

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE BOUVERIE HALL ON 8th MARCH 2022 at 7.00pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr Haskell (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs Brindley, Mrs Cobbing, Ellis, Mrs Humfress, Mrs Hunt, Judy Kunkler, Mrs Mundy, Mrs Pullen, Cllrs Ford, Giles, King, McGarry, Morris and Smithers.
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler, Mrs Wilson and members of the public.
<u>3/1 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllrs Mrs Dalrymple, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Turner.
<u>3/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	Cllr Mrs Hunt on item 8 (b).
<u>3/3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:</u>	<p>The Chairman made reference a very close friend of the Parish Council and PCAP who was not to be named, but had recently passed away. Over the years they had been the brains behind several important campaigns, such as the closure of Everleigh.</p> <p>He reported that he had received and accepted the resignation of Cllr Garrett.</p> <p>The Council had also received notification that the appeals for the two planning applications at Stonnington had been dismissed. The WC planners were thanked for all their hard work, along with Cllr Mrs Hunt and former Cllr Deck.</p> <p>A petition letter from Whatley Drive residents had been received referring to possible features along River Walk and amenity spaces, which Cllr Haskell would consider with Cllrs Ford and McGarry.</p> <p>He reminded members that he had given his intention to stand down over two years ago, prior to the pandemic. Because he had several things he wished to complete, namely PVFC lease extension, Whatley Drive, youth premises and the Clerk's appraisal. Unless there were any objections, his intention would now be to stand down as Chairman and resign as a Councillor after the Full Council meeting on 12th April, which might also be the Annual Parish Meeting.</p>
<u>3/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u>	<p>Cllr Kunkler congratulated Cllrs Mrs Hunt, Smithers and former Cllr Deck on their hard work on the planning appeals, he was delighted with the outcome.</p> <p>Several grants had been awarded at the recent Area Board meeting, events to support older people, the rural youth outreach project, Pewsey rugby club, the Bouverie Hall café and a youth grant for Pewsey. There would be some changes to Area Board grant funding.</p> <p>There were no issues at the Community Area Transport Group, although the quotation for the bus shelter was still outstanding.</p> <p>Currently the waste collection teams were on strike, with the suspension of recycling collections until 21st March.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council's legal team would be holding meetings to discuss governance and, in particular, complaints made against any Chairman and Clerk. They, plus one more member, would be invited to attend.</p> <p>He would finish the article for the April Messenger but advised the editor was to stand down in June.</p>
<u>3/5 POLICE MATTERS:</u>	Cllr Haskell had received a response to his letter which had been circulated to all members. It would be interesting to see whether there would be an increase in the number of officers seen locally. Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress nothing to report.
<u>3/6 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u>	With the exception of Cllr Ford, the minutes of the meeting held on 8 th February were signed as a true record, by the Chairman.
<u>3/7 ADOPTION OF MINUTES SINCE LAST MEETING:</u>	Cllr Mrs Hunt proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19 th January, seconded Cllr Judy Kunkler, all in favour.

