



## PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 28th January 2014 at Munsley WI Hall at 7.30pm

#### Present

Councillors S Swaithes (Chairman), D Hewitt (Vice-Chairman), Mrs L Clothier, Mrs J Cowell, Mrs W Cox, H Hodges, M Skittery, Mr E Thompson, Mrs M Thwaites & P Whitfield

#### In attendance

Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

#### Members of the Public: 1

The chairman Cllr Swaithes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

Cllrs Mrs R Jones (holiday) A Mawby (other meeting) & K Davies (other commitment)

#### 2/1/14 To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

Cllr Name	Agenda Item	Interest Declared	Nature of Interest
M Thwaites	9a - 132350/F Knapp Farm application	Other	Neighbour
H Hodges	“	Other	
J Cowell	“	Other	Neighbour
E Thompson	“	Other	Neighbour & Relative

#### Action

#### 3/1/14 To approve minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013 (previously circulated)

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

#### 4/1/14 Open Forum – nothing raised

#### 5/1/14 To receive a brief report from Ward Councillor P Morgan

Cllr Patricia Morgan did not attend the meeting and had not sent through her apologies or a report.

#### 6/1/14 Correspondence / Discussion

##### a) Tractor Trailer Combinations Weights & Speeds Consultation

Concerns were raised that there is less vehicle safety compared to lorries, a lower driver age, no HGV tests and greater weights and speeds would cause more damage to the roads. Agricultural vehicles and drivers are not answerable to the same tests and restrictions as HGV's, even though many now use public

roads rather than staying on the one farm. Cider producers now use more lorries rather than tractors and trailers. Members who had spoken to tractor users advised that the increased weights and speeds were not supported. The question was raised over how widely the consultation had been publicized – had local councils been advised. It was **RESOLVED** to flag the consultation up to Bill Wiggin MP, Ward Councillor Morgan, HALC, NFU, CLA and Herefordshire Council.

All Cllrs

**b) Letter from Bill Wiggin MP re Commemoration of 1<sup>st</sup> World War Centenary**

**RESOLVED** to ask Little Marcle British Legion if they have any plans.

Clerk

**7/1/14 Highways / Footpaths**

**a) SID deployments**

Despite numerous requests made by the clerk to Balfour Beatty no previous deployment data has been sent. It was **RESOLVED** to request a SID deployment in March at Little Marcle. The deployment will not be paid for until full data has been received.

Clerk

**b) Road conditions / Traffic Management**

Road grips and drains need inspecting for run off between the Trumpet crossroads and Pixley Court. On the A438 at Poolend drains are blocked causing flooding. Drains and ditches are also blocked in Falcon Lane and Baregains Lane. The road junction Heywood Lane to Swinmoor needs resurfacing and the A438 between Alexander Park and Eastwood needs attention. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk contact the locality inspector from Balfour Beatty to arrange a parish walk to point out all necessary works.

Clerk

**c) Update on Bus & Cycle Shelters**

**i) Trumpet Crossroads bus stop proposal**

After much discussion it was **RESOLVED** to support the proposal received from Balfour Beatty but to also flag up Falcon Lane and Poolend bus stops for future consideration.

Clerk

**d) Little Marcle Threshold Gates**

It was **AGREED** to explore the possibility of installing two temporary threshold gates during the SID deployment to compare data received with and without the gates in place.

All Cllrs

**8/1/14 Finance**

**a) To finalise 2014-15 precept requirement**

It was **RESOLVED** to request a precept of £5750 for the year 2014-15.

Clerk

**b) Finance Report – noted**

**c) To agree payment of outstanding accounts as per finance report**

Payments **RESOLVED**

000356: Clerk salary and expenses – as agreed

000357: Herefordshire Council – planning paper fees – £12.00

## 9/1/14 Planning

### a) Planning Application to be considered –

#### 132350/F Knapp Farm, Pixley, HR8 2QB

Proposed extension for storage and distribution of agricultural items

**PC Comment:** The Parish Council have no objections to this application but have concerns on possible noise nuisance to close neighbours from useage of the two small doors and would therefore like to see a sound-proof barrier, and also of the possile risk of flooding.

#### P120951/L 5 Brook Farm Court, Little Marcle, HR8 2JY

Form two new bedrooms in upper level of house

**PC Comment:** The Parish Council support this application

### b) To Note Comments on Planning Applications already considered - none

### c) To note decisions of Herefordshire Council on Planning Applications

As planning record and on Herefordshire Councils website –

[www.herefordshire.gov.uk](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk)

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the clerk is to advise Herefordshire Council planning department that the parish council no longer require paper copies of planning applications. Councillors agreed to view applications online and if a paper copy was then required (perhaps for larger or more complicated applications) it would be requested by the clerk.

Clerk / All Cllrs

## 10/1/14 Training / Meetings

### a) To note dates of upcoming meetings –

HALC had sent through an email advising some dates, more details were to follow. There was some interest in a couple of the courses. The clerk will advise when further details received.

Clerk

### b) To receive a report from meetings attended –

#### Herefordshire Council Budget Consultation – Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Brockington

Cllrs Swaithe & Davies attended. The meeting outlined the cuts that Herefordshire Council were proposing to make, more details are available on Herefordshire Council's website.

#### Ledbury Rural Parishes Cluster Group – Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Bosbury

Cllr Swaithe and the clerk attended, The guest speaker was Inspector Crumpton on local policing. **RESOLVED** The clerk is to look into the possibility of parish councillors receiving training for operating speed guns.

Clerk

### 11/1/14 To note Planning Record (Circulated) – RESOLVED

**12/1/14 To review the Information & Outstanding Actions Sheet** – reviewed and updated. Ward Councillor Morgan to be chased on her outstanding actions. **RESOLVED**

Cllr Morgan

### 13/1/14 Items for next meeting (No Discussion)

- Invite Local Police Inspector to future meeting

**14/1/14 Date of next scheduled meeting** : Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014

*The chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm*

Signed:  
Chairman.

Date: