

**PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE**  
**ON 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021 at 7.00pm**

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Cllr Haskell (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs Carmichael-Owen, Mrs Dalrymple, Ann Hogg, Mrs Hunt, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Saunders, Mrs Stevens, Cllrs Deck, Ford, McGarry, Morris and Stevens.
<b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler, Mrs Wilson (PCAP) and 18 members of the public.
<b><u>3/1 APOLOGIES:</u></b>	Cllrs Carder, Del Mar, Giles and Stephens.
<b><u>3/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u></b>	None.
<b><u>3/3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Haskell welcomed everyone to the meeting. Should anyone wish to say something against a particular agenda item he was happy to allow this. Questions not covered by an agenda item could be raised under item 17, Public Participation. People should state their name prior to speaking.</p> <p>He continued, it had been a difficult year for everyone and it was hoped that there seemed to be some light down the tunnel. This was the last meeting of the current financial year and the next meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April the last meeting of the current council. As published on the website and social media, all existing Councillors would stand down so there would be 21 vacancies to be decided at the election on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Full Council is usually held on the second Tuesday of the month but in this election year it would be held on the third Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May as the results would not be known until 9<sup>th</sup> May which was legally too late for and 11<sup>th</sup> May meeting to be announced. It was hoped that restrictions would be lifted sufficiently by then to allow for an outdoor in-person meeting to take place.</p> <p>Cllr Ann Hogg had kept everyone regularly updated with all the success that has been achieved by the KAMP vaccination programme. It had been very rewarding for all those involved in the marshalling and a very special thank you to Ann for organising it so well.</p> <p>He reported that Cathy Waring had been appointed as the new Chairman of the Bouverie Hall and wished her well, whilst also thanking Jean Ricard for her term as Chairman, especially over the last difficult year. Cllr Mrs Dalrymple remained the Parish Council's representative.</p> <p>Susie Brew had thanked the council for its support of the Walks for Wiltshire initiative, she would be happy to give a presentation. She had pointed out that in addition to council support, at least 5% of the Pewsey Vale population needed to register their individual support. She would send the link to share amongst the community. She also needed to know, via Cllr Kerry Pycroft, of areas that were preferred not to be used for parking, such as outside churches.</p> <p>It is hoped that face to face meetings could return soon. Zoom and email has helped deal with council matters to the best of its ability and the technology should be embraced moving forward. Cllr Mrs Hunt would demonstrate how it could be used for the Planning Committee at item 4.</p>
<b><u>3/4 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Deck had little to report as the bulletins were up to date. He had attended meetings with WALPA and Danny Kruger MP.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Hunt had spoken with Cllr Smithers about the use of Zoom in future planning meetings and she demonstrated how plans could be shared onscreen. Cllr Deck would continue his bulletins until the end of April. Cllr Haskell agreed that there was less debate in Zoom meetings than in person but there was opportunity to embrace new ways of working going forward.</p>

<p><b><u>3/5 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:</u></b></p>	<p>Cllr Ford had not circulated a report as there was little to report. He had undertaken a few jobs but more could be done once lockdown restrictions were eased.</p> <p>He had mentioned a 5-year Environment plan and a member of the public asked him what that entailed. Cllr Ford explained it was not an extensive plan but to log tasks that may require revisiting in the future, as additional tasks to the regular contract.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Hunt advised that volunteers had done work around the perimeter of the Goddard Road car park and asked for donations of any spare bulbs. The Roots and Shoots group also helped around the village.</p> <p>A member of the public asked about electric vehicle charging points. Cllr Haskell stated that he was in discussion with Wiltshire Council and was aware of the need to be prepared for more designated points. Cllr Ford stated there were a number of private charging points around the village.</p> <p>Cllr Ford reminded members of the map that had been drawn up dividing the parish into quadrants so that defects could be reported in relation to where they lived. Members of the public would be encouraged to do the same.</p> <p>A member of the public asked whether the Parish Council supported the principle of solar panels on the Bouverie Hall which it did.</p>	
<p><b><u>3/6 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u></b></p>	<p>Cllr Kunkler advised that the budget for 2021/22 had been agreed. The police report presented at the recent Area Board meeting could be circulated to the Parish Council as it no longer received its own report. Pewsey organisations had received a lot of grant support from the last set of applications, with the monies for the youth fun day being transferred to PCAP. He confirmed that the Local Youth Network had not met since late 2019 due to the pandemic. It was hoped that the Campus could reopen on 12<sup>th</sup> April which was the earliest date in the Government roadmap.</p> <p>Mrs Wilson advised that the LYN had continued its work throughout the year, particularly with mental health funding and support. Young people were being encouraged to suggest activities and needs via their parents. Cllr Haskell thanked Cllr Kunkler for the distribution of grant funding for the sports clubs as he believed that they and the Campus were essential, basic needs. He continued to engage with the young people and would support any initiatives put forward, as long as they were viable for those involved.</p> <p>Mrs Wilson explained that the LYN funding was for 13-18 year olds, extended to 25 year olds for those with special needs. Outside of school, most teenagers wanted unstructured activity and a place to hang out. The under 13s preferred sport, music or computer activity but there was little funding available. The same volunteers were always involved with very few people offering to help.</p>	
<p><b><u>3/7 POLICE MATTERS:</u></b></p>	<p>Cllr Ford advised that the police would be undertaking speed checks although the volunteer teams could not commence until after 29<sup>th</sup> March. There was a lack of volunteers and anyone could join, not only councillors. Cllr Deck had been disappointed to hear of graffiti at the Tennis Club and anti-social behaviour at Broomcroft Park which had been recently reported.</p>	
<p><b><u>3/8 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u></b></p>	<p>All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February were signed as a true record, by the Chairman.</p>	
<p><b><u>3/9 FINANCE:</u></b></p>	<p>a) Balance in Current account £7,466.62 Instant Reserve account £311,741.57 and Lloyds Business Account £60,804.50.</p> <p>b) Payments, as listed, were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, all in favour.</p>	

