

## PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held at Putley Parish Hall  
On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Chairman**            **M Tristram**

**Councillors**        **K Bray**    **L Clothier**  
                             **P Hawker**                                         **A Mawby**  
                             **A Riga**    **S Swaithe**  
                             **M Thwaites**

**Also Present**       **D Baldwin**                                      **Clerk to the Council**  
                             **J Lester**    **Ward Member**

**22. Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors J Davenport and E Thompson

**23. To receive Declarations of Interest**  
No Declarations of Interest were received at this point in the meeting.

**24. Public Participation**  
Ward Member, Councillor J Lester presented his July report with the main points being as follows: Council, Chief Executive ordered an investigation over the budget overspend of 6 million, Transport Hub yet to be delivered, Waste management strategy consultation with the suggestion of black bins being collected every three weeks not every other week, green recycling to every other week.

**25. Minutes**  
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021, were approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**26. Planning Decisions**  
None received

**27. All Angels Church Little Marcle**  
Councillor Hawker gave an update on the current situation at All Angels Church, Little Marcle. A committee has been formed with the proposal to reutilise the Church as a Village Hall. Plans have been drawn up by an Architect, which has received consent for outline planning from the Diocese. The next stages are to firm up plans, apply for proper planning permission, investigate funding, and find support. All Angels would still operate as a Festival Church with a minimum of six services a year.

**28. Highways/ Footpaths**  
**28.1** Councillor Tristram reported that he had contacted Councillor Harrington and the arrangement is to meet soon, along with Simon Hobbs, Senior Engineer to discuss the solutions to the speeding issue on the A4172

**28.2** Councillors noted the recent accident at Poolend, Incident :00183\_i\_11072021

Councillor Tristram offered to raise this problem black spot with Councillor Harington at their meeting.

- 28.3** Councillor Clothier raised two defects for reporting to highways. Firstly, the diminishing double white lines on the A4172 by the Old Rectory and the general poor condition of the road surface in the same area up to the Trumpet Crossroads.

**RESOLUTION: Clerk to report both defects to Highways**

**28.4 Poisonous Plants**

The Council again reviewed the problem of Giant Hogweed within the Parish. It was highlighted that this is outside the jurisdiction of the Parish Council as the control of poisonous weeds are the responsibility of the Landowner, which includes, if applicable, Herefordshire Highways. It was proposed that a more in-depth article be published on the Parish Council website and in the Cider Press, warning the public of the dangers and highlighting the responsibility of Landowners.

**RESOLUTION: That an article be published on the website and in the Cider Press.**

**27.5 Lengthsman**

Councillor Thwaites reported that the Lengthsman had completed the list of tasks as previously approved and cleared brush around the bridge

- 27.6** It was noted that some farmers were in breach of the rules by not clearing crops from footpaths. With the lack of information from Herefordshire Council on the appointment of a new Footpath Officer it was suggested that the Clerk make enquiries on where Footpath issues are to be reported.

**RESOLUTION: That the Clerk be instructed to investigate where Footpath issues are to be reported and highlight the none clearing of crops from footpaths.**

**28. Financial Report**

**28.1 Financial Report**

Councillors considered the summary of receipts and payment to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**RESOLUTION: That the summary of Receipts and Payments be accepted and signed.**

**28.2 Bank Reconciliation**

The Clerk presented the Bank reconciliation for the period to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 showing a bank balance of £12,919.40

**28.3 Invoices for payment**

**Councillors considered the payment of the invoices for:**

Staff Salaries	July	£292.01
Staff Salaries	August	TBC
Putley Parish Hall		£20.00

**RESOLUTION: That the list of invoices for payment be approved**

**29. Parish Council Meeting Venue**

In the absence of Councillor Thompson nothing to report. It was suggested that the Council consider using both Churches at Pixley and Little Marcle alternately as a venue for future meetings, but meanwhile to continue at Putley Parish Hall.

**RESOLUTION: That both Little Marcle and Pixley Churches be considered for future meetings, meanwhile, to continue to use Putley Parish Hall as the meeting venue for the Parish Council.**

**30. Trumpet Bus Shelter**

Councillor Tristram reported that he had received confirmed information that the Trumpet Bus shelter is on private land and therefore not an asset of either Herefordshire Council or the Parish Council. The land registry shows that the land is owned by Pixley Court and not a liability of the Parish Council.

**RESOLUTION: That the Chairman inform Councillor Thompson that the Trumpet Bus Shelter is on Pixley Court land and therefore his asset.**

**31. Old Pickling Plant**

It was noted that some evidence of activity had been seen with the clearing of vegetation and the occasional bonfire. The Council will continue to keep a watching brief on the site.

**32. Correspondence**

Councillors noted the list of correspondence received.  
Locality Report

**33. Matters to be raised for the next meeting**

Speeding A7142, Trumpet Bus Shelter, Meeting Venue, Highways officer.

**34. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting is currently scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.  
**Meeting closed at 8.35pm.**

Signed M.J.Tristram

Date\_27/09/2021

Chairman