

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE BOUVERIE HALL ON 11th JANUARY 2022 at 7.00pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr Haskell (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs Brindley, Mrs Cobbing, Mrs Dalrymple, Ellis, Mrs Humfress, Mrs Hunt, Judy Kunkler, Mrs Mundy, Mrs Pullen, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Turner, Cllrs Ford, Giles, King, McGarry and Smithers.
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk), two students from Pewsey Vale School and a member of the public.
<u>1/1 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllrs Garrett and Morris. Cllr Kunkler (WC) also sent his apologies.
<u>1/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	Cllr Mrs Brindley on item 8 (b).
<u>1/3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:</u>	<p>The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year and said it had been a great start upon hearing the news that former Cllr Deck had received the British Empire Medal in the Queen's New Years' Honours. Sadly, the good start had not lasted as he had received, and accepted, the resignation of Cllr Ann Hogg for personal reasons. He thanked her for all her work as a Parish Councillor as she had brought a high level of professionalism and organisational skills, especially during the service devolution, asset transfer and IdVerde contract negotiations. She had also stood down from the Community Land Trust and Patient Participation Group.</p> <p>He welcome Cllr Mrs Cobbing to her first Full Council meeting. He advised that Cllr Mrs Mundy had joined the PPG to represent the Parish Council and would also welcome a volunteer to join the CLT, as an observer only.</p> <p>He reminded members that it was only 2½ months until the end of the financial year and that his last meeting as Chairman would be on 8th March.</p> <p>It had been fortunate to see the Devizes Young Farmers Christmas Tractor procession through Pewsey on 19th December; he asked the Clerk to send a small donation and letter of thanks.</p> <p>He and the Clerk had attended an online meeting with the new leader of Wiltshire Council, Cllr Clewer, and CEO Mr Herbert. It was expected to only be able to listen, however, he had been able to talk about the management of the SDAT, disappointment on outstanding issues (primarily Highways) and concerns about the Parish Steward scheme. This had resulted in a meeting with the new Highways Engineer to take place on 12th January which he would attend with Cllr Ford and the Clerk.</p> <p>He spoke about the upcoming Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations from 2nd to 5th June. It was expected the Coopers' field to be used for a family fair and the Carnival to organise an afternoon tea. The Council would be part of the ongoing discussions. A member of the public had sent an email making suggestions for a more permanent tribute which would be circulated to all members for consideration. Further ideas (with costs where possible) to be presented at the next Full Council on 8th February.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Brindley asked whether a beacon would be lit, the Clerk would arrange this and Cllr McGarry would speak with the landowner. He advised that the manager of the Co-Op was to leave at the end of the month and had enjoyed his time in the village.</p>
<u>1/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u>	Cllr Kunkler was not present but there was little to report. The next CATG meeting would be held on 9 th February and the Council were urged to submit their preferred bus shelter for A345 with costs as soon as possible. The next Area Board would be held on 28 th February, venue to be decided.

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	The Full Council would be held on 15 th February and would determine the budget for the coming year. The planned meeting for Town and Parish Councils on 21 st January had been postponed.	
<u>1/5 POLICE MATTERS:</u>	Discussions were ongoing with the Police and Crime Commissioner with further debate at the next PCAP meeting. An increase to the police precept of £10 month had been suggested by the PCC. Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress advised the device was in Pewsey and sessions would be held once the weather improved. They would be accompanied by a police officer towards the end of the month.	
<u>1/6 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u>	All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 14 th December were signed as a true record, by the Chairman.	
<u>1/7 ADOPTION OF MINUTES SINCE LAST MEETING:</u>	Cllr Mrs Hunt proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 28 th July, 18 th August, 22 nd September, 20 th October, 24 th November, seconded Cllr Smithers, all in favour. Cllr Judy Kunkler proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 8 th September, seconded Cllr Mrs Stevens, all in favour.	
<u>1/8 FINANCE:</u>	a) Balance in Current account £89,456.32 Instant Reserve account £46,751.46, Lloyds Business Account £60,741.00, Nationwide Savings Account £85,146.82, Cambridge Building Society £85,000.00, Unity Trust Savings Account £85,000. The funds from Wiltshire Council for Whatley Drive had still not been received. b) Payments, as listed were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Judy Kunkler, all in favour. c) There were no quotations for acceptance. d) Petty Cash - opening balance £39.45, no expenditure in the month.	
<u>1/9 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE:</u>	Cllr Ann Hogg had previously sought comments on the review which would now be undertaken by Cllr Haskell and the Clerk. Cllr Ellis and Cllr Mrs Mundy had submitted amendments for consideration. The review of Terms of Reference was the responsibility of each Committee Chairman.	AK/ CH
<u>1/10 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u>	An update email from the youth team had been circulated to all members. It was understood the New Years' Eve event had been a bit disappointing, but there had been good feedback from those who had attended. Cllr Ellis advised the team had been working with a local person who was keen on setting up a youth club. A strategic plan would be put together, with costings, in order to present ideas in due course. Cllr Mrs Dalrymple was keen to maintain communication with the schools, Cllr Ellis agreed but explained that some youths do not engage with the school environment. Community First were helping to co-ordinate locally. Cllr Mrs Dalrymple advised that Pewsey Vale School were hoping to establish a school council.	
<u>1/11 WHEELED SPORTS:</u>	Cllr Mrs Hunt had nothing to report.	
<u>1/12 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u>	Cllr Haskell reported that Green Square Accord were too busy to undertake the architect work in house, so the CLT were in the process of interviewing and selection. Whilst this would slow things up, the directors were confident they could deliver what was necessary for the police estates department. Cllr Mrs Hunt and Cllr Smithers could consider representing the council dependent upon the amount of time required.	MH/ MS
<u>1/13 CLIMATE CHANGE:</u>	Cllr Haskell reported he had not yet heard anything further on the planting of trees at Jones' Mill. Cllr Ellis reported the Climate Change strategy would be adopted on	

	15 th February at the Wiltshire Full Council meeting. A working party would be established soon. She had asked for a hard copy of the last meeting papers as it was a lot to share digitally.	
<u>1/14 INVESTING IN OUR OLDER COMMUNITY:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Mundy had circulated a paper to all members prior to the meeting. It was based on personal experiences over the last few years, particularly with the isolation effects of Covid. People continued to not take part in activities, and it was felt more information should be made available to those who were reluctant to engage. This could be done through social media, websites or via a leaflet. They could also be encouraged to attend the friendship café which continued to be popular and to reinstate the phone buddy system formed by PCCA, which Cllr King confirmed was still used. It was hoped to explore these ideas further and to engage with both young and old to reconnect back with the community.</p> <p>Cllr Haskell agreed that isolation was a major issue and asked Cllr Mrs Mundy to raise it at the PPG and he would with the U3A as they may know of people who are on their own.</p> <p>Cllr McGarry suggested this information be available at focal points that people did attend, such as the GP surgery.</p>	
<u>1/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u>	<p>A member of the public felt the previous item was an excellent initiative and should be pursued.</p> <p>The students from Pewsey Vale School were asked to come back with suggestions as to what they might like in the village.</p>	
<u>1/16 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u>	The Clerk reminded members of the upcoming planning inquiries.	

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.53pm.

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