	<p>c) There were no quotations for acceptance. The Clerk advised that a quotation had been sought for the cleaning and sanitisation of the equipment in each of the 7 play areas.</p> <p>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £71.86, consumables £1.89, leaving cash in hand £69.97.</p> <p>A member of the public interjected asking why the funds set aside for youth services had not been spent. Cllr Haskell explained that youth activities had been supported but through other annual budgets such as S.137, thereby allowing the ringfenced money to remain at £20,000. S.106 funds of £246,093.78 had been received following the service devolution and asset transfer but were ringfenced for capital and maintenance expenditure on specific items, as per the original legal agreement signed between the developers and Wiltshire Council. Cllr Deck explained, for the benefit of the public, how S.106 developer contributions worked.</p>	
<b><u>3/10 COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Deck reported from a meeting attended on 10<sup>th</sup> February. There were three items discussed that related to Pewsey:</p> <p>Old Hospital Road junction - this would be revisited once the new housing had been completed.</p> <p>High Street - a resident had requested signage at the exit of their property. Following a site meeting no further action would be taken as the exit had existed for many years with no incidents reported.</p> <p>Speeding near the railway station - still waiting for the traffic survey.</p> <p>Cllr Haskell thanked Cllr Deck for all his hard work that he had undertaken during his time representing the council on CATG.</p>	
<b><u>3/11 WHEELED SPORTS:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Mrs Hunt briefly gave the history to the project which had been ongoing for many years. The 2019 planning application had been withdrawn by the Wiltshire Council Environment Health officer due to concerns raised on their own acoustic report. Objections from local residents had also been received. The Council had continued to research potential sites and a new acoustic consultant had been appointed to test and provide a report on three sites; Broomcroft Park, the Campus and Wilcot Road playing fields. The tests would be undertaken in the late spring once noise levels returned to normal ensuring a realistic outcome.</p> <p>A member of the public thanked the Council for pursuing the project as did Mrs Wilson who had been involved for over 6 years.</p>	
<b><u>3/12 DEFIBRILLATORS:</u></b>	<p>Cllr McGarry reported that he had continued to check all the parish defibrillators but had found a battery issue on two machines when they had only recently been replaced. Following investigation, it transpired there was a software issue with older units that required a safety recall notice to be issued. A new update was being written and the warranty on all machines would be increased to ten years and covered on insurance. Cllr McGarry was thanked for all his efforts as it seemed it was a national problem that had not been previously identified.</p>	
<b><u>3/13 BUS SHELTERS:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Mrs Saunders had noticed for some time that there was no bus shelter on A345 at Fordbrook and with more people using the railway station felt that the provision of a shelter should be considered. The issue would be raised with CATG as permission from highways would be needed. Cllr Morris reminded members there used to be one on Vale Road which had been removed since the bus route changed.</p>	
<b><u>3/14 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Ann Hogg advised the AGM would take place on 11<sup>th</sup> May.</p>	
<b><u>3/15 SPRING TO LIFE PROJECT:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Kerry Pycroft had met to discuss the project with PCCA. Seven local schools were involved with their artwork to be displayed by the local shops and businesses. There would also be online activities.</p>	

	PCCA had completed a risk assessment and sent a copy to the Parish Council. The displays would be in place for a month from 21 <sup>st</sup> March.	
<b><u>3/16 RIVER AVON GROUP:</u></b>	Cllr Kerry Pycroft informed members of the newly established Pewsey Avon River Restoration group (PARR). There was a lot of local enthusiasm, expertise and knowledge with a litter pick taking place shortly as well as plans for a survey.	
<b><u>3/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u></b>	<p>A member of the public asked why fences had been placed in Broomcroft Park which had subsequently been pulled down as it seemed to be a waste of money, Cllr Stevens explained that they had been installed for the safety of others as bicycle users had made their own trails without the permission of the Parish Council.</p> <p>A member of the public was curious why the outdoor gym equipment appeared to come with no instructions, Cllr Stevens explained that the user instructions were on each piece of equipment.</p> <p>Unfortunately, because of lockdown restrictions, the Council had been unable to have a formal opening.</p> <p>A member of the public asked whether nets could be put on the goal posts at the kickabout area at Easterton Lane, Cllr Stevens would investigate costs.</p> <p>A member of the public asked which areas of responsibility the five year preventative maintenance plan would cover. Cllr Ford advised it covered items that had been regularly reported to the council rather than currently managed.</p> <p>A member of the public asked if the Parish Council could do anything to support growth of the market, Cllr Mrs Hunt suggested that the member of the public could help develop and publicise it.</p> <p>A member of the public expressed regret that David Smith had resigned.</p>	
<b><u>3/18 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u></b>	The Clerk reminded members of the upcoming national Census on 21 <sup>st</sup> March and the elections on 6 <sup>th</sup> May with the closing date for nominations being 4pm on 8 <sup>th</sup> April.	

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.48pm.

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