

Pixley & District Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Monday 12th January 2026
7.30pm at Munsley W.I. Hall

Present: Cllrs Allen Mawby, Andrew Riga, Brendan Sugden (Vice Chairman), Charles Smart, Kelvin Lynch (Chairman) and Steve Swaithes

Clerk: Mrs Ella Wayman

Members of the public: None.

25/83. Apologies for absence

None.

25/84. To receive Declarations of Interest, Councillors are reminded of the need: -

Cllr Riga declared that he had formerly owned both the Hopton Arms and the Trumpet Inn but had no pecuniary interest at the time of the meeting.

25/85. Public Participation

None. Ward Cllr Lester had sent a written report for the Parish Council.

25/86. Minutes (Chairman)

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 10th November 2025 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

25/87. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that HC had confirmed the PC was signed up to the charter, the application to the PROW scheme for strimming on AL2 and a replacement stile on AL3 had been approved and an invoice for the funds had been submitted to Herefordshire Council (HC). The replacement stile had been ordered but a date for delivery had not been confirmed, it was estimated to be the end of February. The blocked ditches and culvert on The Glebe had been reported to HC and costs of the Cider Press and payroll had risen for the coming year. Preparations for the year end were underway and policies would be reviewed ready for the new council year.

25/88. Financial items (RFO)

25/88.1 The budget comparison report for November & December 2025 was approved and signed by the Chairman.

25/88.2 The bank reconciliation was approved against statements for November & December 2025 and signed by the Chairman.

25/88.3 Spends from reserves were **resolved** on and ratified where budgets had been overspent (as seen on the budget comparison report).

25/88.4 The precept for 2026/27 was considered and it was RESOLVED to raise it by 0.5% to cover the fixed costs for 2026/27. This would be a rise of 22 pence per band D household on 2025/26 and a total of £10,546.

25/88.5 It was RESOLVED to formally appoint Gill Lungley for a second year as internal auditor for 2025/26 year end.

25/88.6 The following payments were approved:

Staff Salaries & expenses	Nov & Dec 2025	£1227.50
Munsley WI Hall	Hall Hire 2023-25	£410.00
Walford	Stile replacement AL3	£142.80
Cider Press	Advertisements 26/27	£350.00

HMRC	Q3 PAYE & NI	£80.40
Unity Trust	Bank Fees	£5.60
Detertech	Smart Water kits	£1388.40

25/89. Planning

25/89.1 The following applications were considered by the council:

- 253332 - Pixley End Country Park, Trumpet, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 2RA. Change of use of existing touring site for the siting of 11 no. static holiday caravans, and construction of associated roadway.

PC Comments: **Objection**

- 253136 - Hopton Arms Inn (Former), Ashperton, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 2SE. Change of use and conversion to 3 apartments (Use Class C3)

PC Comments: **Objection**

25/89.2 There were no new decisions made by Herefordshire Council and it was noted that application 251104 should have been decided upon in early December.

25/89.3 Cllrs Lynch and Riga had met on the lane outside the barn conversion on The Glebe to understand more about flooding. The Parish Council had concerns that its comments with regards to flooding had not been considered when the application was decided upon as there was no reference to them in the planning report. It was RESOLVED to question the planning dept as to whether the flooding comments made by the Parish Council with regards to application 241083 were considered in the decision process.

25/90. Munsley WI Hall (KL)

Cllr Lynch reported that the WI were considering applications for hot water and WiFi to be installed at Munsley Hall to fulfil the need for smaller improvements with a long-term goal to obtain funding for the roof of the hall. An application for an official address and post code was underway.

25/91. Communication

The next draft article was due on 1st February so it was agreed for Cllr Lynch to send some ideas in draft to Cllr Smart for finalising and submitting.

25/92. Highways/Footpaths

An estimate of £100 had been given for the replacement rail on PX6 and posts on PX1 needed replacing which was believed to be under the responsibility of Haygrove.

25/93. Ashperton Railway Bridge (Chairman)

Cllr Lynch had emailed National Rail and awaited a response regarding funding in the new financial year for potential improvements to railing around the Ashperton bridge. HC had confirmed that the landowner of the tree had agreed for new chevron signs to be installed. Balfour Beatty had been instructed but not confirmed a date for the works.

25/94. Speed/accidents on A4172 Trumpet to Little Marcle

Cllr Lynch reported that a meeting with a HC Traffic management Officer had taken place that afternoon, attended by Cllrs Lynch, Mawby and Riga along with the Clerk. The meeting was positive and the TMO had agreed to review the areas highlighted by the end of January. The Parish Council had requested Quiet Lanes be considered but this would require specific lengths of roads to be determined and consultations with residents to take place. 50 mph repeater signs when leaving Trumpet crossroads heading towards Little Marcle would be reviewed along with the county border signs, potential for white gates and “welcome” signs for each hamlet and any possible changes to road markings to help calm traffic. Aylton Green was also discussed and the TMO suggested Knee rails could be installed at cost to the PC.

25/95. RBL Poppy Appeal (AR)

The local branch was discussed as previously thought disbanded. It was agreed to display posters as requested.

25/96. Electoral Review HC

The review of ward boundaries was discussed and it was agreed the PC had no comments to put forwards.

25/97. Correspondence (Clerk)

None.

25/98. Matters to be raised for next meeting (All)

Year-end accounts.

25/99. Date of next meeting (All)

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as scheduled for 9th March 2026. Cllr Swaithes made apologies in advance.

Signed*Kelvin Lynch*.....
Chairman

Date 16.03.2026