PINVIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Pinvin Parish Council held on

Wednesday 11th February 2026 at 7.30 pm

Present

Cllr. K. Boyden, Cllr, S. Boyden, Cllr T. O'Dell (Chair), Cllr. R. Coates, Cllr M. Massey, Cllr D. Biddle, Clerk L. Cope, DCC L. Tucker and two members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies for absence**- WCC Cllr Boatright-Greene sent his apologies

2. **Appoint a Chairman-** Following the resignation from Cllr Boatright- Greene the Clerk requested a new Chairman be assigned to Pinvin Parish Council. Cllr Biddle proposed Cllr O'Dell, this was seconded by Cllr S. Boyden with all in favour.

   Appoint a Vice Chairman- Cllr Biddle proposed Cllr Coates as Vice-Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr K. Boyden with all in favour.

3. **Declarations of Interest-** Cllr Biddle declared an interest in item 8.

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting** held on Tuesday 14th January 2026. – Cllr K. Boyden proposed the minutes were approved, as seconded by Cllr O'Dell - All in favour.

   The meeting adjourned for Parishioner Question Time (Notes in aide memoir)

5. **Finance**

   a. To consider the formal Bank Reconciliation to 1st February 2026 - **Noted**

   b. To Consider list of due payments and receipts to 1st February 2026 as shown in Appendix 1- Cllr Coates Proposed and Cllr. K. Boyden Seconded that all payments be approved, and receipts noted. All in favour

PAYMENTS at 11th February 2026

YU Energy Jan	£ 250.28	
Throckmorton hall hire (art grp jan)	£ 30.00	
Lisa Cope Clerk salary	£ 494.64	
HMRC Clerk tax	£ 123.60	
Lisa Cope Clerk expenses	£ 22.50	
Dave Biddle Lman	£ 440.00	
South West construction Jan	£37,912.69	PAID
SP Davis Jan	£ 270.25	PAID
South West construction Feb	£98,454.78	
SP Davis Feb	£ 270.25	

6. **Planning**

   a) No new planning applications to consider.

   b) Cllr Tucker explained that planning W/25/02425/FUL Erection of 30 residential dwellings at Ashfurlong Nurseries will go to planning committee on 5th March. The Parish Council and a resident are both able to speak for three minutes. Cllr O'Dell to inform residents.

7. **<u>Community Projects- Cllr O'Dell</u>**

   - **Community Orchard**

     All going well and being managed by the working party.

   - **Pinvin Art & Craft Group- Cllr. O'Dell**

Venue this month changed to Throckmorton Village Hall due to building works at the Memorial Hall but attendance was still good

- **Allotments- Cllr Coates**
  Nothing to report

8. **Lengthsman**

Been busy with drains and keeping them clear with the heavy rainfall, also cleaning signs, the gates into the village, removing debris and cutting back tree growth.

9. **Grass Cutting Contract**

The closing date for tender has now passed and eleven companies quoted for the grass cutting contract (quotes ranged from £12,672 to £3,608.33).
As Countrywide Grounds Maintenance offered the most competitive price of £3,608.33 +VAT per year a meeting is to be arranged with the company and Cllrs Coates and Boyden to talk through any questions or queries before the contract is awarded- Clerk to arrange.

10. **Streetlights**

Not aware of any streetlights that currently require attention.

11. **Pinvin Memorial Hall**

Work is progressing, there is a meeting next week to clarify some costings as the current prediction shows a current overspend circa £40K. Some of the overspends are to be queried whereas others were expected. Once these are quantified the Memorial Hall trustees will then look into what funds are available to cover any overspend or where a loan can be sourced from.

12. **Funding**

Additional funding still being explored.
Barratt David Wilson Homes replied to the funding request that they were unable to help with capital funding requests but could consider community projects. Cllrs discussed this and agreed to request whether a project for outdoor fixed gym equipment or a concrete tale tennis table would be eligible as if so a quote could be obtained- Clerk to action.

13. **District & County Councillor Reports**

WDC Cllr Liz Tucker

SWDP- major modifications to the SWDP now out for consultation until 17th February.
Throckmorton is not included in this plan but they are already working with consultants to ensure it is included in the next one.
Wychavon new town consultation is out until 17th February.
Local government review- A public consultation is out and ends on 26th March.

WCC Cllr Dan Boatright-Greene

Highways issues
Pipe bursts and potholes: Severn Trent are currently experiencing a large volume of burst pipes. If you see one, please report on stwater.co.uk/reportaleak or call 0800 783 4444. This time of year we see a lot more potholes emerging too (water gets in and freezes) and again, please report ASAP to https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/travel-and-highways/report-road-or-path-issue/report-pothole. Feel free to copy me in so I can chase.

Road/Footpath Flooding in on A44 and Owletts
The drains around the footpath and crossing on the A44 remain an issue. The council have investigated and are trying to come up with solutions but the big issue is the amount of silt coming off the fields. They're struggling to find a way to limit it. The broken barrier is also being chased.
The drain on Owletts is causing serious flooding again. The drain clearer has been out but hasn't been relieved the situation much. The engineers are looking at what can be done next. This is getting a tad ridiculous now so I am looking at other options.

Local Government Reorganisation
The government is now undertaking the consultation into LGR. You can view and comment on the proposals here: Proposals for local government reorganisation in Worcestershire - GOV.UK
The final plan will be unveiled in June-July 2026. The regional mayor plans remain vague and if we use Surrey as an example, it is looking like elections will likely be 2029 or 2030 at this point but details expected to follow.
I personally had a Freedom of Information request upheld for a document the county council refused to give me back in September. The harmonisation issue is massive for a whole county approach. This is where the council brings all the council areas under the same council tax bands and payments. Currently we live in one of the cheapest areas meaning we can expect a £400 increase a year added to a tax bill for a band D property if it is a whole county approach. It is less for a North-South as we have lower council tax in the south overall.

Current financial situation of the council
The council has already taken a £33 million loan from the government for 2025-26 and is looking for another loan of over £70 million for 2026-27. The financial situation has been caused by a combination of underfunding from central government and decisions made by the council over the past 15 years (as explained in the recent external auditors report which flagged the council as being in a serious financial situation). The council has also requested that they are able to increase council tax up to 10% without a referendum. The government confirmed yesterday that the council tax can rise up to 9%
Negotiations on the budget are ongoing.

14. **Correspondence-**

Cllr M. Massey enquired if there was any further correspondence regarding the garages being cleared by Rooftop on Abbey View Road and as they are unsafe rather than cleared could they be removed or repaired- Clerk to chase.

Cllrs discussed the three main crime issues within the village for the next PACT meeting and these were agreed as drugs and speeding. This issue of two donkeys continually roaming through the village unattended early morning and late at night was also discussed. They not only could get hurt but could prove a dangerous hazard for drivers along the road. This to be raised at the PACT meeting and the Clerk to report to the RSPCA.

Clerk to chase an extra bin by the Asda garage due to littering.

Cllrs discussed the Local Government reorganisation and agreed for the Clerk to respond to the survey with a Transforming Worcestershire preference-Clerk to action.

15. **Date of next meeting**- The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th March 2026, at 7.30pm in Throckmorton village Hall

Aide Memoire

One parishioner raised the issue of blocked drains in Owlettes

One parishioner raised the issue of the blocked drains along terrace road

One parishioner raised the issue of a large amount of soil which has been fly tipped behind Willincroft Cottages.