

**PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE**  
**ON 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 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, Ford, McGarry, Morris, Smithers and Stevens.
<b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler and five members of the public.
<b><u>2/1 APOLOGIES:</u></b>	Cllrs Carder, Del Mar, Giles and Stephens.
<b><u>2/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u></b>	Cllr Deck on the discussion relating to yew trees at the Tennis Club.
<b><u>2/3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Haskell welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised the members of the public that they were not allowed to speak during the meeting until agenda item 15, Public Participation. They would be asked to identify themselves and ask questions which the Council would endeavour to answer. He particularly welcomed a member of the public who had recently been unwell.</p> <p>There was no update on Cllr Carder. Cllr Del Mar had relocated to another part of Wiltshire and would therefore not be standing for re-election in May. He would help, if required, with the review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>Following the changes with the Environment Committee, Cllr Ford would stand down as Vice-Chair of Finance. Cllr Morris had volunteered to assist Cllr Mrs Stevens as required until elections took place.</p> <p>The "Election Costs to Town and Parish Councils" agenda item on last week's Wiltshire Cabinet meeting had been withdrawn after concerns were expressed by Pewsey and many other councils. Charges for this years' election were not expected to be made. He hoped that this election, with the expectation of 6-8 vacancies and irrespective of cost, would be advertised in good time.</p> <p>There was no further news on changes to be made with the wardens at Meadow Court but with the help of Cllr Kunkler, the Parish Council would take an active role in developments.</p> <p>No objections had been made to Cllr Mrs Dalrymple's offer to remain the Council's representative on the Bouverie Hall Committee. She and Cllr Smith would remain as school governors. Cllr Haskell had kept in regular touch with both schools and had been pleased to see the report from the Headteacher of Pewsey Vale School which had been circulated. It had highlighted the achievements during what had been a very difficult time for everyone involved.</p>
<b><u>2/4 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Deck confirmed that the committee had voted in support of the full planning and listed building consent at Sharcott Manor. He advised that he would declare an interest on the High Street application that had just been received. The Council had given its support to letters sent by WALPA to local MPs. Cllr Haskell thanked Cllr Deck for his continued involvement.</p> <p>At this point Cllr Mrs Hunt asked the unidentified member of the public to identify themselves to which there was no response.</p>
<b><u>2/5 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Ford had circulated his report. Concerns had been raised about a line of yew trees adjacent to the Tennis Club with an indicative quotation obtained. Due to the cost involved, further quotes were being sought with conservation area consent likely to be required. Nesting season was imminent so Cllr Ford felt the works should wait and discussion take place with the club to seek a contribution.</p> <p>A resident had complained for some years to Wiltshire Council that tree roots were causing damage to her path. Cllr Ford had visited the site last year as the Parish Council now had responsibility and</p>

