

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER 2019
IN THE PARISH OFFICE, BOUVERIE HALL, PEWSEY

PRESENT: Cllr Eyles (Chairman), Cllr McGarry, Cllrs Mrs Carmichael-Owen, Mrs Dalrymple, Mrs Hunt, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Stevens, Cllrs Carder, Deck, Ford, Giles, Morris, Smithers and Stephens.

IN ATTENDANCE: Alison Kent (Clerk), Mr Andrews (Bowls Club), Mr Park (Rugby Club) and Mr Jeffery (Youth and Senior Football Clubs).

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs Ann Hogg, Mrs Saunders, Cllrs Del Mar, Hagan, Haskell, Smith and Stevens.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2019 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4. TENANT CLUB REPORTS:

a) Bowls Club: Mr Andrews advised that the green was looking nice and that no vandalism had been reported.

b) Football Club: Mr Jeffery explained that the first team had been recently withdrawn from their league and although half of the playing team and management team had been lost, it had been financially, the best decision at the present time. Major problems with litter continued as well as the seats being broken, constantly replacing or repairing them. All incidents were reported to the local police at the time. A letter was to be written and delivered to known people, but the situation was very hard to police. CCTV is helping and the club was looking into an upgraded system with a partnership possibly with the Bowls Club. The seating was necessary due to league requirements.

c) Tennis Club: Cllr Deck had nothing to report.

d) Rugby Club: Mr Park reported the team were doing well, third place in the second division. 60 young people were now taking part and the U11s team were mainly girls. A new tractor was helping to keep the grounds in good order. The clubhouse continued to be developed with lockable doors on the ladies' toilets and the commissioning of the heating system taking place next week. New fire regulations required an additional £7,000 of costs which had been granted by the local Co-Op. He invited all members to the Clubhouse prior to a match on 4th January at 1pm.

e) Youth Football Club: Mr Jeffery advised the club was going well with 7 teams playing. The club was working hard on getting the Charter Standard back which would allow access to revenue streams for summer tournaments. Some changes would be made to the pavilion to get it up to standard in order to make it a hireable space.

f) Heritage Centre: Cllr Giles informed members that a contractor had been approved for the works to the education block to install a kitchen and toilets. Work would commence soon on reapplying for the museum accreditation. Best wishes were passed from the Parish Council to Mr Asbury.

5. OTHER REPORTS:

a) **Cemetery and Chapel:** Cllr Ford reported all looked fine, although the damaged tree had still not been felled, Cllr Eyles would chase up the contractor.

b) **Footpaths:** Cllr Haskell was not present to report.

c) **Street Lights:** Cllr Deck had nothing to report. Cllr Eyles had reported a flickering unit at The Crescent. The Clerk would chase up Atkins on the request for lighting at the pedestrian access to the railway station. There was an urgent need to spend the grant funding. Cllr Mrs Dalrymple asked if the Council could speak the landowner to light the path from the dentist to the surgery as it

was now extremely dark. Cllr Smithers commented that part of the Campus/school car park was unlit, Cllr Mrs Dalrymple would make enquiries with the school.

d) **Seats:** Cllr Eyles advised that a few still needed to be finished. The new seat for Ball Corner would be ordered and fitted in the New Year.

e) **Allotments:**

i) **Allotment Inspection:** Bert's Meadow: Cllr Morris reported that 4 plots were very overgrown, with 1 of them allocated which would now require a mini digger costing in the region of £700. Cllr Giles suggested an alternative could be to spray the plots in February and then dig them over. Cllr Morris would consider this and come back with a proposal to be agreed at the next meeting.

ii) **Allotment Inspection:** Broadfields: Cllr Morris would take on the inspections. Cllr Eyles had received a request for a gate to be installed at the bottom end and would look into but would not treat as a priority.

iii) **Allotment Waiting List Progress Report:** The clerk advised that 8 people remained on the waiting list with 3 plots still waiting to be cleared for letting.

iv) **Updated Allotment regulations:** These had been circulated to all members for consideration. Cllr Morris explained the primary thing was to remove tenants who were not adhering to the rules and regulations in good time. After much discussion and changes to specific wording, Cllr Mrs Stevens proposed the approval of the new regulations with the amendments discussed, seconded Cllr Carder, all in favour. Cllrs Mrs Carmichael-Owen, Kerry Pycroft and Cllr Morris did not vote due to them being allotment holders.

f) **Trees (Including Way's Way):** Cllr Deck had nothing to report. Cllr Eyles advised that the works to the Willow tree in the Market Place could not be done until January and he hoped to get the Lime tree works done at the same time. The Phase 3 tenders for works at the Recreation Ground and Cemetery had been sent to four contractors. Cllr Ford reported that most of the trees on the Gleeson development site had been removed but he thought that some had to be kept. Cllr Deck would look at the approved plans and comment. Cllr Deck would ask Cllr Ann Hogg to raise the issue of replacement planting at the surgery, through the Patient Participation Group.

g) **Scotchel:** Cllr Ford reported all was fine.

h) **River Avon/Kennet & Avon Canal:** Cllr Kerry Pycroft advised that the Surfers Against Sewage group had cleared 7 bags of rubbish from the litter on 2nd November, a 180m stretch back from the garage. The Co-Op had been asked to put a message out to customers to put their rubbish into a bin. There was nothing to report on the Kennet & Avon canal.

i) **Recreation Ground and Rectory Grove:** Cllr Mrs Hunt advised the leaves had been cleared off the Grove path and the Recreation Ground was OK apart from some bits of litter and the football club gate was being put back up.

j) **Play Areas:**

Broadfields: Cllr Stephens reported all was OK.

Aston Close: Cllr Mrs Carmichael-Owen reported all OK apart from the swings being thrown around the top.

Easterton Lane: Cllr Mrs Hunt had been unable to check the area but knew that Idverde was checking the site on weekly a weekly basis.

Broomcroft Road: Cllr Kerry Pycroft advised she had flattened the mole hills in the small play area. The bench and matting had still not been fixed.

k) **Angela Yeates Memorial Ground and Youth Football ground:** Cllr Ford reported that both the youth football and rugby club grounds were spotlessly clean.

l) **Litter:** Cllr Smith was not present to report although he had advised that it was better recently. Cllr Eyles reiterated that the litter pickers did not pick up on private land, only on Parish Council land and en-route to litter bin sites.

m) **Toilets:** Cllr Mrs Carmichael-Owen commented that the handwash system was very cold and the Clerk would check whether hot water and air should be produced.

n) **Car Parks:** Cllr Mrs Hunt had nothing to report.

o) **White Horse:** Cllr Giles had seen the new contractor recently, the horse currently looked awful but it would be endured until the growth started again, then the herbicide would work. He had also seen the volunteer leader who was anxious to do some whitening possibly with hydrated lime.

6. PARISH STEWARD/HIGHWAYS: Cllr Eyles advised the next visit would take place on 17th to 19th December.

7. EMERGENCY/FLOOD PLAN REVIEW: Cllr Ford advised that 4 local farmers had agreed to be included as contacts in the emergency plan which needed to be completed.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

None. Discussions would take place at the next Full Council regarding the requirements of the Parish Council for the Village Ranger during snow and ice events.

There were no payments for approval or quotations for acceptance.

9. ITEMS FOR THE MESSENGER: Items should be sent to Cllr Mrs Stevens before 10th January.

10. ANY FULL COUNCIL INFORMATION AND ACTION: None.

11. ITEMS VIA THE CLERK: None.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____