

**PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE**  
**ON 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 at 7.00pm**

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Cllr Haskell (Chairman), Cllr Smith, Cllrs Mrs Carmichael-Owen, Mrs Dalrymple, Ann Hogg, Mrs Hunt, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Saunders, Mrs Stevens, Cllrs Deck, Del Mar, Ford, McGarry, Morris, Smithers and Stevens.
<b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Mr Pritchard (Headteacher, Pewsey Vale School) and a member of the public.
<b><u>9/1 APOLOGIES:</u></b>	Cllrs Carder, Giles, Hagan, Stephens and Cllr Kunkler.
<b><u>9/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u></b>	None.
<b><u>9/3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Haskell advised that Cllr Eyles had tendered his resignation after nearly 30 years' service which he read out. He had written a letter of thanks which he would deliver personally.</p> <p>The council had been awarded a £10,000 grant from the Wiltshire Council Small Business Grant Scheme and suggested that over time it would be used to improve the community and local businesses to help the local economy. His weekly report to members had been well received and provided a regular update.</p> <p>He had met with Rev. Larkey about the future of The Messenger which was available online. This had allowed for additional content to be added which could make the magazine more interesting and community based. Paper copies will be made available at local outlets although household deliveries would not restart.</p> <p>An online service would available throughout Carnival Day.</p> <p>Cllr McGarry had circulated his report prior to the meeting and noted by members. He added that his consideration of the storage container at the rugby club was that it was fit for purpose and could be used for storage, including paperwork.</p> <p>Cllr Smith accepted that it was not legal to smoke in bus shelters and asked for No Smoking signage to be installed instead. He also asked the foliage at the back of St. Johns Church and opposite to Frensham Way to be cut back as it encroached over the pavement which was becoming increasingly slippery from leaf fall. Cllr Haskell commended Cllrs Ann Hogg, Ford and McGarry for undertaking a sterling job and members should contact them outside of meetings with any concerns.</p> <p>Cllr Deck confirmed that all members had received the Stonnington planning application for comment which would be forwarded to Wiltshire Council by 24<sup>th</sup> September. He may meet with the agent later in the month, at their request. The Planning for the Future white paper required comment by 27<sup>th</sup> October and the Proposals for Change paper by 1<sup>st</sup> October. He would be attending the online Regulatory Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> September and a statement had been sent. There did not appear to be any fewer applications received.</p>
<b><u>9/9 PEWSEY VALE SCHOOL:</u></b>	<p>Mr Pritchard wished everyone well and to keep safe during this time. There had been an awkward moment at the beginning of the lockdown period, with difficult media reports as a ski trip had taken place to Italy. He emphasised that this had only taken place following strict government guidelines.</p> <p>The school had remained open for the children of key workers throughout this period, including all holidays with the exception of the summer break. 85% of the year 10 group had returned in June which was way above the national average. Currently attendance for all years was 98.7% which was very impressive. Uniform was not required to be worn with the school operating a one-way system with masks compulsory in all communal areas but not in class.</p>

	<p>All students faced forward with 2m distancing from the teacher. Now was the time to assess what students had missed and to prepare for any potential second wave. Should it be required, classes would be taught online from home with laptops being sought to help anyone with accessibility problems.</p> <p>Mr Pritchard was extremely proud of how the community had come together during this time and very, very proud of the school.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Hunt asked whether there had been any cases at the school, which there had not. The Parish Council offered its assistance in any way it could and agreed that continued communication was vital. He thanked Cllr Haskell for being extremely supportive throughout.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Dalrymple commented how wonderful everyone at the school had managed and full credit should be given.</p> <p>Cllr Haskell agreed and said that it must have been extremely hard. Exam results were very good and on a par with the predictions made. Mr Pritchard left the meeting.</p>	
<b><u>9/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Kunkler was not present but had provided a written report which had been circulated to all members. The campus was now open on reduced hours for the time being, with booked spaces of 45 minute slots. Marlborough was open on different hours so local people had the ability to go to either facility. Opening hours were being constantly reviewed in light of changes to government guidance. It was hoped the library could reopen by the end of the month with limited hours.</p> <p>Covid19 would be here for some time yet and Wiltshire Council were still trying to manage the budget, making the protection of the most vulnerable its top priority. PCCA have been awarded a grant which will allow them to remain at the Scout Hall until the end of the year. CATG will be having an online meeting soon with a hope to meet safely in person thereafter. Area Board meetings attract larger numbers of attendees so will have to take place online.</p>	
<b><u>9/5 POLICE REPORT:</u></b>	<p>The monthly, and final, police report had been circulated to all members. The cancellation of the report would be discussed at the next Pewsey Community Area Partnership meeting.</p> <p>Community Speedwatch: Cllr Ford advised that two sessions had taken place with several vehicles noted for speeding above 40mph. The metro count requests for Vale Road and The Ridge were still outstanding and would be chased up.</p>	<b>JF</b>
<b><u>9/6 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u></b>	All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> July were signed as a true record, by the Chairman.	
<b><u>9/7 FINANCE:</u></b>	<p>a) Balance in Current account £14,058.64, Instant Reserve account £65,635.24 and Lloyds Business Account £60,844.50.</p> <p>b) Payments, as listed, were proposed for approval by Cllr Ford, seconded Cllr Ann Hogg, all in favour.</p> <p>c) There were no quotations for acceptance.</p> <p>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £124.30, less expenditure since last meeting; consumables £2.59, postage £10.25; totalling £12.84, leaving cash in hand £111.46.</p>	
<b><u>9/8 SERVICE DEVOLUTION AND ASSET TRANSFER:</u></b>	Cllr Haskell reported a letter had been written to Wiltshire Council requesting a contribution to legal costs be met due to their delay in completion.	
<b><u>9/10 PEWSEY COMMUNITY AREA RECOVERY GROUP:</u></b>	Mrs Wilson had established the group with the hope of keeping the level of volunteers that had come forward during the lockdown period. An application for a lottery grant had been unsuccessful. It was hoped that new projects would not be duplicated.	
<b><u>9/11 PEWSEY COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP:</u></b>	Cllr Deck had nothing to report from the meeting held on 23 <sup>rd</sup> July.	

<p><b><u>9/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u></b></p>	<p>A member of the public pointed out the hedge overgrowing the pavement at the bottom of Broomcroft Road. Cllr Ford advised that this was the responsibility of a private landowner with the property currently vacant. He had spoken with the estate agent to request the owner to cut it back.</p> <p>A member of the public would seek permission in the future from the Parish Council in order for the Whatley Drive Residents Association to enter the Scotchel to undertake vegetation management. This would permit volunteers to be covered by the Council's insurance.</p>	
<p><b><u>9/13 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u></b></p>	<p>A letter of thanks had been received from the Heritage Centre for the Council's annual donation.</p> <p>It was agreed to reopen the office to the public on a Tuesday morning on strict measures to ensure COVID guidance was met.</p>	

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.36pm after thanking everyone for attending.

Signed..... Date.....