



PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th September 2016

Present

Councillors Mrs L Clothier, K Bray, Mrs W Cox, Mrs J Cowell, K Davies, P Hawker, D Hewitt, S Swaithe, E Thompson, Mrs M Thwaites & P Whitfield

In attendance

Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

Members of the Public: 0

Action

Cllr Clothier welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Parish Council

1. To Accept Any Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason

Cllrs A Mawby and M Skittery (previous commitment)

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations –

None

3. To Consider Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st August 2016 (previously circulated)

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

4. Public Participation Session

No matters raised.

5. Correspondence / Discussion / Consultation

5.1 To Discuss Preferred Allocation of Traveller Sites Consultation

This matter was discussed at length and it was decided to send a letter to argue that this is not a suitable site for a residential traveller site, covering the following points:-

- The proposal of 7 pitches would dominate and be disproportionate in relation to the nearby dwellings.
- The site is away from the nearest settlement where services such as shops, health, high schools, post offices and recreation grounds are located.
- The site being contaminated ground previously used as a hop pole pickling plant
- The site being next to Ancient Woodland which needs to be preserved
- Highway safety and access

Clerk

6. Planning

6.1 To Consider Planning Applications referred for comment:

6.1.1 162103 – Ledbury Football Development Centre, Little Marcle Road, Ledbury HR8 2LD

Change of use of agricultural land into sporting use

PC Comment: The parish council consider this application to have considerable merits as a consolidated sports area, and it would be an asset to the town, in view of the increasing number of houses being built and the strength of growing demand for youth sports facilities. However Little Marcle Road is already stressed at the town end - principally because of numerous HGV and employee traffic movements to and from Redbank, Haygrove and UBL. The additional stress of coaches and cars attending the proposed football site looks excessive for the existing road. There are few passing places and these are often in very poor condition and very often flood in wet weather. The splays of the proposed access in particular appear completely inappropriate to large volumes of traffic and especially to PSV. The proposal makes no acknowledgement of this issue which is irresponsible. The applicant should be required to make a clear statement on how traffic to and from the proposed development will be handled. There is presently considerable hazard for pedestrians and cyclists, of whom there are many going to and from temporary employee accommodation along this stretch of road. . If this application is approved the number of young people walking and cycling to it will vastly increase, therefore the widening of the section of Little Marcle Road from Ledbury bypass to the entrance of Redbank would alleviate possible congestion together with an extended pedestrian footpath from the Ledbury bypass to the sports ground. We hope the above highway improvements would be a condition applied should the application be approved and if this is the case would support the application".

Clerk

6.1.2 162484 – Sunnybank, Baregains Lane, Little Marcle, Ledbury, HR8 2JR

Single Storey Extension

PC Comment: The Parish Council support this application

Clerk

6.1.3 162645 – The Castle, Ashperton, Munsley, Ledbury, HR8

Proposed conversion of barn to single dwelling (PRIOR APPROVAL ADVICE ONLY)

PC Comment: The parish council have no comments to make

6.2 To Note any Details of Decision Notices received from Herefordshire Council : as per planning record NOTED

7. **Items for next meeting (No Discussion)** – no new items raised

8. **To Note date and time for Next Scheduled Meeting**

Monday 26th September, Munsley WI Hall at 7.30pm

ALL

The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.22pm

Signed:
Chairman.

Date: