

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE
ON 8th DECEMBER 2020 at 7.00pm

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| <u>PRESENT:</u> | Cllr Haskell (Chairman), Cllr Smith, Cllrs Ann Hogg, Mrs Hunt, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Saunders, Mrs Stevens, Cllrs Deck, Del Mar, Ford, McGarry, Morris and Stevens. |
| <u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u> | Alison Kent (Clerk) and Cllr Kunkler. |
| <u>12/1 APOLOGIES:</u> | Cllrs Mrs Carmichael-Owen, Mrs Dalrymple, Cllrs Carder and Giles. |
| <u>12/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u> | Cllr Kerry Pycroft on item 9 (b). |
| <u>12/3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:</u> | <p>Cllr Haskell advised there was no further news on Cllr Carder at the present time. The Christmas lights across the river looked good and he thanked those Councillors involved with the installation of the councils' three Christmas trees in the John Cooke Memorial Garden. Christmas Lunch would be cooked in the Bouverie Hall and delivered to residents, with no additional funding needed at the present time. This would be extended at Easter to an "in person" lunch. Rev'd Totney was in discussion about a possible outdoor carol service in the Bouverie Hall car park on 19th December. He had attended an online meeting of the Pewsey library hub to discuss better use of the facilities available. He announced that the Clerk intended to take two weeks' annual leave from 18th December and returning on 4th January 2021. Consideration would be given over this period on whether this would be a return to the office, based on the regular review of national restrictions. Wiltshire Council had held its regular public Covid update meeting earlier and Cllr Haskell encouraged members to view the recording as the information was extremely useful. He would continue to provide his weekly updates.</p> |
| <u>12/4 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:</u> | <p>All members thanked Cllr Mrs Hunt and Cllr Deck for all their hard work on the Stonnington application comments which had needed a very quick response. Cllr Deck confirmed that he had formally applied to Wiltshire Council to start work on the Neighbourhood Development Plan review which would commence in January. He had attended an online meeting of the Malmesbury NDP group and would circulate his notes in due course.</p> |
| <u>12/5 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:</u> | <p>Cllr Ford provided an update on recent works which had been authorised. Following complaints from Pewsey Vale Coaches and other large vehicle owners having to drive on the opposite side of Broomcroft Road to avoid damage from overhanging trees, IdVerde were contracted to cut the trees back at a cost of £600. A member of the public would make a donation of £100 towards this work as one tree was sited on their land. Tree work had been completed at the Silver Road amenity area at a cost of £300 and would be considered as an addition to the annual contract. Further tree work in Silver Road would be undertaken once the chipper became available. The mini sweeper had visited the village again and would be contracted for the first Saturday in the month at a cost of £35 per hour. An Ash Die Back survey had been completed at a cost of £165 with two lots of Ash being identified for felling, a clump in the Scotchel and a weeping Ash in the cemetery and would hopefully be done in</p> |

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| | <p>the spring. During the survey, the tree specialist identified a dangerous tree in the cemetery which could cause a lot of damage to adjacent headstones if not attended to quickly. A contractor, with the necessary insurance and licences, had been instructed to carry out the work before Christmas at a cost of £450, additionally a damson tree at Easterton Lane allotments would be removed. Hollybush Lane works had been done but there were still issues which Cllr Haskell had raised with Wiltshire Council. A quotation had been obtained by the Parish Council for clearance works, Cllr Kunkler had spoken with the Highways engineer who confirmed that the work would be undertaken once the correct equipment was available. As the works did not endanger property it would not be a priority. The new outdoor gym equipment had been received well, although the surface was very muddy. Cllr Stevens was aware of this and felt it should be left a bit longer for the area to settle. It was not a safety issue. Cllr Mrs Hunt asked whether any resistance adjusters could be put on the machines, Cllr Stevens would enquire. The chapel at Wilcot Road cemetery was seeing increasing use and it was felt a more regular clean would be needed. A local person had been contracted on £12.50 per hour on a casual basis as required. Members were in unanimous agreement. The cemetery fees would be reviewed in April. Cllr Deck advised that the light at the top of Hollybush Lane had been fixed and the trees for planting in The Grove had been delivered for planting on the coming weekend.</p> | |
| <p><u>12/6 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u></p> | <p>Cllr Kunkler advised CATG would be held online on 9th December and had looked at the High Street concealed entrance request and 20mph zone which would be considered at the next meeting. He aired his concerns about holding an outdoor carol service in an area which was subject to tier 2 restrictions. He had received a few complaints about the tree lighting event that had taken place last weekend. As the Parish Council were the owners of the car park, careful consideration would need to be given in discussion with Rev'd Totney. The Leisure Centre had reopened and the Parish Council agreed to send a letter of thanks. He wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year. Cllr Ann Hogg was concerned that the planning applications that the Parish Council had objected to would not be called in. Cllr Kunkler said that he would have the option to discuss them with the planning officers and make a decision from there.</p> | |
| <p><u>12/7 POLICE MATTERS:</u></p> | <p>Cllr Ford advised that Community Speedwatch could now operate but it had been agreed to suspend activity until the New Year. The Vale Road metro count results had been received with an average speed of 29.3mph which did not meet the criteria for any interventions.</p> | |
| <p><u>12/8 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u></p> | <p>All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November were signed as a true record, by the Chairman.</p> | |
| <p><u>12/9 FINANCE:</u></p> | <p>a) Balance in Current account £31,644.17, Instant Reserve account £311,733.89 and Lloyds Business Account £60,825.00. Cllr Mrs Stevens confirmed that three new bank accounts were in the process of being opened so that the monies could be evenly spread. b) Payments, as listed, were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Stevens, all in favour. c) The notification of tree works at the cemetery at a cost of £450 was proposed by Cllr Ann Hogg, seconded Cllr McGarry, all in favour.</p> | |

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| | d) Petty Cash - opening balance £109.57, with no transactions. e) Precept 2021/22 - The Clerk confirmed that the tax base had been received and was very slightly less than last year | |
| <u>12/10 PEWSEY PRMIARY CHRISTMAS POSTER:</u> | Cllr Mrs Stevens would be collecting the entries and selecting the winners with Mrs Bond and Cllr Haskell. Chocolate prizes had been purchased. Entries would be put up on display on the windows at the entrance to the Bouverie Hall for all to see. The Clerk suggested that details were put on social media, congratulating the winners. | |
| <u>12/11 CLERK'S APPRAISAL:</u> | This item would be moved as a confidential item. | |
| <u>12/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u> | There were no members of the public present at the meeting. | |
| <u>12/13 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u> | The Clerk thanked all members for their continued support since March and wished everyone a peaceful Christmas and New Year. | |

There being no further business the Chairman moved the meeting into Confidential session.