



PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 27th July 2015

Present:

Councillors D Hewitt, Mrs L Clothier, Mrs J Cowell, K Davies, A Harris, A Mawby, M Skittery, S Swaithe, Mrs M Thwaites & P Whitfield

In attendance:

Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester
Tim Beaumont – Contact the Elderly
Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

Members of the Public: 0

Cllr Hewitt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1/7/15 To Accept Any Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason

Cllr Mrs W Cox (holiday)

2/7/15 To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

Cllr Name	Agenda Item	Interest Declared
Cllr E Thompson	9b planning app 150350	Neighbour
Cllr S Swaithe	“	Neighbour
Cllr K Davies	“	related business
Cllr M Thwaites	9b planning app 150765	Neighbour
Cllr J Cowell	“	“
Cllr A Mawby	“	“
Cllr S Swaithe	“	“
Cllr E Thompson	“	Neighbour & relative

3/7/15 To approve minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th May 2015 (previously circulated)

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

4/7/15 Open Forum: no matters raised.

5/7/15 Brief report from Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester

Cllr Lester advised that since his last report given at our May meeting the full AGM of Herefordshire Council had taken place. Tony Johnson was elected leader, the cabinet remains largely the same as prior to the election with one change - Cllr Lester is now the cabinet member for Childrens wellbeing - a baptism of fire with the respite centre in Ledbury Road facing closure and

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school transport changes. In the Three Crosses ward both Ashperton and Stoke Lacy are facing large housing development planning applications. Herefordshire Council are now putting together their budget for the next four years. They face the challenge of the grant from central government reducing from £30million to zero by 2020. Herefordshire Council are having to budget for further savings of £46million over the next four years. Residents will be consulted on where they want these savings to be made. Cllr Lester will forward the cabinet report to the clerk.

Ward Cllr Lester

6/7/15 Councillor Vacancies

Edward Thompson was proposed by Cllr Clothier and seconded by Cllr Whitfield. This was unanimously agreed. Cllr Thompson completed and signed the necessary forms. The clerk will inform Herefordshire Council.

Clerk

7/7/15 Guest Speaker – Tim Beaumont – Contact the Elderly

The chairman welcomed Mr Beaumont to the meeting. Mr Beaumont explained that Contact the Elderly is 50 years old this year, there are around 500 groups nationwide, and he is setting up a group in the Ledbury area to take elderly people aged 75 and over out for tea once a month. Volunteer drivers pick up these people and take to the hosting venue, where they have a chat with friends over tea. Lots of new friendships are made, stories told and gratitude expressed. Contact the Elderly helps people have a social life and make new friends. Mr Beaumont gave out leaflets and contact details which will be added to the website.

Cllr Harris

8/7/15 Correspondence/ Discussion

a) Pixley & District Rates System

The parish council gets money from the precept. There are 4 properties in Pixley, 4 in Aylton, 2 in Munsley and 4 in Little Marcl that are banded A properties which include caravans. There are 22 business rate hereditabuts in Pixley, 6 in Aylton, 10 in Munsley and 4 in Little Marcle. Sites rated as agricultural worker accommodation are 83 mobile homes on 2 sites. Of business rates half goes to central government. None or very little caravan revenue goes into parish precepts. Cllr Lester will forward a letter detailing to the clerk.

Ward Cllr Lester

b) To receive suggestions for Parish Council community involvement

The details of Contact the Elderly, Age UK and Neighbourhood Watch to be put onto the website. **RESOLVED**

Cllr Harris

9/7/15 Planning

a) To Consider Planning Applications referred for comment: none

b) To receive update on outstanding applications:-

150350 – Land south west of the Trumpet Inn, Ledbury, Hfds

Proposed workshop building and full time residential mobile home

- An amended scheme to lower the workshop has been submitted. This application is still waiting a decision

150765 – Trumpet Fields adjacent A438, Trumpet, Ledbury, HR8 2RA

Erection of polytunnels on fields at Trumpet for covered commercial growing of soft fruit and new pond area.

- The tunnels that were erected have now been taken down so there is no planning enforcement at present re flood risk. Haygrove are willing to alter the access onto the A438. This application is still waiting a decision.

c) To Note Details of Decision Notices Received from Hereford

Council: as planning record (circulated) and ww.herefordshire.gov.uk
RESOLVED

10/7/15 Highways and Footpaths**a) To receive report from Locality Steward Cathy Berkeley**

The weekly reports circulated were noted councillors were pleased that more detailed information was now being sent. **RESOLVED**

b) Road Conditions / Flooding / Traffic Management

There is a cone marking an open drain at the Trumpet Crossroads that needs the cover replacing. Some of the drains by Newbridge on the A4172 are blocked. The resurfacing of the A4172 has helped, the new tarmac at Pixley being quieter than the tar and chippings at Little Marcle. Ward Cllr Lester will enquire why this “noisy” surface was used beside Little Marcle residences. Ward Cllr Lester advised that he has supported a speed review on the A4172. Ray Wallace of Balfour Beatty is looking into matters raised by members of the public. Councillors advised that the grass verge cutting in mid-July was carried out too late the seasons growth required a cut much earlier. The clerk was asked to chase up the cutting of Alexander Parks roadside hedge.

RESOLVED

c) Lengthsman/ P3 schemes

The clerk has returned the “Expression of Interest Form”. The lengthsman budget will be £3756 and the P3 footpaths budget £740. An annual plan of lengthsman work has been forwarded to Balfour Beatty. Cllrs Clothier and Thwaites are meeting with Cathy Berkeley to discuss the parish footpaths.

11/7/15 Finance**a) To agree Finance Report and note bank balances – RESOLVED****b) To decide date of Finance Working Group meeting**

Thursday 17th September 7.30pm at Mapleside **RESOLVED**

c) To agree payment of outstanding accounts:-

Payments **RESOLVED**

00386: HALC – Website Wonder training – 330.00

00387: J Chester – clerk salary & expenses June/July – as agreed

00387: SLCC – Annual Subscription - £77.00

12/7/15 Training / Meetings:**a) To note dates of upcoming meetings –**

The next Haygrove meeting is on Saturday 1st August.

b) To receive a report from meetings attended:

The clerk and Cllr Hewitt attended the HALC Eastern Area AGM at Colwall on 9th July. Nicky Carless from Colwall was elected Chairman, Keith Francis from Ledbury vice-chairman, both will be representatives on the HALC executive, together with John Tallis of Tarrington. Cllr Hewitt is a substitute should any of the former be unable to attend.

Ward Cllr Lester

Clerk

**Cllrs Clothier /
Thwaites**

**Clerk/ Cllrs
Hewitt/Swaithes/
Clothier/Cox**

Cllr Harris had attended HALC "Website Wonder" training course which he had found very useful.

Cllr Thwaites had attended the "Blue Light" event with police commissioner – there are ideas that police stations will be shared buildings with other emergency services. There needs to be a keen visible police presence. Sexting and terrorism are the current main problems. Hindlip is now the new control room for both police and fire services and will help with more joined up thinking and linking between organisations.

13/7/15 To note Information and Outstanding Actions Sheet: noted and updated

14/7/15 Items for next meeting (No Discussion)

- Parish Councillor photo's for website
- Precept

15/7/15 To note date of next scheduled meeting:

Monday 28th September 2015 at 7.30pm

The chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.08pm

Signed:
Chairman.

Date: