

Pixley & District Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Monday 10th November 2025
7.30pm at Munsley W.I. Hall

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

Clerk: Mrs Ella Wayman

Members of the public: Two including ward Cllr Lester

25/66. Apologies for absence

None.

25/67. To receive Declarations of Interest

None.

25/68. Public Participation

Ward Member Councillor Lester reported that the CQC had inspected the adult social care at HC in September and a skills conference had taken place for staff at HC to upskill. A cabinet meeting had reviewed risk, a budget report and strategy and an assessment of how HC was performing had been published and was positive. The Baton of Hope had run through Hereford for suicide awareness and a Parish Summit had taken place where the Charter with Town and Parish Councils had been launched and NDPs discussed. A meeting of the HC had discussed a boundary review of the 53 seats with one member per ward. It was concluded that it would remain in this format. HC had purchased the John Venn building so that emergency housing could be provided more efficiently and flood alleviation in Merton Meadow and progress of the Hereford bypass was discussed. Herefordshire would now become a child friendly county and a bus provision was being considered for 16–19-year-olds. The PCC reported that PCSOs would no longer work beyond 8pm due to the cost of paying unsociable hours. Ofsted were currently undertaking a fortnight long inspection of children's services and the fairer funding review by Government had miscalculated the Band D tax rate for Herefordshire which would leave HC with a smaller grant in the new financial year. There would be a £27,000,000 deficit for HC in the 2026-27 financial year which would be very difficult to find through cuts and savings.

25/69. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1st September 2025 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

25/70. Financial items

25/70.1 The budget comparison report for September & October 2025 was **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

25/70.2 The bank reconciliation for September & October 2025 was **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

25/70.3 The draft budget for 2026/27 had been prepared by the RFO and was analysed line by line. It was **resolved** to accept the budget with a total of £12,045.63. It was **agreed** for any projects to be paid for from reserves.

25/70.4 The precept for 2026/27 was discussed and would be formally confirmed at the next meeting once the tax base was released by HC.

25/70.5 The following payments were **approved**:

Staff Salaries & expenses	Sept & Oct 2025	£1227.50
Rob Badham	Footpath Strimming	£60.00

Bank Fees	Sept & Oct	£8.50
HMRC	Q2 PAYE & NI	£108.91
Parish Online	Website and Cloud Storage	£482.40

25/71. Planning

25/71.1 The PC responses to the following applications under delegation were noted:

- 252475 – Land at Broadfield, Aylton - Proposed installation of a new access and track to provide vehicular access to the barn granted permission for residential conversion under reference 250702/PA4: **No Objection**
- 252432 – Newbridge Farm - Proposed refurbishment and extension to existing dwelling: **No Objection**
- 252920 – Application to remove a S106 planning obligation at Flights Orchard tying all land owned by the applicant to the dwelling: **No Objection**

25/71.2 KL reported on decisions made by Herefordshire Council. Application 252216 for Priors Court, Aylton had been approved. 251104 for The Coach House was the only outstanding decision and was due to be decided upon on 2nd December.

25/70.3 AR reported that the PC's flooding comments on the Glebe Farm application had not been mentioned in the decision when the application was approved. Although the PC had not objected to the application, it was agreed it would like to hear the planning officer's comments on this and the Clerk would work with ward Cllr Lester to make contact with them.

25/71.4 The Clerk reported that S106 considerations were requested when making comments on planning applications on behalf of the PC. The Clerk wished to know the PC's preference should there be any allocation of S106 funds in the future to ensure accurate response to this question. It was agreed for the Clerk to take advice and request allocation it to the most relevant interest/business of the PC such as Highways or the WI Hall.

25/71.5 KL reported a pre-planning application to demolish the old post office at Little Marcle had been submitted and no comments would be taken on this type of application by HC. The PC understood that permission may not be required but any replacement building was likely to need permission via an application that would receive comments. There was some discussion with regards to the demolition and it was concluded that the building was indeed in a bad state of repair. Should the pre-planning application be approved, demolition was due to commence on 1st December.

25/72. Munsley WI Hall

KL reported that a Munsley WI Management Committee had taken place on 24th October with grants advice officers from HC. The advice had been to make smaller improvements to increase the use of the hall in order to qualify for larger grants to replace the roof.

25/73. Communication

25/73.1 BS reported that the noticeboard at the Nest had now been relocated and was adjacent to the entrance so that it was more visible.

25/73.2 KL reported that Cllrs and the Clerk along with Haygrove and the WI had made a great effort and it was unfortunate that it was only attended by 3 households from the parish. Registration and distribution of the remaining Smart Water kits was discussed and it was agreed for the Cllrs and Clerk to visit households in the Spring when daylight hours were longer to personally register and deliver the kits. It was also agreed for notices to be issued on the noticeboards making residents aware that they may contact the Clerk to request registration and a kit.

25/74. Highways/Footpaths

25/74.1 A quote from the Lengthsman for the replacement stile on AL3 and handrail on PX6 was still outstanding. It was agreed to ask the footpath warden to verify the type of stile needed based on

photographs found online. This would allow the Clerk to obtain quotes for purchase and reapply for a labour quote from the Lengthsman.

25/74.2 AR had met with a potential contractor to obtain an estimate for the identified drainage works but it was approximately £20,000. As the Drainage Scheme was now oversubscribed for the financial year it was **agreed** to report the blocked ditches and culvert to HC for enforcement and clearing.

25/75. Ashperton Railway Bridge

KL reported that no response had been received from National Rail with regards to potential barriers in the new financial year but he would continue to chase this up. AR reported the signs on the west side when approaching from the south seemed to be coming loose – KL agreed to check on this.

25/76. Speed/accidents on A4172 Trumpet to Little Marcle (AM)

After another recent accident on the A4172, AM proposed the PC look into an MVAS or traffic calming such as village entrance gates and signs. It was **agreed** for the Clerk to make enquiries with the Highways Department at HC.

25/77. Parish Summit

KL reported that he had been unable to attend but had watched the video of the summit. The final draft of the HC Charter had been released and it was **agreed** the PC still wished to sign up. NDPs and the PROW and Drainage Schemes were discussed and the Drainage Scheme was now oversubscribed. Both MOPs left the meeting at the end of the discussion.

25/78. Little Marcle Church fund raiser

KL proposed the PC consider a donation towards the church roof as it was in disrepair internally and externally. It was **resolved** not to make a donation under S137 towards the church roof fundraiser.

25/79. Aylton Green

The Clerk reported she had enquired with HC regarding permanent posts for “No Parking on the Green” signs but the response had explained this would not be permissible under traffic regulations. HC had offered the options of planters to edge the Green or a cultivation licence to plant out the Green. It was **agreed** that plants would likely be destroyed by continual parking and that temporary signs be investigated.

25/80. Correspondence

The following list of Correspondence received was noted:

- Herefordshire Council: Early Help in the Community – events for family support.
- Licensing – Sorrel & Sage, Trumpet licence granted for sale of alcohol.

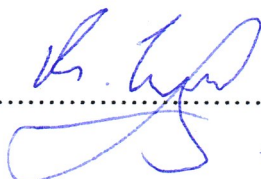
25/81. Matters to be raised for next meeting

The precept, Clerk’s and Chairman’s reports/updates and regular items.

25/82. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for 12th January 2026.

Signed



Date 12.01.2026