

PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held in Munsley WI Hall On Monday 25th March 2024

Chairman **A Mawby**

Councillors **K Lynch**
 C Smart

A Riga
B Sugden

Also Present **D Baldwin**
 J Lester

Clerk to the Council
Ward Member

67. Apologies for absence –Apologies were received and accepted for Councillor S Swaithes

68. To receive Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were received at this point in the meeting.

69. Public Participation

No members of the public present.

Ward Member Councillor J Lester presented his report with the main points being as follows: Herefordshire Council set the precept with an increase of 4.99% to balance the budget and give financial stability for the next 3 years, investment in PROW, Lengthsman scheme and drainage, freeze of carparking charges, Government grant for road maintenance over the next 10 years, 3 million to renovate the Shire Hall, local transport plan going to cabinet at the next meeting, unveiling of road strategy Western bypass in two stages, recruiting for a grants officer.

70. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8th January 2024, were approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman.

71. Planning

71.1 Planning Applications

Site Tipsgrove Farm, Pixley HR8 2RW

Description Proposed installation of 1 x no. proprietary, off-site constructed glamping pod (the pod) suitable for short stay accommodation along with associated landscaping, drainage and access arrangements. The pod is to be used as ancillary accommodation and for holiday lettings (B&B).

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71.2 Planning Decisions:

No planning decisions were received.

72. Highways

72.1 Footpaths

Councillor Smart presented the Footpath Officers report as follows:

Much Marcle Parish Council have applied for a lottery grant for help with replacing the foot bridge on AL1. The Footpath way discs have been replaced on MM3,

RESOLUTION: That a Footpath report be noted

72.2 Grit Bins

The Clerk reported that she was waiting for a response from Ashperton Parish Council to further discuss the location of the grit bin.

RESOLUTION: That the Clerk continue to chase.

72.3 Speed Notices

Councillors considered the invitation to join Ashperton and Stretton Grandison Parish Councils on the purchase of 30mph speed notices for placing on resident's wheelie bins. It was noted that there are no 30mph speed restricted areas within Pixley and District, therefore, this invitation would respectfully be declined. Although Councillors would be gladly open to discussion on any other speed initiatives.

RESOLUTION: That the clerk informs Ashperton and Stretton Grandison Parish Councils that their invitation is declined and that Pixley and District are open to discussion on speed awareness.

72.4 Footpath Working Group

The Footpath working group presented their report as follows:

The Footpath Officer, Councillors Riga and Smart met to discuss issues with lost footpaths especially LM10 from Little Marcle to Much Marcle with the problems of restricted access by the current Landowner. It was felt that this issue needed to be submitted onto the PROW officer for them to action.

The working will continue to be an ongoing work in progress and report back to the Council with their findings.

RESOLUTION: That the Footpath Working group findings on Footpath LM10 be submitted to the Herefordshire Councils PROW Officer.

73. Munsley WI Hall

As Councillor Lynch presented his report of the meeting with the main points being: The committee is formed, surveyor reported on the state of the hall with many issues needing to be addressed, next step to engage a structure engineer to assess if repairing the hall is viable.

RESOLUTION: That the report be noted.

74. Ashperton Railway Bridge

In the absence of Councillor Swaites Councillor Riga presented a report with pictures on his observations of the condition of the bridge. With the response from Network rail informing the Council that the previous report and photos had been submitted to the structural engineering team it was felt that this report also be submitted.

RESOLUTION: That the report constructed by Councillor Riga be sent on the Network Rail Structural Engineering team.

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75. Pickling Plant

Nothing to report.

76. Cider Press

Councillor Lynch offered to compose a report for submission in the Cider Press and send on to the clerk, it was agreed:

RESOLUTION: That the report be submitted.

77. Parish Council Website

With the problems experienced with the webmaster changing the host and system without agreement Councillors felt that a new webmaster and Parish Council website should be sought.

RESOLUTION: That two quotes be obtained for a new website provider.

78. Financial Items

78.1 Internal Auditor

Councillors considered the appointment of the internal auditor.

RESOLUTION: That the previous internal auditor be appointed.

78.2 Parish Council Bank Account

Councillors considered signatories for the Unity Trust Bank Account, and it was decided that they be:

RESOLUTION: That the signatories on the Unity Tryst Bank Account be Councillors, A Mawby, K Lynch and B Sugden.

78.3 Financial Report

Councillors considered the summary of receipts and payment to the 29th February 2024.

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

78.4 Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk presented the Bank reconciliation for the period to 29th February showing a bank balance of £ 16,145.93.

78.5 Invoices for Payment

Councillors considered the payment of the invoices for:

Staff Salaries	March/April 2024	£350.71
Expenses		£50.00
Well Medical Defib Pads		£79.08
PAYE Year End		£556.20

RESOLUTION: That the payment of the invoices as above be approved.

79. Correspondence

Councillors considered the list of Correspondence received: Locality Report, Street works.

RESOLUTION: That the list of Correspondence received be accepted.

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80. Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Ashperton Railway Bridge, Sandbags, Munsley Hall, Lost Footpaths working group, Noticeboard.

81. Date of Next meeting

The next meeting is currently scheduled for the 13th May and will be the Annual Parish Council meeting preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting

Signed _____

Date _____

Chairman