



## PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 24th April 2012

#### Present

Councillors M Skittery (Chairman), D Hewitt (Vice Chairman), I Brookes, Mrs J Cowell, K Davies, H Hodges, Mrs R Jones, A Mawby, S Swaithe, E Thompson, P Viner and P Whitfield

#### In attendance

Ward Councillor Patricia Morgan  
Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

#### Action

**51/12 To accept apologies for absence** - Councillors Mrs L Clothier & G Mowbray

#### 52/12 To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations expressed.

#### 53/12 To accept minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 27th March 2012 (previously circulated)

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 54/12 Open forum for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council:

There were no matters raised.

#### 55/12 To receive a report from Ward Councillor

Cllr Morgan advised that Herefordshire Councils' Chief Executive Mr Chris Bull is to visit Frome Ward in October and welcomes suggestions on matters to bring to his attention. Regarding the recent secret meeting held by Herefordshire Council Cllr Morgan stated that this scenario is very rare and is determined by the Monitoring Officer, all councillors can go but no press or public. The National Planning Policy has been reduced from 1000 pages to 50 pages and is more needs and evidence based. It will consider local issues – houses, wellbeing and employment being more proactive and positive but is not hugely different to the present policy. Cllr Morgan is to email the clerk a website link to circulate for all councillors to view in more detail. If the Parish Council did in future produce a Neighbourhood Plan it would give the parish council more power than the parish plan did.

**CLLR MORGAN**

#### 56/12 To receive an update on HM Diamond Jubilee Celebration

**2012** – Due to limited precept the budget would be tight and the parish council do not want to give a poor quality item. It was **RESOLVED** that the parish council would not give a memento.

**57/12 Community Care at a local level** – there is a rising adult population in Herefordshire and indeed our parishes. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Morgan will invite a local officer to attend the May Parish meeting to give a presentation.

**CLLR MORGAN**

### **58/12 Local Government Boundary Commission Electoral Review of Herefordshire**

The Electoral review of Herefordshire is proposing to reduce the number of councillors. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk respond with the following comments. The Parish Council wishes to remain a rural group and not become dominated by a local town. Rural views are decidedly different to those of a town/city. The proposed reduction in number of councillors leads to concerns of the weakening of liaison and communication links between county and parish.

**CLERK**

### **59/12 Request from Ledbury Community Voluntary Action Group**

It was **RESOLVED** to invite a representative to the June meeting to give a presentation on the services this group provides.

**CLERK**

### **60/12 Highways and Footpaths**

**60.1 Speed Concerns A4172** –The Clerk is still waiting for a response to the request for a copy of Andrew Lee-Jones evidence. It was noted that we are making little progress and Cllr Morgan was asked to strongly argue our case. The clerk is to copy Cllr Morgan in on the response from Gloucestershire so that she can question the different attitudes of police and council. It was suggested that we perhaps look at traffic calming measures rather than a speed limit reduction. A letter is to be written to Herefordshire Council Head of Highways asking what action the council have taken after a report was issued by the Department of Transport dated 2002.

**CLERK /  
CLLR MORGAN**

**60.2 Update on Trumpet Crossroads Salt Bin** – the clerk is continuing to pursue, Herefordshire Council still have this on their list to do when budget allows. It was mentioned that the salt bin in Munsley lane is not being refilled, clerk to advise Amey.

**CLERK**

**60.3 Update on Trumpet Inn damaged verges** – it was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman speak to the Landlord of the Trumpet Inn about installing verge markers at the rear entrance.

**CLLR  
SKITTERY**

**60.4 Update on Haygrove Brook** – the Environment Agency had been out to investigate. However their response indicates that they looked at the wrong “bung”. The Clerk is to ask them to revisit and ensure they look at the one that was installed after the HGV road.

**CLERK**

**60.5 Update on issues reported to Amey** – Herefordshire Council have advised that as they need to hire a root cutter to deal with the drains at the Trumpet crossroads they are gathering other jobs around the county that also require this root cutter. The clerk has advised Amey of the need of temporary traffic lights. Baregains Lane ditch needs clearing so that water does not take mud onto the road, water is also pooling on the road as the field of polytunnels is above road level. Brian Butler of Amey to be asked to visit by the Chairman.

**CLLR  
SKITTERY**

### **61/12 Finance**

**61.1 Finance Report RESOLVED**

**61.2 Payments RESOLVED:**

Information Commissioners Office Annual Fee - £35

HALC Annual Subscription - £197

Munsley WI Hall Hire - £130

The clerk was asked to find out how parishes become more involved in HALC discussions and briefings to have our opinions represented.

**CLERK**

**62/12 Planning****62.1 Planning Applications to be Considered - NONE****62.2 To note decisions from Herefordshire Council -**

Moorend Farm, Munsley, HR8 2SN

N120481/F Proposed relocation of agricultural storage building

N120482/F Proposed agricultural grain storage building

**GRANTED 5.4.12**

**63/12 Training / Meetings**

**63.1 To note HALC training dates – RESOLVED –** Cllrs Hewitt and Davies to attend the Neighbourhood Planning Event on 14<sup>th</sup> June

**63.2 To receive report on General Power of Competence –** The clerk had attended this training evening. Parish Councils will need to demonstrate that two-thirds of councillors were elected and a CiLCA qualified clerk to be eligible to use the new power. Until then they can only operate under the powers of section 137.

**63.3 To receive report on Haygrove Meeting 14th April –** Cllr Whitfield reported that the meeting had gone well. New season issues of noise, hazards, rubbish, speeding and arrangements for new staff arrivals had been raised. Haygrove stated that they will advise in advance of any future plans and developments. The next meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

**64/12 To decide next Vice-Chairman**

Councillor Swiathes has **AGREED** to be the next vice-chairman.

**65/12 To decide Guest Speakers for Annual Parish Meeting**

It was decided that if Cllr Morgans local officer is not available to give a talk on Community Care then a representative of Ledbury CVA be asked.

**66/12 To note Information Sheet (Circulated) – RESOLVED****67/12 To note Planning Record (Circulated) – RESOLVED****68/12 Items for next meeting (No Discussion)**

- **Poolend Flooding**
- **Procedure for discussion of exceptional matters/items not on Agenda**

**69/12 Date of next scheduled meeting : Tuesday 29th May 2012**

*The chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.40pm*

Signed:  
Chairman

Date