

**Pixley & District Parish Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday 1st September 2025**  
**7.30pm at Munsley W.I. Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs Allen Mawby, Andrew Riga, Brendan Sugden, Charles Smart and Kelvin Lynch

**Clerk:** E Wayman

**MOP:** Five including ward Cllr Jonathan Lester

**25/47. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Steve Swaites had made apologies and they were accepted.

**25/48.** Cllr Allen Mawby declared an interest in item 6.1 – application P252162/PA4.

**25/49. Public Participation**

Ward Member Councillor Lester reported that HC was undergoing inspections of a round 800 services. Ofsted had made 7 visits since Childre's Services had been put into special measures since 2022 and the latest report had been as glowing as it could be. Adult Social Care was due to be inspected by the CQC and a peer review had undertaken around 150 interviews of staff, contractors and partnership bodies which found HC to be performing well. HC had ended the last financial year with half a million surplus which had been invested back into reserves to support projects such as the large Highways resurfacing project. Finally, a "Fairer Funding" review by the Government was appearing to be of less benefit to rural counties.

A MOP reported that they had placed a retrospective planning application 251104/FH to build a wall in place of an old fence that formed the boundary between their property and the A438. The reason for it being retrospective was that they hadn't realised it need permission as a previous wall on a different boundary had not needed it. The wall would be around 30cm taller than the previous fence to allow for some sound and light proofing of traffic and would be taller from the side of their property as it was retaining the verge. The design would be taken from other local walls and would use materials sourced locally, including bricks from Putley. The applicant also hoped to move the entrance into their property a few feet away from the current entrance which was shared with The Nest but not as far as they had previously had permission for.

A second MOP reported that they had concerns over the planning application 251104/FH as they felt the drawings were inaccurate and the height of the new wall, which had been partially built, impacted the light to their neighbouring property. They felt the drawings showed the wall at 50% of their property's walls but the wall was actually 70% and around 1 metre higher than the old fence. They objected to the design as they felt it was architecturally clumsy and urged the Parish Council to object to the application.

The Chair of the Herefordshire WI addressed the meeting to explain that the WI Hall replacement roof was still under investigation. The Hall was confirmed as owned and registered by the WI and was used for many activities, education and a safe space for women. Should the WI find funding, the plans would bring an office space to be let to a charity, a repair café and new toilets. The WI felt the project was viable as the Hall was on bus routes and provided ample parking.

**25/50. Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**25/51. Financial items (RFO)**

The budget report for July & August 2025 was reviewed and approved.

The bank reconciliation was reviewed and approved against statements for July & August 2025.

The NJC pay increase from April 2025 was noted.



It was agreed to move the balance from the Lloyds 30-day account to the main account in preparation for changing banks.

It was resolved to open a savings account with Unity Trust alongside the current account.

The following payments were approved:

Staff Salaries & expenses	July & August 2025	£1275.53
Zurich PC Insurance	July 2025-26	£394.20
Bank Fees	July & August	£8.50
PATA Payroll	Back pay calculation	£15.00

**25/52. Planning**

**Application Ref:** P252162/PA4

**Location:** Land Northwest of Priors Court Aylton Ledbury Herefordshire HR8 2QE

**Proposal:** Application to determine if prior approval is required for a change of use of an agricultural building and land within its curtilage to form one dwelling (Class C3)

Cllr Allen Mawby left the room. Due to only four Cllrs remaining the council noted that it was inquorate. It was agreed for individual Cllrs to email the Clerk (barr Cllr Mawby) with their comments so that the Clerk may respond under delegation.

**25/53. Application Ref: 251104/FH**

**Location:** The Coach House, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2PZ

**Proposal:** Replacement boundary walls

Cllr Mawby returned to the meeting and the council agreed that whilst it did not object to a wall being built in replacement of the old fencing, it would be unable to support the application without Highways being consulted and confirming relevant criteria would be met.

**25/54.** The decision by HC to approve P241083/F The Glebe barn conversion was noted.

**25/55. Munsley WI Hall (KL)**

Cllr Lynch reported that the next meeting of the WI was set for 24<sup>th</sup> October and would be attended by officers of HC to discuss potential funding streams.

**Communication**

**25/56.** Cllr Sugden reported that the mounting for the noticeboard had been erected by the entrance to the shop at The Nest.

**25/57.** Cllr Lynch reported that the plans for the Autumn Parish Event were underway and the date was set for 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The event would be at the Munsley WI Hall from 14:00 to 18:00 with representatives from Haygrove, the WI and the police in attendance (the latter was to be confirmed) to talk to parishioners about the Community Garden plans, the WI Hall roof and the Smart Water. The PC had purchased Smart Water for residents to mark their possessions with in the attempt to prevent theft. The kits would be issued to residents at the event and 70% needed to be registered for the free signs to be put around the parish by the scheme. Cllr Lynch thanked Cllr Smart for his efforts on the Cider Press article to promote the event.

**25/58. Highways/Footpaths**

Cllr Smart reported that the waymarker had been replaced on footpath PX6 but the side rail was broken on the bridge approximately 200m from the A438/Trumpet end of the path. The stile on AL3 had been inspected by the Lengthsman and was not repairable. The Clerk would work with the Lengthsman to provide a quote for materials and labour to the HC PROW Scheme for funding. HC no longer supplied materials as they had in previous years. AL2 Near Aylton Court had been strimmed by the lengthsman as requested by the Parish Council.

**25/59. Ashperton Railway Bridge**

Cllr Lynch reported national Rail had confirmed it did not have the funds this year to supply and fit railings on the corners of the bridge. Cllr Lynch had been in contact with the landowner regarding the tree and wall that one of the chevron signs needed to be fixed to and was waiting for permission to pass their details on to HC.

**25/60. Drainage Scheme**

The Clerk explained that the PC would need to source its own contractors to quote for any potential works before she could claim from the HC Drainage Scheme. Cllr Riga agreed to meet contractors on site with or on behalf of the Clerk to explain the potential problems he had identified.

**25/61. Aylton Green**

Cllr Riga reported that pear tree on the Green had become so heavily laden with fruit that limbs had broken. He had removed the fruit and broken limbs proposed it be pruned in the style of an apple tree to prevent this happening in future. Cllr Smart suggested it be allowed to grow as it was a young tree and the weather had been particularly good for growth but may not be in future years. It was agreed to allow the tree to grow naturally but remove fruit to prevent boughs breaking. Cllr Riga then reported that the "No Parking" signs issued by the Clerk had been removed by an unknown person and suggested more permanent versions be installed. It was agreed for the Clerk to investigate a post to be installed on the Green.

**25/62. NDP Reviews**

It was agreed not to review the NDP until the HC local plan was issued.

**25/63. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:  
HC – Charter launch and Parish Summit 7<sup>th</sup> October  
HALC – Invitation to join the Executive Committee

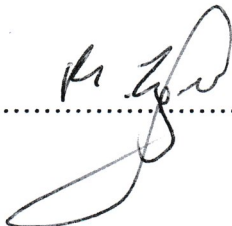
**25/64. Matters to be raised for next meeting**

The budget for 2026/27 would be discussed at the November meeting.

**25/65. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:03pm.

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Date 10.11.2025