

**PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE BOUVERIE HALL ON 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021 at 7.00pm**

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Cllrs Mrs Brindley, Mrs Dalrymple, Mrs Ellis, Ann Hogg, Mrs Humfress, Mrs Hunt, Judy Kunkler, Mrs Mundy, Mrs Pullen, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Turner, Cllrs Ford, Garrett, Giles, Haskell, King, McGarry, Morris and Smithers.
<b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler, Mrs Waring (Chair of Bouverie Hall), 7 members of the public in person and 2 members of the public online.
<b><u>5/1 ELECTION OF CHAIR:</u></b>	Nominations had been requested prior to the meeting. Cllr Haskell, having received the only valid nomination, was proposed by Cllr Ann Hogg, seconded Cllr Mrs Dalrymple, all in favour and congratulated by the meeting. (The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed).
<b><u>5/2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR:</u></b>	Nominations had been requested prior to the meeting. Cllr Ann Hogg, having received the only valid nomination, was proposed by Cllr McGarry, seconded Cllr Ford, all in favour and congratulated by the meeting.
<b><u>5/3 APOLOGIES:</u></b>	Cllr Carder.
<b><u>5/4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u></b>	Cllrs Mrs Humfress, Mrs Stevens and Cllr Haskell on item 10 (b).
<b><u>5/5 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:</u></b>	The Chairman gave a very warm welcome congratulated everyone on being elected or re-elected to Pewsey Parish Council. It promised to be a challenging and exciting time in the months ahead, as the country moved out of the pandemic, he looked forward to working with everyone to achieve the best possible outcomes for the parish. As a Parish Council, rather than a Town Council, there was an advantage of not having to align with any political party and can all be independent of party politics. Of course, there would be a wide range of opinions amongst the members, but he hoped that healthy and respectful debates could take place to reach decisions democratically and in the best interests of the community that members have been elected to serve. He invited each member to introduce themselves and provide a bit of information about any particular skills that could be offered or areas of interest that they would like to be involved in. The council was fully aware that some work full time or have other commitments which precluded daytime meetings, but if attendance at online meetings was an occasional option it would be good to know. Meetings with Wiltshire Council officers and many other outside agencies are likely to be done this way from now on. Such meetings would generally be exploratory in nature, to investigate issues or ideas, but all information would be brought back to committee for voting. Cllr Mrs Ellis declared full disclosure of her husband's legal dispute with the Parish Council.
<b><u>5/6 POLICE REPORT:</u></b>	There was no police report to present. Cllr Ford advised that he wished to pass on the Co-ordinator role to someone new. Sessions would be recommenced as soon as it was allowable and new volunteers would be welcomed.
<b><u>5/7 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u></b>	Cllr Kunkler thanked those who had re-elected him to Wiltshire Council and wished good luck to the new Parish Council. The new Leader of Wiltshire Council was Cllr Richard Clewer with the new Cabinet being announced that day. Cllr Kunkler was no longer the portfolio holder for Leisure, but had been selected for the Environment Select Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny

