



PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the extra-ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21st February 2017

Present

Councillors Mrs L Clothier, K Bray, Mrs W Cox, Mrs J Cowell, K Davies, D Hewitt, M Skittery, M Thwaites, & E Thompson

In attendance

Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Minute</u> | <u>Action</u> | | | | | | |
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| 1.0 | <p>To Receive Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason</p> <p>Cllrs P Hawker, A Mawby and S Swaites (previous commitments) and Ward Cllr Lester</p> | | | | | | | |
| 2.0 | <p>To Receive and Record any Declarations of Interest and Written Requests for Dispensations - none</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Councillor Name</th> <th>Agenda Item</th> <th>Interest Declared</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Councillor Name | Agenda Item | Interest Declared | | | | |
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| 3.0 | <p>To Receive Brief Report from Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester</p> <p>Cllr Lester had sent his apologies. There was no report as this was an extra ordinary meeting.</p> | | | | | | | |
| 4.0 | <p>Open Public Participation Session for local residents to raise matters relevant to the parish</p> <p>No matters raised other than travellers site which the chairman will allow public participation in agenda item 5.</p> | | | | | | | |
| 5.0 | <p>To Discuss and Receive Residents comments on Herefordshire Council consultation proposal of a Travellers Site at Trumpet</p> <p>The Chairman briefed those present on what had happened in the past and the current situation. Herefordshire Council have a statutory obligation to provide sites for travellers. Therefore they had put out a call for sites which the owner of "The Old Pickling Plant" adjacent to Whitfield Coppice responded to. The site has been put forward for 7 pitches. Herefordshire Council held a consultation in the Summer/Autumn of 2016 and the parish council had sent a letter of objection in response in September 2016. Herefordshire Council held a drop in briefing session on 6th February which Cllrs Clothier, Cox, Thwaites and Swaites attended. The chairman read out the minutes she had taken of this meeting. The representatives from Hereford Council could not answer many of the questions posed. The chairman then outlined the stages and timescale the process will take.</p> | | | | | | | |

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| | <p>Concerns were raised over the size of the site which was thought too small for this number of pitches and that the ground is contaminated by creosote. A contamination survey is to be carried out. It was suggested to question the assessment of need in the county as there is no clear demand in this parish for traveller's sites. 50 years ago a huge number of travellers came to the area for work on the farms, these seasonal workers now come from Europe and are not travellers. Are the current travellers sites overflowing? Are Herefordshire Council following the process correctly or is there a case for maladministration which could be referred to the ombudsman? If Central Government are driving this directive the local MP should be more interested. The Chairman thanked everyone for their comments. Cllrs Clothier and Thompson were asked to put together letters outlining these comments. The matter will be discussed further at the next parish council meeting on Monday 27th March 2017 where Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester should be available to answer any questions.</p> | <p>LC / ET</p> <p>All</p> |
| 6.0 | <p>Planning:</p> <p>6.1 To Consider any Planning Applications submitted to Herefordshire Council:</p> <p>163999 – Mikes Meadow Glamping, Tompion, Munsley Green, Herefordshire Proposed change of use of land from agricultural to siting of camping pods for business, including replacement of timber outbuilding with a new toilet and shower block. PC Comment: The Parish Council wish to hold a site meeting before commenting on this application. The clerk will try and arrange a site meeting date and advise councillors. RESOLVED</p> <p>6.2 To Note Details of Decision Notices received from Herefordshire Council (as per planning record) www.herefordshire.gov.uk – Noted</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>All</p> |
| 7.0 | <p>Neighbourhood Development Plan</p> <p>7.1 To Receive Report from Pixley and District NDP Steering Group</p> <p>The residents questionnaire has been drafted and waits final agreement. All councillors plus steering group volunteers will distribute the questionnaires by hand to all properties and collect responses during March.</p> <p>7.2 To Agree Printing of the Questionnaire</p> <p>The clerk has obtained three quotes for printing the NDP questionnaire. It was decided to offer Print Plus the contract. RESOLVED.</p> | <p>All</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| 8.0 | <p>Highways / Footpaths</p> <p>8.1 To Discuss Lengthsman and P3 scheme</p> <p>The chairman and clerk met with the lengthsman and viewed footpath LM8 in Little Marcle and discussed the way to improve the drainage and a bridge and handrail on the same footpath that needs securing, the stile which is in good condition is to remain. They also looked at putting steps into the bank on footpath LM4 opposite Newbridge Farm on the A4172. The lengthsman will send a quote through to the clerk. The clerk has placed an order for footpath materials which Cllr Davies has kindly offered to take delivery of. All landowners' agreement has been received by the footpath officers about any replacement gate or stile installations. RESOLVED</p> <p>8.2 To Raise any new highway and footpath defects</p> <p>Cllr Thompson was thanked for arranging the removal of the ivy covering the bus stop at Trumpet. RESOLVED</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |
| 9.0 | <p>To Raise Items for Next Parish Council Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defibrillator • Spring Clean litter picks | <p>Clerk</p> |

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| <p>10.0</p> | <p>To Decide Date of Next Scheduled Meeting</p> <p>Monday 27th March 2017, 7.30pm at Munsley WI Hall</p> <p>The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.00pm</p> <p>Signed..... Dated..... Chairman</p> | |
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