PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Held in Putley Parish Hall at 7.30pm On Wednesday 30th May 2022

Chairman	A Mawby	
Councillors	P Hawker	K Lynch
	A Riga	C Smart
	S Swaithes	E Thompson
Also Present	D Baldwin	Clerk to the Council
	2 members of the public	

1. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors P Hawker

2 Ward Report

Councillor Lester presented his report with the main points being:

Newly elected Chair and Vice Chair at the Herefordshire Council Annual Council meeting. Scrutiny Committee with new board to inspect and strengthen arrangements. Children Improvement Plan update after televised program on Children's services in Herefordshire. To include extra resources, and address staff shortages to address the spend of over 11 million for agency staff. Phosphate issue in the Lugg catchment area Causing a pause on planning. Solutions being considered are buying land to introduce reed bed systems. The Council energy rebate of £150 for properties in the A-D band and an extra £400, 000 made available for people in the higher band with no disposable income. Waste services are moving on to a three weekly rotation system with separate bins for different types of re-cycling.

3. Chairmans Report

Councillor Mawby presented his report on the actions of the Parish Council with the main points as follows:

A vote of thanks to the four Parish Councillors who left this year. Ken Bray Lesley Clothier, June Cowell and Mark Tristram for their commitment and support to the Parish Council during their term of office. Welcome to two new Co-Opted members Councillors Kelvin Lynch and Charles Smart. Welcome also and thank you to the New Footpath Officer, who has taken on the task.

Ongoing issues are the speeding on the A4172 and the flooding on the A438. The Parish Council will continue to request meetings with the head of Highways and Cabinet member Councillor Harrington to look at solutions and options.

Planning for the increase in the number of Chalets at the Gallops has continue to be considered and rejected with the sterling work by a former member of the NDP Working Group.

4. Estimates of Income & Expenditure 2022/2023.

The Clerk presented the budget for 2022-23 as agreed at the meeting on the 29th November 2021, showing a Parish Council precept of 8580.00 to cover Parish Costs.

5. Public Questions and comments

A local resident raised his concerns over the Pixley & District Neighbourhood Development Plan in that, in his opinion, it was not robust enough and lacked depth. Councillors disagreed with this and explained that the NDP was consulted for all Parish Council considerations on planning applications and it had proved to be an effective weapon in challenging applications that were not compliant.

Another resident raised his concerns over the increase of traffic and speedy on the C1358 at Aylton. This is a problem that effects all the highways within the Parishes and it was felt this should be put forward for consideration on a future agenda.

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Date_____

Chairman