	<p>Committee. He would continue in his role as Chairman of the Area Board and Community Area Transport Group (CATG). The next Area Board would be held on 28<sup>th</sup> June, CATG 23<sup>rd</sup> June, possibly at Pewsey Vale Rugby Club. Wiltshire Council had 38 new members, with climate change becoming the major focus along with enabling the business community to get back on its feet after the last year.</p>	
<b><u>5/8 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u></b>	All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> April were signed as a true record, by the Chairman.	
<b><u>5/9 ELECTIONS:</u></b>	<p>Nominations had been requested prior to the meeting:</p> <p>a) Chair of Finance and Strategic Management - Cllr Mrs Stevens was proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded Cllr Smithers, all in favour. b) Vice-Chair of Finance and Strategic Management - Cllr Ford and Cllr Morris. Cllr Ford withdrew his nomination. Cllr Morris was proposed by Cllr Ford, seconded Cllr Ann Hogg, all in favour. c) Chair of Planning - Cllr Mrs Hunt was proposed by Cllr Mrs Dalrymple, seconded Cllr Smithers, all in favour. d) Vice-Chair of Planning - Cllr Smithers was proposed by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Kerry Pycroft, all in favour. e) Chair of Environment - Cllr Ford was proposed Cllr Morris, seconded Cllr Kerry Pycroft, all in favour. f) Vice-Chair of Environment - Cllr Mrs Dalrymple and Cllr McGarry. Cllr Mrs Dalrymple withdrew her nomination. Cllr McGarry was proposed by Cllr Ann Hogg, seconded Cllr Morris, all in favour.</p>	
<b><u>5/10 FINANCE:</u></b>	<p>a) Balance in Current account £71,016.23 Instant Reserve account £131,746.74, Lloyds Business Account £60,798.00, Nationwide Savings Account £85,000.00, Cambridge Building Society £85,000.00. b) Payments, as listed, were proposed for approval by Cllr Ann Hogg, seconded Cllr Smithers, all in favour. c) There were no quotations for acceptance. d) Petty Cash - opening balance £69.97; postage £1.70, consumables £3.68 totalling £5.38 leaving £64.59.</p> <p>Now that the elections had taken place, the Clerk advised that the authorised signatories be reviewed and should include Cllr Ann Hogg, Cllr Mrs Hunt and Cllr Ford on the list.</p>	<b>AK</b>
<b><u>5/11 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</u></b>	<p>The list of roles and responsibilities for members had been circulated during the induction sessions in order to give thought to what might be areas of interest. Some of the organisations required regular attendance, some just needed an awareness of current issues that may affect the parish. Cllr Haskell went through the list and members volunteered as they saw fit, with the list and website being updated accordingly. Any other members interested in specific areas could be emailed to the Clerk. Cllr Ford mentioned the quadrant map idea with any environment issues to be reported to the Clerk who would signpost to the correct organisation. Cllr Mrs Mundy felt that landowners should be encouraged to take responsibility for their own land. Cllr Ann Hogg advised that every business owner had received a letter requesting them to keep their areas tidy and free of weeds. There were lots of volunteers doing lots of things, especially the litter pickers.</p>	
<b><u>5/12 PEWSEY VALE RUGBY CLUB:</u></b>	The Parish Council had been consulted on the rugby club's licence application. Following discussion where some concerns were raised about the lateness of Friday and Saturday, Cllr Mrs Hunt proposed the application be supported, seconded Cllr Giles, 17 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions.	

<b><u>5/13 LOCAL HISTORY PROJECT:</u></b>	Cllr Giles sought approval to design and purchase a commemorative placque for the ten men of Pewsey who had been transported to Tasmania following the Threshers' Riots of 1830. It would be placed in the John Cooke Memorial Garden in the Market Place. Cllr Ford proposed support, seconded Cllr Mrs Dalrymple, all in favour.	<b>RG</b>
<b><u>5/14 CLERK'S APPRAISAL:</u></b>	Cllr Haskell reported that the Staffing Committee and the Clerk had met on 5 <sup>th</sup> May to undertake the Clerk's annual appraisal. Following which an increase of 1 scale point was recommended. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr McGarry, all in favour.	
<b><u>5/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u></b>	A member of the public expressed an interest in joining the Neighbourhood Development Plan Review group. Mrs Waring advised that the Bouverie Hall would be opening a socially distanced café on Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May from 9.30am to 11.00am. A member of the public asked whether any monitoring of gases had taken place at the Everleigh recycling centre since it had been closed. Cllr Kunkler would seek clarification from DEFRA.	<b>JK</b>
<b><u>5/16 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u></b>	The Clerk thanked everyone for their assistance and patience in ensuring this first in-person meeting could take place safely and in accordance with the Council's risk assessment.	

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.37pm.

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