



PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 26th February 2013

Present

Councillors S Swaithe, Mrs J Cowell, K Davies, D Hewitt, H Hodges, Mrs R Jones, M Skittery, E Thompson & P Whitfield

In attendance

Patricia Morgan – Frome Ward Councillor
Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

Members of the Public: 1

Cllr Swaithe welcomed everyone to the meeting.

14/13 To receive apologies for absence and note the reason

Cllr Mrs L Clothier (dog ill),

15/13 To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations -

Cllr Davies declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 8.1.2
Woodland Lodges planning application N130164/F

16/13 To agree minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29th January 2013 (previously circulated)

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

17/13 Open Forum

- a) Correspondence had been received from Herefordshire Council outlining every parish council precept requirements, the clerk was asked to circulate a copy to all councillors.
- b) It was noted that Falcon Lane and Lilly Hall Lane have finally been resurfaced
- c) Vehicles are parking on the verges by Aylton Council houses blocking visibility and may cause possible road accidents – RESOLVED that the clerk request Amey to place verge markers to block off this area
- d) Ward Cllr Morgan was asked to obtain further details about the cause of the recent road traffic accident on the A4172 at Little Marcle

18/13 To receive a report from Ward Councillor

Cllr Morgan reported that the county council is under great pressure with regard to the state of the roads. Around 50 potholes or other road defects are being reported daily. A further grant of £1.6m is expected to help. The highways contract that is to be renewed in September should further help the problem as contractors tendering for the business are to put money in “upfront” to hopefully lower costs later during the contract

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period. There will be £5.5m less government finding this year and £10m worth of savings are to be found. Herefordshire Council has agreed to increase council tax by 1.9%, the first increase for three years. A draft Local Plan document is to be agreed by Herefordshire Council this week, councilors can read it online but Cllr Morgan suggested that when a more concise version is available she will circulate.

CLLR MORGAN

19/13 Discussion

19.1 Councillor Vacancies

The Chairman asked members to continue to think of possible candidates to invite to join the council. HALC have offered to hold a Parish Meeting and publicise the vacancies to encourage new councillors.

19.2 Parish Council Website / IT

Cllr Hewitt has downloaded planning applications to see if receiving them electronically for the council to view at meetings is possible.

19.3 Bus Shelters

Amey are to reposition and replace the Poolend bus shelter by the end of March. There are no plans for the Trumpet bus shelter at present, it remains on Ameys list.

19.4 Road Conditions

Herefordshire Council are under immense pressure with the condition of roads within the county, Councillors were asked to continue to advise the clerk of any defects for her to report to Amey and Herefordshire Council

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19.5 Report from HALC Eastern Area Meeting – Neighbourhood Planning

Three councilors and the clerk had attended the most recent meeting of the HALC Eastern Area Committee. Mike Willmont, Head of Neighbourhood Planning, Herefordshire Council was the guest speaker. It was a very informative meeting. With the withdrawal of Section 106 monies, Parish Councils with a Neighbourhood Plan would get 25% of the new Community Infrastructure Levy whereas Parish Councils without a plan would only get 15%. Herefordshire currently has 23 parishes putting together a Neighbourhood Plan. A Neighbourhood Plan can be made for all of a parish, part of a parish or a group of parishes. It was RESOLVED to ask the neighbouring parishes of Putley and Ashperton if they would be interested in a meeting with Mike Willmont to discuss formulating a joint Neighbourhood Plan.

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19.6 To receive comments on draft HALC constitution

It was RESOLVED to agree this draft constitution but to advise HALC that Parish Councils need to be consulted before HALC make decisions on their behalf and that communication in general still needs improvement.

20/13 Highways and Footpaths

20.1 Speed Indicator Devices

With the increased cost of hiring SID's from Herefordshire Council it was thought that they would only be needed on the A4172 at Knapp Farm and Little Marcle. RESOLVED that the clerk is to contact Tarrington Parish Council to investigate the possibility of hiring their equipment.

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20.2 Ashperton 40mph Buffer Zone

A site meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 5th March to discuss. Cllrs Hodges and Thompson were to attend and were asked to express the parish councils views of proposing to extend the 50mph speed limit from the Trumpet Crossroads and the introduction of a repeater

countdown system from 50mph to 30mph at the end of Pridewood between The Castle and Nupend Lane junction. The main concern was that the 30mph sign be introduced sooner so that vehicles had chance to slow down before the school entrance.

21/13 Finance

21.1 Finance Report RESOLVED

21.2 Payments RESOLVED

a) Clerk salary and expenses – as agreed

22/13 Planning

Councillor Hewitt presented the plans projected to be viewed on the hall wall. He was thanked for his hard work in preparing this but it was AGREED that this is not a suitable way to view the plans in detail and to receive paper copies of plans in the future.

22.13.1 N130014/F Hopton Arms Inn, Ashperton, HR8 2SE (already discussed at January meeting but re-worded application received)

Change of use of former two storey Coach House to dwelling house for the permanent occupation by the Park Manager, change of use of the other existing separate single storey building to be used as a one bedroomed self-catering holiday unit to be occupied as temporary accommodation for a relief Manager and the erection of 6 two bedroomed log cabins to be used as self-catering holiday lets.

PC Comment: The Parish Council STRONGLY objects to this application. We are unhappy with the addition of what is effectively a retrospective application to the original application for 6 holiday cabins. Conditions of previously granted applications have not been adhered to. We agree with local residents objections raised regarding drainage and nuisance to neighbouring properties. Our major concern however is one of road safety on this narrow stretch of the A417, the limited visibility from the lane and its unsuitability for increased vehicle numbers especially holiday traffic.

Cllr Davies having expressed an interest in the following application left the room.

22.13.2 N130164/F Woodside Lodges, Falcon Lane, Ledbury, HR8 2JN

Proposed site for camping pods

PC Comment: The parish council support this application.

22.2 To note comments on Planning applications already considered – none

22.3 To note decisions of Herefordshire Council – as planning record

Cllr Davies rejoined the meeting

23/13 Training / Meetings

23.1 To note training dates – RESOLVED

a) Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy Consultation 6th & 20th March Hereford Town Hall 4pm – 8pm drop in. 21st March trailer in Ledbury 10am – 1pm.

b) Ledbury Rural Parishes Cluster Meeting – 13th March at Ledbury Town Council Offices 7.30pm

c) Affordable Rural Housing Workshop 16th April 1pm – 4pm Town Hall Hereford – 2 members. RESOLVED that the clerk book places for Cllr

**CLLRS
HODGES and
THOMPSON**

Whitfield and Thompson

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24/13 To note Planning Record (Circulated) – RESOLVED

25/13 To note Information Sheet – not available

26/13 Items for next meeting (No Discussion)

- Neighbourhood Planning
- Core Strategy
- Report from Cluster Group Meeting

27/13 Date of next scheduled meeting : Tuesday 26th March 2013

The chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.46pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date