



PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 25th February 2014 at Munsley WI Hall at 7.30pm

Present

Councillors D Hewitt (Vice-Chairman), Mrs L Clothier, Mrs J Cowell, Mrs W Cox, H Hodges, Mrs R Jones, A Mawby, M Skittery, Mr E Thompson, Mrs M Thwaites & P Whitfield

In attendance

Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

Members of the Public: none

The chairman Cllr Swaites had given his apologies so Vice-Chairman Cllr Hewitt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1/2/14 To Accept Any Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason

Cllr S Swaites (holiday) & K Davies (other meeting)

2/2/14 To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

Cllr Name	Agenda Item	Interest Declared	Nature of Interest
none			

3/2/14 To approve minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th January 2014 (previously circulated)

After a slight alteration to 2/1/14 which was initialled the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the chairman

4/2/14 Open Forum – nothing raised

5/2/14 To receive a brief report from Ward Councillor P Morgan

Cllr Patricia Morgan did not attend the meeting and had not sent through her apologies or a report.

6/2/14 Correspondence / Discussion

a) Herefordshire Council Household Recycling Centres Survey

Members were aware that landrovers and other similar vehicles which are privately owned are being treated as commercial vehicles and are not allowed entry without a permit, but all had applied for permits. The other questions on the survey were not seen as problematic so no further comments were made.

b) CLA letter of response on Tractor Trailer Combinations Weights &

Action

Speeds Consultation

Cllr Skittery had received a reply from the CLA which was generally in favour of the increase in weights and speeds as it would result in improved efficiency. Cllr Cox reported that the NFU are also in favour. The consultation has now been closed and the outcome is awaited.

7/2/14 Highways / Footpaths

a) SID deployments

The clerk has requested and had confirmed a SID deployment in March at Little Marcle. The deployment will not be paid for until full data has been received.

b) Road conditions / Traffic Management

It was reported that a number of drains had been tarmacked over and therefore blocked. Also vehicles pulling up on verges were pushing in ditches and blocking drains. A general litter pick is required throughout the parishes. The clerk is to check if Herefordshire Council still do this or has it been devolved to parish councils. There is a blocked drain or culvert in Falcon Lane by Wallers Green House.

It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk contact the locality inspector from Balfour Beatty to arrange a parish walk to point out all necessary works.

c) Flooding

Despite the recent high rainfall members were not aware of any properties suffering flooding. The stock of sandbags has not gone down. Road areas which have had floods have been reported to Balfour Beatty.

8/2/14 Finance

a) To agree Finance Report – noted

b) To agree payment of outstanding accounts as per finance report

Payments **RESOLVED**

000358: Clerk salary and expenses – as agreed

000359: Herefordshire Council – planning paper fees – £20.00. The clerk had queried this invoice and received a credit note for £12.00. Payment of £8.00 agreed.

c) To authorize the purchase of new publications – it was **AGREED** to purchase new standing orders, Charles Arnold Baker and NALC clerks manual. Costs to be shared between parish councils that the clerk works for.

9/2/14 Planning

a) Planning Application to be considered –

P140079/FH Tipsgrove Farm, Pixley, HR8 2RW

Addition of first floor on existing bungalow and garage block

PC Comment: The Parish Council support this application

P140274/F Alexander Park, Pixley, HR8 2RW

Construction of golf changing rooms as an extension to the existing driving range

PC Comment: The Parish Council support this application

b) To Note Comments on Planning Applications already considered - none

c) To note decisions of Herefordshire Council on Planning Applications

As planning record and on Herefordshire Councils website –

www.herefordshire.gov.uk

10/2/14 Training / Meetings

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a) To note dates of upcoming meetings

HALC had sent through an email advising some dates, more details were to follow. Herefordshire Council Neighbourhood Planning Team are holding an event at Brockington on 25th March and HALC / Kirkwells on Neighbourhood Planning on 29th March.

Ledbury Rural Parishes Cluster Group – Thursday 13th March at Putley Village Hall. It was felt that the cluster group may lack credibility if posts are held by people who are not parish councillors.

b) To receive a report from meetings attended –

HALC Eastern Area meeting - 19th Feb – the clerk attended. An interesting and informative talk was given by Herefordshire Healthwatch. This is a group who are gathering views on healthcare provision in the county and how it could be improved. Leaflets were available for councillors.

HALC “Leading Lights” training course – Cllrs Cox and Thwaites attended and found the course useful and worthwhile. Councillors were reminded of the password to access the HALC website. Further courses on planning jargon and new financial regulations are to be arranged. HALC expressed their surprise that the parish council do not have a Neighbourhood Plan and offered to come to a future meeting to discuss. **RESOLVED** to invite them to the March meeting.

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11/2/14 To note Planning Record (Circulated) – noted

12/2/14 To review the Information & Outstanding Actions Sheet – reviewed and updated.

13/2/14 Items for next meeting (No Discussion)

- Invite Local Police Inspector to future meeting
- Rural Broadband
- HALC – speaker on Neighbourhood Plan

14/2/14 Date of next scheduled meeting : Tuesday 25th March 2014

The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.46pm

Signed:
Chairman.

Date: