



PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 30th September 2014

Present:

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

In attendance:

Frome Ward Councillor Patricia Morgan
Balfour Beatty Locality Steward Cathy Berkeley
Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

Members of the Public: 13

Cllr Hewitt welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the format the meeting would take and what participation public could take in the meeting. He also advised that he would hand over the meeting to vice-chairman Cllr Clothier after the A4172 discussion due to feeling ill.

1/9/14 To Accept Any Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason

Cllr K Davies (holiday) & Cllr E Thompson (work commitments)

2/9/14 To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations –

Cllr Name	Agenda Item	Interest
Cllr M Skittery	9a The Laddin Farm planning application	Neighbour

3/9/14 To approve minutes of the extra-ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 10th September 2014 (previously circulated)

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

4/9/14 Public Participation Session: no new issues raised

Agenda item 6a was brought forward due to the public interest in the item. (see minute below).

5/9/14 Brief report from Frome Ward Councillor Patricia Morgan

Cllr Morgan was engaged in the discussion on the A4172 and will find out where on Herefordshire Council's priority list the A4172 is. The process and costs for reducing the speed limit on the A4172 will be

Action

investigated but is thought unlikely. She will also look at the signage along and leading to the A4172 where improvements had been suggested particularly with regard to HGV use.

Cllr Morgan was also asked to advise what she will do to support the parish and their concerns over the A4172.

Ward Cllr Morgan

6/9/14 Correspondence / Discussion

a) A4172 questionnaire results

Cllr Hewitt gave a brief history on the parish council's work and concerns on the A4172.

Cllrs had distributed the questionnaire and collected 84 responses. Cllr Hewitt had put together a report (attached) on the findings of these responses. The main concerns in order were:-

- speed of vehicles
- safety at junctions
- condition of the road and verges/ditches
- roadside litter
- traffic noise.

The main actions that residents wanted taken were in order:

- More speed limits
- Traffic calming measures
- Speed cameras

A member of the public thanked the parish council for the work being done and thanks were also expressed to the owner of Brook Farm for the work done to its hedges and verges.

Another member of the public expressed his concerns that nothing will be done by Herefordshire Council until someone is killed in an accident. The signage of Little Marcle Road was thought to be misleading as a number of HGV's turn off the A4172 and travel up what is an unsuitable road towards Ledbury.

b) Locality Steward Cathy Berkeley

The chairman introduced Cathy Berkeley, Balfour Beatty Locality Steward for Frome Ward. She is responsible for public rights of way maintenance and the point of contact for the parish council to report any defects. She spends two days a week carrying out statutory inspections of A and B roads. Inspections of C roads are undertaken every three months and U roads every year. She advised she was too busy to undertake a parish walk with councillors until early in 2015. She was asked to ensure that all requested jobs were monitored to be done properly and completed eg. Clearing of the gully by The Old Rectory. She was asked to chase up the availability of SID's and the forwarding of captured data to the parish council's. If data is not retrievable it was suggested that we hire SID's from elsewhere, possibly a neighbouring parish. She was also asked if the A4172 was on Herefordshire Council's priority list of road concerns, and also where on the list the A4172 was for resurfacing and line painting. Ward Cllr Morgan will investigate this and report back.

Ward Cllr Morgan

At this point Cllr Hewitt handed the meeting over to Cllr Clothier who thanked him for coming to the meeting and explaining his results on the A4172 questionnaire before he left the meeting.

c) Parish Council Community Involvement

Deferred to November meeting.

Clerk

d) To discuss membership of HALC 2015/16

It was decided to continue with HALC membership for 2015/16.

Clerk

7/9/14 Highways and Footpaths

a) Road Conditions / Flooding / Traffic Management

The drains at the Trumpet Crossroads between the pub and tearoom are solid with grit and need clearing out. Also two kerbs by the tearoom are loose and need fixing. The clerk was asked to chase up requested salt/grit bins and sandbags.

Clerk

b) Lengthsman/ P3 schemes

The clerk has advised Herefordshire Council that the parish council wish to join these schemes and was asked to approach a possible candidate for his interest. Balfour Beatty are currently reviewing the schemes with a planned re-launch in spring 2015. The parish council may not be able to join until this launch takes place due to grant allocation. ,**RESOLVED**

Clerk

8/9/14 Finance

a) New Financial Regulations

The clerk has drafted together the new regulations, she will circulate ready for adopting at the November meeting.

Clerk / all cllrs

b) To discuss precept requirement for 2015/16

It was **RESOLVED** that the finance working group would meet to discuss the precept and bring its report to the November meeting.

Cllrs Hewitt, Clothier,
Swaithes, Cox and
clerk

c) To agree Finance Report – RESOLVED

d) To agree payment of outstanding accounts:-

Payments **RESOLVED**

00372: J Chester (clerk) – as agreed

9/9/14 Planning

**a) To Consider Planning Applications referred for comment:
P142532/F & P142533/L The Laddin Farm, Little Marcle, Ledbury,
HR8 2LB**

Proposed conversion of redundant agricultural outbuildings to form 3 dwellings, including landscaping, car parking and garaging in curtilage of Grade II listed farmhouse

PC Comment: The parish council support this application pending clarification on the access onto the A4172 being direct rather than via Rectory Lane.

b) To Confirm the Response to Considered Applications: as per planning record

c) To Note Details of Decision Notices Received from Hereford Council: as per planning record and www.herefordshire.gov.uk
RESOLVED

10/9/14 Training / Meetings:

a) To note dates of upcoming meetings

- i. As HALC Information Sheet

b) To receive a report from meetings attended

i. Ledbury Rural Parishes Cluster Group 17th September –
 The clerk attended. The cluster group has decided to become less formal in future. There will be no agenda, minutes, subscription or secretary duties. Members will meet informally three or four times a year to discuss any common interests. The next meeting is at Lady Emily Community Hall, Tarrington on Wednesday 19th November at 7.30pm where members of all 14 parishes are welcome.

ii. Balfour Beatty Parish Briefing Wed 24th/Thurs 25th September –
 The clerk attended this meeting and had brought back a number of leaflets regarding landowners responsibilities of roadside ditches and verges. Balfour Beatty went through their report which had previously been circulated. They also advised of a new LED lighting scheme being installed shortly.

11/9/14 To note the Planning record: noted

12/9/14 To note Information and Outstanding Actions Sheet: noted and updated

13/9/14 Items for next meeting (No Discussion)

- Lengthsman / P3 scheme
- Financial Regulations
- A4172 update
- Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Parish Council Community Involvement Ideas
- Cllr Rone (Hfd Council cabinet member for highways)
- Police Sgt Dan Pilkington

14/9/14 To note date of next scheduled meeting : Tuesday 25th November 2014

The vice-chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.52pm

Signed:
 Chairman.

Date: