

# PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### Present

Councillors K Bray (KB), J Cowell (JC), J Davenport (JD), K Davies (KD), A Mawby (AM), M Skittery (MS), S Swaithes (SS), M Thwaites and M Tristram (MTr)

### In Attendance

Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester  
Janet Chester – Parish Clerk

### Members of the Public: 2

The Chairman Cllr Bray welcomed everyone to the meeting

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs I Pritchard, P Hawker and E Thompson (other commitments)

### 2. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None.

### 3. To Consider Approval of Minutes of Parish Council meetings held on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 6<sup>th</sup> February and 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**RESOLUTION:** The minutes of the parish council meetings having previously been circulated were AGREED and duly signed by the Chairman with one slight alteration to 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Minute 4.

### 4. Guest Speakers – Ray Hunter, Putley Press

Ray Hunter gave a presentation on the Putley Press local magazine and asked on behalf of the Putley Press working group, if Pixley Parish Council would feel it beneficial if the circulation was extended to residents in the neighbouring parishes to Putley. The magazine is distributed by volunteers to a current number of 190 residents. The point of the magazine is to provide the community with information. There is a point of contact in each area for residents to feed articles to. Advertisement costs and the possibility of electronic copies for websites are under review.

**RESOLUTION:** The Chairman thanked Mr Hunter for his presentation and it was AGREED to put this onto the next meetings agenda for further discussion. Mr Hunter left copies of the magazine for councillors to view before the clerk returning them to him in a few days time.

### 5. To Receive a Brief Report from Three Crosses Ward Councillor, Mr Jonathan Lester

Ward Cllr Lester apologised for not being able to attend the January meeting and advised that he had a new daughter born in February. He advised that Herefordshire Council debated the full council budget at its meeting on February. Alternative budget options were put forward for an extra £2m funding and were debated but the council budget proposal was agreed. Council Tax was set at the March meeting and a motion discussed was what to do on declaring a climate emergency. The need to be more climate friendly

was agreed although Herefordshire Council are already using LED lights and renewable energy through the waste plant. At the last cabinet meeting a domestic abuse strategy was discussed. Herefordshire Council have purchased the site of The Royal College for the Blind Southern Campus for £5,395,000. There are currently around 330 Hereford College of Art students doing degree courses on site. Herefordshire Council should obtain rental income from this site of £200,000 per annum.

## **6. Public Participation Session** for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council

A local resident asked if any progress had been made on reducing the speed along the A4172. A report is still awaited from Hereford Council. The Parish Council still want and are campaigning for a blanket 50mph along the A4172.

N.B. The public left the meeting at this point.

## **7. Planning:**

**7.1** To Consider Planning Applications for comment: None

**7.2** To Note Details of Decision Notices Received from Herefordshire Council

Noted.

## **8. Pixley and District Neighbourhood Development Plan**

**8.1** To Receive an Update on the NDP

The NDP has passed examination and will now go to referendum. The date of the referendum will be confirmed by Herefordshire Council.

## **9. Information Section / Correspondence / Discussion:**

**9.1** To Review Information and Outstanding Actions

Reviewed and updated.

**9.2** To Discuss 2019 Parish Council Elections

The clerk reminded councillors that if they wished to stand again for parish council they need to return their completed nomination papers to Town Hall, Hereford by 4pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. If more people stand than there are seats elections will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

**9.3** To Discuss Concerns with Balfour Beatty Repairs of Potholes and Response from Herefordshire Council

Cllr Tristram reiterated his concerns about the work of Balfour Beatty repairing and reporting road defects resolved.

**RESOLUTION / ACTION:** The clerk will resend Ward Cllr Lester the email trail so that he can raise the concern with Balfour Beatty.

## **10. Highways/Footpaths:**

**10.1** To Receive Update ref. A4172 Speed (if any)

The clerk is still awaiting information and report from Clive Hall, Herefordshire Council.

**10.2 To Discuss Speed Threshold Gates**

The clerk has explored options and costs which councillors viewed.

