

**PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th JULY 2021
IN THE PARISH OFFICE, BOUVERIE HALL, PEWSEY**

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs Hunt (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs Brindley, Ann Hogg and Judith Kunkler, Cllrs Haskell, McGarry and Morris.

IN ATTENDANCE: Alison Kent (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs Dalrymple, Ellis, Mrs Humfress, Mrs Mundy, Mrs Pullen, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Turner, Cllrs Carder, Ford, Garrett, Giles and Smithers.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2020 were signed as a true record by the Chairman. Acceptance of the Planning Committee bulletins since 17th March 2020 were proposed acceptance by Cllr Haskell, seconded Cllr Ann Hogg, all in favour.

4. PLANNING: Decisions from Wiltshire Council

20/06557/OUT - OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION REFUSED for 50no. dwellings, following demolition of existing buildings, with all matters apart from access reserved for future consideration at Land west of Wilcot Road, Pewsey for Dunmoore Properties Ltd.

There were many and various reasons for refusal, the main ones being:- the proposed development was not sustainable, it conflicted with NPPF policies for protected areas, it was not sustainable for transport, it was against the development strategy of the Pewsey NDP, it would have a possible adverse effect on the River Avon special area of conversation, and against NPPF infrastructure.

The lengthy case officer's report was available online for reading and gives the full history of the site and the many applications. It clearly states that the need for affordable housing in Pewsey cannot be described as "acute", the Pewsey community area has the 5th lowest number of households on the housing register in Wiltshire and statistics show "...it is clear there is no strategic need to currently deliver new sites in Pewsey..." due to the level of completions and supply committed in the Pewsey Community Area.

A new application (PL/2021/06554) had been received from the same developer for a mixed development of 30 houses on the same site but in a reduced area. Comments are required by 26th August and members were encouraged to share the details as much as possible. This application would be discussed at the next Planning Committee to be held on 18th August 2021.

5. PLANNING: Plans for Discussion

1. PL/2021/06733 - NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA T1 – Copper Beech tree – crown reduce by 3m at The White House, Swan Road, Pewsey.

NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE OF THE ARBORICULTURALIST

Proposed Cllr Mrs Hunt, seconded Cllr Ann Hogg

All in favour

2. PL/2021/06003 - HOUSEHOLDER PLANNING APPLICATION for removal of garden wall, proposed fence, single storey side extension, second floor dormer windows and parking bay at 1 Rowan Close, Pewsey. Letters of objection were read out and considered.

WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION. WE FEEL A TIMBER FENCE IS OUT OF CHARACTER WITH THE ESTATE. REBUILDING A BRICK WALL IN THE NEW POSITION, PREFERABLY WITH NEW PALNTING IN FRONT, WOULD BE MORE IN KEEPING AND MAINTAIN THE EXISTING CHARACTER.

WE DO NOT SUPPORT THE DORMER PROPOSAL BUT WOULD SUPPORT VELUX WINDOWS.

Proposed Cllr Morris, seconded Cllr McGarry

All in favour

6. COMMUNITY LAND TRUST: Cllr Ann Hogg had circulated a report to all members, setting out the current position in order for a formal resolution to be made at the next Full Council. It was disappointing that so few members had attended for the discussion.

The CLT had made its bid to the Police and Crime Commissioners' office which had been accepted. The Parish Council would be asked to give the old toilets block and bus shelter to the scheme so that they council be incorporated within the design. The Millennium clock and defibrillator would also be re-sited. The Memorandum of Understanding had been circulated for discussion.

Cllr Morris reminded those present that there was an overwhelming desire for this proposal to happen as it would be a huge asset to the village. The Council should advertise its support and promote the project as much as possible. All legal costs should be picked up by the developer, with the freehold to remain with the CLT. There would be a public consultation taking place on 25th September as part of the Pewsey Is Open event.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE: Cllr Mrs Hunt confirmed that a grant had been offered and confirmed following the return of the due diligence forms. More of the draft review documents would be sent out to members. Not many major changes were envisaged but a greater emphasis would be placed on the Environment, Climate Change and the importance of appropriately designed new developments and the properties within them.

8. FULL COUNCIL INFORMATION AND ACTION: Cllr Haskell reported that as far as he was aware Cllr Carder was comfortable following his recent operation.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Council Insurance renewal was due and it had not been realised that the current 5 year plan had been completed. She had sought three competitive like-for-like quotations but only two had been received, with one unable to offer the play area inspection option.

Zurich had provided quotations for 1, 3 and 5 year renewals, Came and Co for 1 and 3 years. Came and Co did not provide a play area inspection quotation. It was agreed to compare the 3 year renewal cost (less the play area inspection cost on the Zurich quotation).

Came and Co 3 year £2,773.98

Zurich 3 year £2,582.12 inspections

Cllr Morris asked for it to be investigated whether the Zurich play area inspections would be needed now that Idverde undertook weekly inspections as part of the grounds maintenance contract.

Cllr Ann Hogg proposed the acceptance of the Zurich Insurance quotation and for the 5 year period, seconded Cllr Haskell, all in favour.

Cllr Morris had received a letter about the provision of water at the Broadfields allotment site, it was agreed to fund the cost of a site visit from Wessex Water.

9. ITEMS VIA THE CLERK: The clerk advised she was still unable to identify who had been responsible for demolishing the cemetery shed and fly tipped the majority of the wood onto Network Rail land. The incident had been reported to the police and a crime reference number obtained. The Chairman wished for it to be minuted that it was disappointing to see the lack of attendance by members for this meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.09pm.

Post meeting note: whilst it is recognised that all Councillors need not attend all committee meetings, it was regretful that so few Councillors felt able to attend this first meeting in the Parish Office for some months. Whilst most Councillors did send their apologies, few gave reasons and some did not bother to reply at all, despite the second request. Accepting holidays and Covid pinging had some effect, it is important that we understand why there was such a lack of attendance.

Signed..... Date.....