

PIXLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in Munsley WI Hall
On Monday 31st July 2023**

Chairman	A Mawby	
Councillors	K Lynch	A Riga
	C Smart	S Swaites
	B Sugden	
Also Present	D Baldwin	Clerk to the Council
	J Lester	Ward member

22. Apologies for absence – No Apologies were received all present

23. To receive Declarations of Interest

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

24. Public Participation

No members of the public present.

Councillor J Lester presented his report, with the main points being:

Councillor Lester has been appointed as the leader to the Council in the new administration. Proposal to use either Maylords Orchard or the Shire Hall as the Library, Community Centre and a learning centre.

At the full Council meeting Childrens Services were set as a Priority for improvement.

Ofsted report to be published on the 3rd August.

Western Bypass back on the agenda and also Bus and Rail infrastructure.

Delay on local plan due to Western bypass being back on the agenda.

Health and Wellbeing Strategy launched.

Two and Half Million capital set aside to address road issues.

25. Minutes

25.1 The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 22nd May 2023, were approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman.

25.2 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19th June 2023, were approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman

26. Planning

26.1 Planning Applications

Site	Greytrees, Aylton, HR8 2QJ
Description	Proposed annex for elderly relative comprising a single storey one bedroom studio with associated garden storage, terrace and kennel.
23290	No objections

26.2 Planning Decisions: it was noted that no decision had been received on Oasis Lodges.

27. Highways

27.1 Footpaths

The Footpath Officer reported that the new bridge on footpath LM4 has been installed, she has spoken to the landowner whose land Footpath MN3 crosses and he has agreed to cut a path through the Maize, a group of volunteers attempted to clear the brambles on footpath AL2, but this proved difficult. The footpath has been reported and Herefordshire Council have it on the list to cleared, the landowner has cleared the crops from Footpath LM2 that crosses his land.

27.2 The Clerk reported that she had received no response from the Locality Officer to arrange a Parish Walk.

28. Employment

The Chairman proposed that the Clerks Appraisal, carried out by the Chairman and Vice Chairman be scheduled for September at a date to be agreed, once a template is received from HALC.

RESOLUTION: That the Clerks appraisal be arranged for a mutually convenient date in September.

29. Noticeboards

Councillors considered additional noticeboards in each of the parishes in Pixley and District area. It was felt that a better way of communicating with the Parishioners was by ensuring all the information on the Parish Councils actions were listed reported in the Cider Press and the website.

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Councils actions are included in the Cider Press and up to date information is placed on the website.

30. Ashperton Railway Bridge

Councillor Swaithes attempted to obtain photographs of the condition of the bridge but with the vegetation overgrowth this was not possible. Once the vegetation is cut back Councillor Swaithes will retry to obtain photographs. It was also suggested that the Parish Council ask for assistance from Councillor Durkin as the cabinet member for Highways.

RESOLUTION: That the clerk be instructed to contact Highways Cabinet Member Councillor Durkin for assistance.

31. Defibrillator

The Clerk reported that the Defibrillator company confirmed that only the change of batteries was needed to service the Defibrillator. Councillors were no convinced of this and wished the Clerk to continue to research.

RESOLUTION: That the Clerk continue to research the service of the Parish Defibrillator

32. Financial Items

32.1 Bank Account

Councillors considered changing the Parish Council Bank account to Unity Trust bank. With the disappearance of the High Street Bank and the difficulty with cheque payments it was felt that Unity Trust Bank, as recommended by

HALC offered the better alternative. The Clerk has experience of Unity Trust and is impressed with the service provided.

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council change Bank accounts to Unity Trust Bank.

32.2 Financial Report

Councillors considered the summary of receipts and payment to the 30th June 2023

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

32.3 Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk presented the Bank reconciliation for the period to 30th June 2023 showing a bank balance of £16,184.21

32.4 Invoices for Payment

Councillors considered the payment of the invoices for:

Staff Salaries	July 2023	£326.38
Staff Salaries	August 2023	TBC
Expenses		£50.00
Putley Parish Hall		£145.00

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

33. Cider Press

The Clerk distributed the proposed report for inclusion in the Cider Press Magazine. Councillor Lynch also offered additional items for inclusion.

RESOLUTION: That the clerk submits the report, to include the extra items from Councillor Lynch, to the Cider Press.

34. Correspondence

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

RESOLUTION: That the list of Correspondence received be accepted.

35. Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Defibrillator, Ashperton Railway Bridge, Pickling plant, Unity Trust Bank, Sandbags, Asset Register, date of Parish Council meetings

36. Date of Next meeting

The next meeting is currently scheduled for the 25th September 2023.

Signed _____

Date _____

Chairman