	<p>undertaken some remedial works, but further works were now needed. Wiltshire Council could be asked to do it as it should have been done by them some time ago. It was agreed the Parish Council should just get on with the work.</p> <p>The tree work in the cemetery had been completed and minor repairs to the roof undertaken. Gas Brow Hill footpath was in a poor state and had been added to the Parish Steward task list.</p> <p>Cllr McGarry provided an update on the defibrillators as there had been issues recently with the equipment. He had become aware that a software update was required and was discussing how best this could be achieved with Community Heartbeat and would report back at the next Full Council.</p>	DM
<b><u>2/6 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Kunkler congratulated Cllr Ann Hogg on her co-ordination of the vaccination clinics which had been very impressively run. He thanked Cllr Deck for his help with the Community Area Transport Group as it he would be standing down in May. The A345 update was that “slow” markings would be painted and a metro count take place at some point in the near future. The next Area Board meeting would take place online on 8<sup>th</sup> March with several grant applications to be considered, the next one under a new council on 24<sup>th</sup> May. Elections would be taking place on 6<sup>th</sup> May with the public encouraged to register for postal votes. Unitary counts would take place on 8<sup>th</sup> May and Town and Parish counts on 9<sup>th</sup> May. Polling stations should be open as normal. Parish election costs had not been debated at the Cabinet meeting as the proposal had not gone before the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>Cllr McGarry offered to assist Cllr Kunkler with the consultation questions for residents at Meadow Court.</p>	DM
<b><u>2/7 POLICE MATTERS:</u></b>	<p>There was nothing to report and Community Speedwatch had ceased due to national lockdown. Cllr Kunkler had asked for community reports to be provided in some format.</p>	
<b><u>2/8 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u></b>	<p>All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January were signed as a true record, by the Chairman.</p>	
<b><u>2/9 FINANCE:</u></b>	<p>a) Balance in Current account £19, 004.49 Instant Reserve account £311,739.18 and Lloyds Business Account £60,811.00. Cllr Mrs Stevens confirmed the Clerk was in the process of opening new bank accounts to evenly spread council funds.</p> <p>b) Payments, as listed, were proposed for approval by Cllr Morris, seconded Cllr Stevens, all in favour.</p> <p>c) There were no quotations for acceptance.</p> <p>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £103.54, postage £31.68 (allotment rent), leaving cash in hand £71.86.</p>	
<b><u>2/10 PEWSEY COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Deck reported from a meeting attended on 21<sup>st</sup> January. Concerns about the election charges had been raised, particularly as there had been no consultation. The matter had been withdrawn from the Cabinet meeting. Discussion on electric charging points had taken place, including the possibility of obtaining grants. Cllr McGarry asked whether a charging point would affect the free parking policy in place, Cllr Haskell would check with the Campus.</p>	CH
<b><u>2/11 WHEELED SPORTS:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Mrs Hunt reported that she wished to appoint an acoustic consultant. Although Cllr Smithers had obtained a quotation, Cllr Mrs Hunt’s preferred company was the same that Marlborough Town Council had used. The cost for all three sites to be tested was £1,614 including travel expenses. This would be funded from ringfenced S.106 monies, proposed Cllr Ford, seconded Cllr McGarry, all in favour. The consultant would wait for calmer, quieter weather and should be done after lockdown.</p>	

<b><u>2/12 WALKERS ARE WELCOME ACCREDITATION SCHEME:</u></b>	Cllr Kerry Pycroft informed members that this was a national scheme which was being promoted by the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership. Criteria such as designated walks, proper signage and support for local businesses and hospitality needed to be met. Cllr Deck, who had heard the presentation at PCAP said it would be good for the economy and the parishes in the area and proposed support, seconded Cllr Mrs Dalrymple, all in favour. Cllr McGarry hoped that the accreditation could be used on the Council's letters and media.	
<b><u>2/13 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u></b>	Cllr Ann Hogg had attended a meeting on 2 <sup>nd</sup> February with work ongoing to identify sites and raise funds. The option of involvement with the sale of the police station was being investigated.	
<b><u>2/14 PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP:</u></b>	Cllr Ann Hogg thanked everyone who had volunteered and helped out with the clinics so far. No vaccinations had been wasted and all those involved should be extremely proud. The next session would be a Saturday morning only trial at Marlborough Leisure Centre. It was hoped to do more in a shorter space of time. She had offered the Bouverie Hall again as a vaccination site but it was preferred to do the clinics in the surgeries rather than in someone else's building.	
<b><u>2/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u></b>	A member of the public, who had not previously attended, said it was lovely to see how well behaved the meeting was. She informed the meeting that the Gardening Club would manage the grounds at the Bouverie Hall in a limited way in order to return them to wild flower areas but wished to clarify whether the oak had a Tree Protection Order. Cllr Deck would check and confirm. A member of the public confirmed the Bouverie Hall had been booked for the upcoming elections and would be risk assessed by Wiltshire Council. The Carnival had helped with the vaccination clinics by providing marquees. Cllr Ann Hogg was thanked for the wonderful organisation and the Youth Football Club for the lighting. The Parish Council was a credit to the village and thanked for all it did. Another member of the public agreed.	<b>PD</b>
<b><u>2/16 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u></b>	The Clerk advised that an invitation to apply for the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition had been received but it was considered not to be a suitable time to do so. She explained the elections process. Nomination packs would be made available, the deadline being 4pm on 8 <sup>th</sup> April. She would confirm that warding had been removed as it was not clear. Business could continue up to election day on 6 <sup>th</sup> May. The national Census 2021 would take place on 21 <sup>st</sup> March with information being gathered online where possible. Both events would be publicised as much as possible at the right time.	

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

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