



## PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 26th November 2013 at Munsley WI Hall at 7.30pm

#### Present

Councillors S Swaithe (Chairman), D Hewitt (Vice-Chairman), Mrs L Clothier, Mrs J Cowell, K Davies, H Hodges, M Skittery, Mrs M Thwaites & P Whitfield

#### In attendance

Janet Chester – Parish Clerk  
Ward Councillor Patricia Morgan

#### Members of the Public: 2

The chairman Cllr Swaithe welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 1/11/13 To Accept Any Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason

Cllrs Mrs W Cox, Mrs R Jones, A Mawby & E Thompson – other commitments

#### 2/11/13 To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

Cllr Name	Agenda Item	Interest Declared	Nature of Interest
M Skittery	9a - 132797/F planning application	Other	Neighbour

#### 3/11/13 To approve minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013 (previously circulated)

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

#### 4/11/13 Open Forum

There is continued concern over the speed of vehicles along the A4172. The number of direct accesses onto the road has increased by 70% over the last few years. Local residents and businesses are to be asked to sign a petition and send individual letters to the highways department of Herefordshire Council.

#### 5/11/13 To receive a brief report from Ward Councillor P Morgan

Cllr Patricia Morgan advised of the current consultation by Herefordshire Council on its 2014-15 budget and handed out an explanatory sheet as attached. Costs are increasing but income is being reduced so difficult decisions have to be reached as to which services have cuts made to them. The council has a discretionary budget of around £150 million. The council are to sell off properties at Brockington, Bath Street, Blueschool Street & Blackfriars and will be left with just the offices at Plough Lane, Hereford. She encouraged everyone to spread the word and respond to the consultation which closes on 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Cllr Morgan was asked to support our aim to get speed limits introduced on the A4172 and she asked for the parish council to produce a coordinated case backed up by statistics for her to present to Herefordshire Council. A petition

#### Action

All Cllrs

was suggested, together with traffic volumes, a log of all incidents, school bus data and visitor numbers to Newbridge Farm Park.

#### 6/11/13 Correspondence / Discussion

##### a) Letter from Bill Wiggin MP re Commemoration of 1<sup>st</sup> World War Centenary

This item was deferred until the January meeting

#### 7/11/13 Highways / Footpaths

##### a) SID deployments

Balfour Beatty have taken over the SID deployments. The clerk has asked for the full data from the most recent deployments at Little Marcle and Knapp Farm. It was **RESOLVED** to ask for further deployments once this data was received. This matter to be reviewed at the January meeting.

##### b) Road conditions / Traffic Management

The clerk has reported outstanding defects with Balfour Beatty in September. The clerk has requested more 50mph repeater signs for the stretch of road from the Trumpet Crossroads to Pixley Court. The clerk has chased the implementation date of the speed limit in Ashperton. The clerk has requested grit bins for Heywood Lane and Swinmore Lane. The clerk is to ask for an accident report for the fatal accident near Court-Y-Park at the end of October, it was noted that the roadside hedges near Court-Y-Park are not being trimmed. A number of verges are being cut up by tractors and trailers with mud being carried onto the highway. It was suggested to put verge markers up on the A438 between Callow Hills Farm and the Verzons Hotel.

##### c) Update on Bus & Cycle Shelters

The clerk has had confirmation that the date for a cycle rack to be installed at Pool End has been delayed by the switch from Amey to Balfour Beatty but that it is on the programme of works.

##### d) Little Marcle Threshold Gates

It was **AGREED** to install two temporary threshold gates on the verges in Little Marcle to try and reduce the speed of vehicles on the A4172. Examples of gates in other villages to be found.

#### 8/11/13 Finance

##### a) To receive report from Finance Working Group meeting & to discuss 2014-15 precept requirement

A meeting was held on Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Chairman, vice-chairman, ex-chairman, L Clothier and the clerk attended and examined the accounts. The clerk drafted and circulated the proposed budget. They discussed at length the budget for 2014-15, there were not many areas where savings could be made. It was **RESOLVED** to request a precept of £5750 for the year 2014-15.

##### b) Finance Report – noted

##### c) To agree payment of outstanding accounts as per finance report

Payments **RESOLVED**

Direct Debit: ICO Data Protection Annual Fee - £35.00  
000351: Aylton Church - £60.00  
000352: Little Marcle Church - £60.00

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000353: Munsley Church - £60.00  
 000354: Pixley Church - £60.00  
 000355: Clerk salary and expenses – as agreed

### 9/11/13 Planning

#### a) Planning Application to be considered –

##### **132797/F Land adj to Hazel Cottage, Aylton, Ledbury, HR8 2QH**

Extension to existing field shelter building

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

##### **132989/F Alexander Park, Court Y Park, Pixley, Ledbury, HR8 2RW**

Retention of safety netting erected at side of golf driving range and provision of additional netting to the other two sides.

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

#### b) To Note Comments on Planning Applications already considered -

Permission has been granted with conditions by Herefordshire Council for the Pixley End Caravan Site planning application. It was AGREED to obtain clarification from the Senior Planning Officer on some of the conditions imposed and to continue to monitor this site for the environmental issues.

Clerk

#### c) To note decisions of Herefordshire Council on Planning Applications

As planning record and on Herefordshire Councils website –

[www.herefordshire.gov.uk](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk)

### 10/11/13 Training / Meetings

#### a) To note dates of upcoming meetings

Herefordshire Council Budget Consultation – Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Brockington 7pm

Cllrs Swaithe & Davies agreed to attend

Ledbury Rural Parishes Cluster Group – Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Bosbury Parish Hall

#### b) To receive a report from meetings attended –

HALC Eastern Area Meeting – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – a talk was given on Hereford & Worcester Fire Consultation and its effects on the area. A report from HALC AGM was given where it had been agreed to increase subs by 10p per elector.

Balfour Beatty 21<sup>st</sup> November – Cllrs Swaithe, Clothier and Davies and the clerk attended this meeting. Balfour Beatty senior managers gave a presentation of where they are at present. They are hoping to set up a CONFIRM database where reported defects can be traced. They are currently recruiting locality inspectors.

#### 11/11/13 To note Planning Record (Circulated) – RESOLVED

#### 12/11/13 To review the Information & Outstanding Actions Sheet - RESOLVED

#### 13/11/13 Items for next meeting (No Discussion)

- Little Marcle threshold gates
- Bill Wiggin MP 1<sup>st</sup> World War Centenary Commemoration
- 2014-15 Precept Requirement

**14/11/13 Date of next scheduled meeting : Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

*The chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.51pm*

Signed:  
 Chairman.

Date:

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