**RESOLUTION / ACTION:** No action to be taken until A4172 report has been received.

**10.3 To Receive Report from Footpath Officer(s)**

Cllr Thwaites reported that the Locality Steward had provided further leaflets and way markers. No new defects at present. The present budget has been spent, the new financial year starts 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**10.4 To Discuss Grit Bins**

Two grit bins have been delivered and one tonne of grit/salt. One grit bin is to be placed on Little Marcle Lane near Brook Farm and one on Haywood Lane Munsley. It will be the responsibility of the parish council to fill them with grit/salt.

**RESOLUTION / ACTION:** Cllrs Bray, Tristram and Skittery will meet on Saturday and position the bins in the required locations.

**10.5 To Discuss Falcon Lane Road Signage**

The present signage for Falcon Lane off the A438 is inadequate. There is no sign at all approaching the junction from Ledbury direction and the present fingerpost opposite the junction is disintegrating and pointing the wrong way due to being too close to the carriageway and being hit by passing vehicles. The bus stop is well used and concerns were raised that it is just over the brow of the hill and vehicles from Hereford direction do not have appropriate warning of the bus stop and Falcon Lane turn and do not view stationary vehicles until the last second.

**RESOLUTION / ACTION:** The clerk will raise these concerns with Balfour Beatty.

**10.6 To Receive any New Highway Defects**

The roadside drains near to the Verzons and The Nest need clearing as flooding is occurring in high rainfall.

**RESOLUTION / ACTION:** The clerk will report these drains to Balfour Beatty and also chase them about the clearing of the ditch and drain by Little Marcle Post Office. She will also chase verge markers for Munsley Lane and outside Munsley WI Hall.

**10.7 To Confirm and Decide any Jobs for the Lengthsman / Locality Steward**

None.

**11. Finance / Governance:****11.1 To Note Finance Report and Bank Balances**

Noted. Bank balances as at 1.3.19 current account £7892.17 reserve account £2813.14.

**11.2 To Consider Payments of Outstanding Accounts**

000471: Eyelid Productions Ltd – annual website support - £100.00  
 000472: DJN Planning Ltd – NDP support - £150.00  
 000473: HALC – Annual Subscription - £472.56  
 000474: J Chester – clerk Salary as agreed Feb/March

000475: HMRC – PAYE Feb/March - £24.40  
 000476: G Day & Son – lengthsman – £612.00

**RESOLUTION / ACTION:** All payments AGREED.

**12. Reports:** To Receive any Reports from Meetings Attended

The clerk attended the Election training evening given by Herefordshire Council where she collected the nomination forms and is attending the election training by HALC on 26<sup>th</sup> March with Cllr Tristram.

**13. Training:** To Note any forthcoming training dates

The clerk anticipates that a new HALC training schedule will be circulated once the May elections have taken place.

**14. To Raise Items for Next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting (no discussion)**

- NDP
- A4172 Report
- Putley Press

**15. To Note Date of Next Meeting – Monday 13th May 2019 at 7pm**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed:.....  
 Chairman

Dated:.....

## INFORMATION SHEET

DATES OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS – (all held at Munsley WI Hall at 7.30pm unless advised otherwise)  
 2019 - Monday 25th March, Monday 13th May

### PARISH CLERK UPDATE

- Road defects reported to Locality Steward / Herefordshire Council via website
- NDP Support work undertaken and Examination documents submitted to Herefordshire Council
- Website updated
- Defib Maintenance Contract arranged and service undertaken
- Grit Bins purchased and grit received from Balfour Beatty
- A4172 report chased again
- Defibrillator training evening arranged and attended 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019
- Election Training Evening attended and Election Nomination Papers Collected
- Extra-ordinary meetings arranged
- Meeting with Footpath Officer attended
- Footpath leaflets and markers ordered and delivered
- A4172 Power Point presentation forwarded to councillors
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### GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (\* Circulated to Cllrs.)