<u>3/8 FINANCE:</u>	<p>a) Balance in Current account £153,502.50 Instant Reserve account £46,752.21, Lloyds Business Account £60,720.00, Nationwide Savings Account £85,168.52, Cambridge Building Society £85,000, Unity Trust Savings Account £85,000.</p> <p>The S.106 funds for Whatley Drive had been received.</p> <p>b) Payments, as listed were proposed for approval by Cllr Judy Kunkler, seconded Cllr McGarry, all in favour.</p> <p>c) There were no quotations for acceptance.</p> <p>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £39.45, no expenditure in the month.</p> <p>e) The Business Plan had been previously sent to Chairs of all committees and replies were needed to progress the review.</p> <p>f) Discussion took place on how the Parish Council could make a donation to charity towards the situation in Ukraine. The council was unable to donate public funds to a charity for use outside of the UK. Cllr Mrs Hunt whether some form of sponsorship could be made. Cllr Mrs Pullen felt slightly uncomfortable using the precept for this purpose. Most were contributing in some way privately. Further discussion could take place if the situation changed.</p>	
<u>3/9 REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE:</u>	Cllr Mrs Hunt has done the Planning ToRs, the other Chairs would be reminded then any amendments could be adopted when circulated.	LS JF
<u>3/10 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u>	Cllr Ellis reported the group had been successful in getting an Area Board grant for positive youth activities to be held in the course of the next year. Discussions continued, particularly with Pewsey Vale School, on obtaining a premises. The recent youth disco had been well attended by the younger age group with good feedback received. Cllr Mrs Brindley had started Level 1 in Safeguarding, which Cllr Ellis would also undertake as well as first aid training. She would also visit the youth club in Marlborough with everything in place by the launch date.	
<u>3/11 WHEELED SPORTS:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Hunt had visited a skatepark in Bath with the acoustic consultant and Canvas, as a result of which Canvas have come up with some sketch proposals for Broomcroft and behind the clubhouse at the youth football club.</p> <p>The acoustic consultant had heard back from WC; the original report was considered to be at fault, so there might still be potential for using the Campus site. Cllr Morris suggested the existing equipment at Broomcroft could be expanded.</p>	
<u>3/12 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u>	Cllr Haskell had little to report other than the agreement with Green Square Accord was close to being finalised. Cllr Mrs Hunt would become involved when the design process started.	
<u>3/13 CLIMATE CHANGE:</u>	Cllr Ellis and Cllr Mrs Cobbing would attend a seminar on 23 rd March online. Cllr Kunkler would be organising a meeting with Cllr Ford and the new Highways Engineer to discuss current issues.	
<u>3/14 PLATINUM JUBILEE:</u>	<p>Cllr Haskell informed the meeting that a family fun day event would be held at the Coopers on 3rd June and he proposed to award £500 towards it, seconded Cllr Morris, all in favour.</p> <p>The Bouverie Hall would also be putting on a tea for the older generation on 5th June and the Clerk would make a funding application to the Area Board to assist.</p> <p>With regard to a more permanent commemoration, he presented the idea of Queens View at the parking area opposite the White Horse which could be tidied and have picnic tables added. This would need to be agreed with the landowner and WC highways.</p> <p>Cllr Morris also suggested to replace the plank seat at the railway end of the Scotchel with a Jubilee bench and scalplings to make it nicer. Cllr Ellis felt any replacement should stay in wood.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Giles felt the metal benches were not as comfortable to sit on. Cllr Mrs Hunt reminded the meeting about looking into the feasibility of putting some form of steps into the river, Cllr Morris was concerned about child safety and culpability.</p> <p>The refurbishment of King Alfred was a separate project with quotations being obtained.</p>	
<u>3/15 PEWSEY VALE RAIL USERS GROUP:</u>	<p>Cllr Morris had taken on this role for some time but was not a train user. There were big threats of service changes on the horizon with the group being the only form of defence by gathering evidence of use and requesting improvements.</p> <p>Bedwyn has a very successful group and would be combining with Pewsey so a train user would be most welcomed to join. Cllr Mrs Pullen was speaking with people who may be interested.</p> <p>Great Western were aiming towards the tourism and leisure market rather than commuters.</p>	
<u>3/16 COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP:</u>	<p>There was nothing to report aside of the imminent change of name and role.</p>	
<u>3/17 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:</u>	<p>Previously this had been amalgamated with a community morning, however this had not been held for the last two years due to the pandemic. It was agreed to hold the legal requirement of the APM prior to the May AGM.</p>	
<u>3/18 PARISH COUNCIL:</u>	<p>The way forward and succession was causing some concern amongst members. Cllr Mrs Hunt said the council was in an unusual yet nice position that half of its membership was new. Those new members still needed guidance and mentoring.</p> <p>Was it yet known who would stand for Chair and Vice-Chair positions in the future? It would be useful for those who might be interested to gain the knowledge and learn more about these positions. The council were very fortunate to have new and talented people.</p> <p>Questions were asked about the process of voting in new positions which would be circulated in due course.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Mundy suggested that members may have a different view in a year's time about their level of involvement.</p>	
<u>3/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u>	<p>A member of the public asked whether Councillors had access to training courses, the Clerk responded yes, through the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks.</p>	
<u>3/20 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u>	<p>None.</p>	

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.23pm.

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