

PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in Putley Parish Hall
On Monday 27th March 2023**

Chairman	A Mawby	
Councillors	P Hawker	K Lynch
	A Riga	C Smart
	S Swaithe	B Sugden
	E Thompson	
Also Present	D Baldwin	Clerk to the Council

75. Apologies for absence –Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors K Lynch, A Riga, and B Sugden.

76. To receive Declarations of Interest
Councillor E Thompson declared an interest to Item 9 and 15 on the agenda.

77. Public Participation
No members of the public present.
Councillor J Lester presented his report, with the main points being:
The Council have entered a period of Purdah ahead of the local elections in May, Cabinet meeting to agree the Hereford City Master Plan for construction, Eastern River Crossing Link Road ERIC are progressing with business plan, appointment of professional officer to monitor Balfour Beatty services, Phosphate Strategy prospectus to look at solutions with set milestones for water improvements, Full Council meeting to set Council Tax.

78. Minutes
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 30th January 2023, were approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman.

79. Planning
Planning Decisions: None received.

80. Highways
80.1 Footpaths
The Footpath Officer reported the yearly problem of a landowner not clearing the footpath across the crops on his land. Councillor Thompkins suggested that the Council notify the Rural Payments Agency and DEFRA of this issue and write a letter to the landowner demanding that he complies with the PROW regulations. Councillors also gave a vote of thanks to the Footpath Officer and volunteers for the hard work they put into the Parishes PROW.
RESOLUTION: That correspondence be sent to the Landowner requesting his compliance with the PROW regulations or be reported to Herefordshire Council, Defra and Rural Payments Agency.

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80.2 Councillors considered the date and time for a Parish walk with the Locality Officer. This to be arranged after the local elections and suggested dates have been proposed by the Locality Officer.

81. Aylton Green

Councillor Riga sent in his report, via the Clerk, with the cost of the Plaque being £60. The Council are very pleased with the tree seat and how it has been refurbished from the original railings.

82. Ashperton Railway Bridge

Councillors considered the second response received from Network rail concerning the condition of Ashperton Railway bridge. The bridge, WAH/139_68 is on a 3 yearly detailed inspection regime by Network Rail. The detailed exam is currently scheduled for between May 2023 and March 202. These are carried out by examiners at night to reduce travel disruption They would not recommend that the Councillors attend the examination, due to safety concerns regarding possible track access, safety equipment and last-minute cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances. Once the examination has been carried out and written up, it will then be passed to an Asset Engineer who will review the report and determine if any works are necessary based on the details and recommendations made by the Examiner. If the Councillors in question would like to address their points and concerns regarding the bridge in writing, this will be passed to an Asset Engineer to review. Also, any photos showing the concerns, would be appreciated.

Councillor Swaithe offered to obtain photographs of the bridge from the property that sits alongside the track and report back at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION: That Councillor Swaithe obtain photos of the defects and report back at the next meeting.

83. Parish Council Meeting Venue

The Clerk reported that unfortunately a Parish Council are not able to hold meetings in a religious building as it cannot benefit from a Parish Council. Therefore, Pixley Church cannot be used as a venue for Parish Council meetings.

RESOLUTION: That the next meeting be in Putley Parish Hall.

84. Defibrillator

The Clerk was given the contact details for the service company for the Parish Defibrillator.

RESOLUTION: That the defibrillator service be booked as asap.

85. Financial Items

85.1 Financial Report

Councillors considered the summary of receipts and payment to the 28th February 2023

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

85.2 Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk presented the Bank reconciliation for the period to 28th February 2023 showing a bank balance of £14,884.27

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85.3 Invoices for Payment

Councillors considered the payment of the invoices for:

Staff Salaries	March 2023	£326.38
Staff Salaries	April 2023	TBC
Expenses		£50.00
PAYE		£255.80

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

86. Elections May 2023

The Clerk distributed the nomination papers to all Councillors, who wished to stand at the Parish Elections, which, once completed, need to be hand delivered to the Elections Office.

87. Correspondence

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

RESOLUTION: That the list of Correspondence received be accepted.

88. Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Defibrillator, Ashperton Railway Bridge, Pickling plant.

89. Date of Next meeting

The next meeting is currently scheduled for the 15th May 2023 and will be the Annual Council meeting proceeded by the Annual Parish Meeting

Signed _____

Date _____

Chairman