- Balfour Beatty – Weekly Locality briefings \*
- Balfour Beatty – Herefordshire Road Closures Feb & March \*
- Herefordshire Rural Hub – Jan, Feb & March newsletters \*
- Herefordshire Council – Intelligence Bulletin \*
- Herefordshire Council – Notice of 2019 Elections \*
- Herefordshire Council – Cabinet Updates Feb & March \*

- HALC – Information Corner \*
- HALC – Training Diary \*

**OUTSTANDING ACTIONS** - These are the consolidated actions outstanding after the last meeting:-

Oct 18	7.2	Clerk	ongoing	Monitor Condition applied to 182203 Newbridge Farm for footpath diversion
Nov 18	9.3	Clerk	ongoing	Contact Safer Roads Partnership re road safety funding initiatives
Nov 18	9.5	Clerk/KB	ongoing	Collect Notice Board from The Nest to check if it can be repaired
Nov 18	10.3	Clerk	Complete	Forward email evidence of defects not being repaired
Nov 18	10.4	Clerk	Complete	Purchase two grit bins, report damaged bins and order salt
Nov 18	10.5	Clerk	ongoing	Re report drains at Little Marcle Xroads and request verge markers for Munsley Lane and outside Munsey WI Hall
Jan 19	10.2	Clerk	Complete	Arrange Annual Maintenance Contract for Defibrillator
Jan 19	11.5	Clerk	ongoing	Ask Balfour Beatty to pursue landowner of rough bramble ground by AL2.

**PLANNING RECORD** – (last six months)

JULY 2018 **181806 - Yew Tree Farm, Aylton, HR8 2RQ** Proposed conversion of attached former cider mill and dairy to domestic accommodation. Remedial works and installation of new bathrooms. **The Parish Council have no objections**

**HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION -**

July 2018 **182203 - Newbridge Farm Park, Newbridge Farm, Aylton, HR8 2QG** Proposed extension to hay barn to create new animal display barn **The Parish Council support this application** but wish to ensure that footpath LM4 which runs along through this property is not obstructed by the extension

**HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION – GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS 6.9.18**

September 2018 **182811 Sawpit Orchard, Aylton, HR8 2QH** Proposed steel framed building to include four stables and store. **The Parish Council object to this application in its present form and would require further clarification and details on the below before it could be re-considered**

**HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION – REFUSED 11.1.19**

September 2018 **182933 Pixley House, Pixley HR8 2QB** Variation of condition 4 (MH97/0627) Ancillary accommodation over garage. Vary to allow for third party occupation. **The Parish Council support this application.**

**HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION – GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS 1.11.18**

January 2019 **184082 Green Gables, Ledbury, HR8 2PZ** Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land for the keeping of animals namely: horses, and rare breed poultry, duck, geese, turkey **The Parish Council have concerns over the environmental and welfare conditions the animals are kept in and believe that Herefordshire Council should seek advice from DEFRA and make a site visit. The field is an eyesore visible from the A438 and is having a detrimental effect on adjacent properties. Maintenance of hedges and the use of agricultural fencing rather than high metal barrier fencing would be more appealing. The field access is often churned up resulting in damaged verges and effecting drainage with the result of water pooling on the A438 during heavy storms endangering road users.**

**HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION –**

January 2019 **184486- Land off Roman Road, Newbridge, Aylton, Ledbury, Herefordshire** Proposed 6 holiday lodges with new access **PC Comment:** Although Pixley and District Parish Council would normally encourage this type of diversity and tourism we **OBJECT** to this planning application for the following reasons:-

**ACCESS** - The Parish Council have already made Herefordshire Council aware of their concerns regarding speed and road safety along the A4172 and another new entrance onto this road would only increase these concerns. There are a number of property entrances very near to the proposed new entrance and more slow vehicle movements would increase congestion and the likelihood of accidents. The applicant states that there is an existing gate between the site access drive and the verge on the A4172. This new gateway was actually installed in Spring 2018, without planning permission, by removing an existing full hedgerow, there was never an existing entrance onto the A4172, and this would be evidenced by Google Maps photos of the site and by many local residents witnessing it being installed last year.

**LOCATION OF LODGES** - The Parish Council have concerns over the location of the proposed lodges as they will be on the boundary of the site and within close proximity of livestock buildings and lodges on an existing holiday park resulting in a negative impact on these businesses. The Parish Council also feel that the density of the lodges on the proposed site is too intense.

**TENURE**

In the event that the planning approval is granted the Parish Council would like to see robust conditions regarding the future running of the site to ensure that it is used solely for the purpose as set out in the application.

1. No letting to exceed 4 weeks in any eight week period
2. Lodges not to be disposed of individually only as a complete site.
3. No permanent occupation for management reasons.

The conditions are intended to preserve the intended holiday use and to prevent "back door development "

**HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DECISION –**