe welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 42/13 To receive apologies for absence and note the reason

Cllr A Mawby (work commitments)

#### 43/13 To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations -

Cllr Jones declared an interest as a neighbour in agenda item 9.2.1 Aylton Church planning application 130680/F

#### 44/13 To agree minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013 (previously circulated)

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

#### 45/13 Open Forum

No items were raised

#### 46/13 To receive a report from Ward Councillor

Cllr Morgan did not attend this meeting and had not sent a report. The clerk is to ask her for an update on the A4172 road traffic accident to see if a cause had been identified.

#### 47/13 Discussion

##### 47.1 Councillor Vacancies

The Chairman has approached various people and invited them to join the council. It is hoped that they will attend the Annual meeting and then decide if they wish to become a councillor. Cllr Clothier and Skittery have also approached a couple of people.

##### 47.2 To confirm SID deployments

The clerk confirmed that SID's will be deployed at the Knapp Farm site in August and at the Little Marcle site in October.

#### Action

**CLERK / Cllr  
Morgan**

**CLLR  
SWAITHE**

### 47.3 Road Conditions

In Falcon Lane the road has caved into the ditch in two places by Kim Berrows cottage opposite Keepers Cottage and is now a danger to motorists. The surface of the A4172 is still very poor with ever increasing noise nuisance. Cllr Clothier advised that sound surveys carried out had showed that the noise disturbance level was breaching EEC rules.

**RESOLVED** that the clerk has reported these issues and will pursue them and also liaise with Cllr Clothier to compose a letter to be sent.

**CLERK / Cllr  
Clothier**

There are a number of potholes needing repair along Rectory Lane, Little Marcle. **RESOLVED** that the clerk will report them to Amey.

**CLERK**

### 48.3 Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Mawby had attended a recent meeting on this subject and circulated to all councillors a very good clear report. It was felt that there is a lack of consistency at Neighbourhood Planning meetings and the subject needs to be explored more. The clerk has asked the neighbouring parishes of Putley and Ashperton if they would be interested in a meeting with Mike Willmont, Head of Neighbourhood Planning Herefordshire Council to discuss formulating a joint Neighbourhood Plan. Responses are still awaited. It was **RESOLVED** to ask Mr Willmont if he is available to speak at our Annual Parish Meeting, provisional date of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May and to invite Putley and Ashperton representatives to attend. Mr Willmont is to be asked who would be our support officer from Herefordshire Council if we wished to proceed and for them to also attend this meeting.

**CLERK**

**RESOLVED** that all councillors would send questions to be asked about Neighbourhood Planning to the clerk for her to compile a list to enable the parish council to make an informed decision whether to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan.

**CLERK / All  
councillors**

### 49.3 Community Care

The clerk has approached Wendy Chambers of the Red Cross to ask what wording she would like publicised on the notice boards and website about community care and the parish warden scheme in the area. She awaits a reply.

**CLERK**

### 50/13 Highways and Footpaths

#### 50.1 HGV use of Little Marcle Road

It has been noted that a number of HGV's are travelling this lane and encountering problems maneuvering as it is not suitable for this size vehicle. The clerk has asked Herefordshire Council to provide appropriate road signs for each end of the lane. **RESOLVED** that the clerk will also write to UBL, Redbank and ABE to ask for their help advising drivers.

**CLERK**

### 51/13 Finance

**51.1 Finance Report RESOLVED**

**51.2 Payments RESOLVED**

- a) Clerk salary and expenses – as agreed
- b) HALC Annual subscription - £264.70
- c) Munsley WI Hall Annual Hire - £181.80

**51.3 2012/13 End of Year accounts**

The clerk had circulated the end of year accounts spreadsheet which is subject to internal audit.

**51.4 Internal Auditor** for 2012/13 end of year accounts – **RESOLVED** the clerk has approached Jim Glanville who has agreed to audit the

accounts.

## **52/13 Planning**

### **52.1 Planning Applications to be considered – none**

### **52.2 To note comments on Planning applications already considered**

#### **52.2.1 130680/F Aylton Church, Aylton, Ledbury, HR8 2RQ**

Removal of existing cladding and addition of new timber boarding and louvers to belfry.

**P C Comment:** The parish council support this application

#### **52.2.2 130639/F The Castle, Munsley, Ledbury, HR8 2SF**

New vehicular access and drive

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

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

## **53/13 Training / Meetings**

### **53.1 To note training dates – RESOLVED**

a) HALC Eastern Area Meeting at Bosbury Village Hall 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm, speaker Cllr Graham Powell Herefordshire Council Cabinet member for Infrastructure and Education. Cllrs Davies and Hodges to attend.

### **53.2 Report from Affordable Rural Housing Workshop 16<sup>th</sup> April**

The chairman thanked Cllrs Whitfield and Thompson for attending this meeting. Richard Gabb from Herefordshire Council was the speaker, who seemed very receptive, and it was well attended. It was felt that it was more about parish councils helping Herefordshire Council than Herefordshire Council helping the parish councils. It should be linked to Neighbourhood Planning as settlement boundaries are being lost and the idea is that there should be no development in rural areas. Cllr Thompson left wondering what will happen and at what cost?

### **54/13 To note Planning Record (Circulated) – RESOLVED**

### **55/13 To note Information Sheet – RESOLVED**

The clerk had also formed a new spreadsheet showing the progression of “action items”. Councillors felt this was a very useful spreadsheet and **RESOLVED** to view updates at each future meeting.

### **56/13 Items for next meeting (No Discussion)**

- The Hereford Trail along Falcon Lane

**57/13 Date of next scheduled meeting :** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013 (provisional)

*The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm*

**Cllrs Davies &  
Hodges**

**CLERK**

Signed:

Chairman.

Date:

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