



PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 29th May 2013

Present

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

In attendance

Janet Chester – Parish Clerk
Patricia Morgan – Ward Councillor

Members of the Public: 1

58/13 To Elect a Chairman

Cllr S Swaithe proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Mawby. There were no other proposals and Cllr Swaithe was unanimously voted in and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

59/13 To Elect a Vice-Chairman

Cllr Mawby advised that due to work commitments and lack of time he wished to stand down as vice-chairman. Cllr Hewitt was proposed by Cllr Mawby and seconded by Cllr Swaithe. There were no other proposals and Cllr Hewitt was unanimously voted in and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

60/13 To Accept Any Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason

none

61/13 To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations -

none

62/13 To remind all councillors of their responsibility to review their register of interests held with Herefordshire Council

All councillors were reminded of the need to review their Register of Interests regularly

63/13 To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 29th May 2012 (previously circulated)

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman

64/13 To approve minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30th April 2013 (previously circulated)

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

Action

All Cllrs

65/13 To receive a brief report from Ward Councillor P Morgan

Cllr Patricia Morgan reported that the main issue is Herefordshire Councils budget and the threat to the provision of some services. The council has a net budget of £150 million and needs to reduce spending by £53 million over the next 5 years. It receives the majority of its income 57% government funding, 24% council tax and 19% business rates and charging (car park fees etc). The cost of Adult Social Care takes up a huge chunk of the budget and with Herefordshire being a rural county with an ever increasing aging population the pressures will continue to increase. To continue to keep the same level of service to adult social care other "less important" services may have to be cut or provided differently, perhaps by other organisations or communities. The council and its MP's are trying to get central government to understand the county's individual needs compared to other UK counties. The highways maintenance contract is up for renewal in September and potential providers are being asked to put in capital at the start to bring roads up to standard and to thus minimize ongoing maintenance costs.

66/13 Open Forum

No items were raised

67/13 To Review Pixley and District Council policies

All policies were reviewed and no amendments were thought necessary so members readopted current policies.

68/13 To review Committee Structures, RESOLVED

- a) **Planning** – to remain that all applications are discussed at a meeting of all councilors.
- b) **Finance Group** – clerk, current chairman, vice chairman, past chairman and Cllr Mrs L Clothier.
- c) **Traffic & Speed Management** – Mrs L Clothier

69/13 Highways / Footpaths

- a) **Herefordshire Trail** – it had been noted that the footpath was blocked and a gate chained across it, Herefordshire Council have been notified by a local resident.

70/13 Items for discussion - none**71/13 Finance****71.1 2012/13 End of Year Accounts**

RESOLVED the accounts have been checked by the Internal Auditor and Financial Regulations are still current and applicable.

71.2 To note May 2013 Finance Report - noted**71.3 To agree Annual Insurance**

The parish council have a three year fixed premium agreement with Came & Company of which this is the final year **RESOLVED**

71.4 To agree payment of outstanding accounts as per finance report

Payments **RESOLVED**

- a) Clerk salary and expenses – as agreed
- b) SLCC Annual subscription - £75.00
- c) Came & Co Annual Insurance - £286.93

53/13 Training / Meetings**53.1 To note training dates – RESOLVED**

- a) Ledbury Rural Parishes Cluster Group AGM. Wellington Heath Village Hall, 7.45pm Wednesday 12th June
- b) The clerk is attending a HALC HINTS course on Sat 1st June to cover two modules towards her CiLCA qualification

All Cllrs**54/13 Planning****54.13.1 To Consider Planning Applications referred for comment: 131176/F Paunceford Court, Munsley, Ledbury, HR8 2SH**

Variation of condition 4 of planning permission DMNE/100177/F: To allow commercial riding and training to be carried out between the hours of 10am and 7pm

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to hold a site meeting to discuss this application fully. The clerk is to arrange a date and advise.

Clerk**54.13.2 To Confirm the Response to Considered Applications: as per planning record****54.13.3 Details of Decision Notices Received from Hereford Council: as per www.herefordshire.gov.uk****55/13 To note Planning Record (Circulated) – RESOLVED****56/13 To note Information Sheet – RESOLVED****57/13 To review Outstanding Actions Sheet - RESOLVED****58/13 Items for next meeting (No Discussion)**

- Neighbourhood Planning
- A4172 noise nuisance letter

59/13 Date of next scheduled meeting : Tuesday 25th June 2013

The chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.50pm

Signed:
Chairman.

Date: