

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE BOUVERIE HALL ON 12th APRIL 2022 at 7.00pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr Haskell (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs Cobbing, Mrs Dalrymple, Ellis, Mrs Hunt, Judy Kunkler, Mrs Pullen, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Turner, Cllrs Ford, Giles, McGarry and Morris.
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler, Mrs Wilson, Rev'd Windsor, Mr Deck, Mrs Waring and members of the public.
<u>4/1 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllrs Mrs Humfress, Mrs Mundy, Kerry Pycroft and Cllr Smithers.
<u>4/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	Cllr Ellis and Mrs Stevens on item 8 (b).
<u>4/3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:</u>	<p>The Chairman began by reading out the letter of resignation received from Cllr Mrs Dalrymple. He thanked her for 16 years of service to the community. She moved from the table to the public. He thanked those who were in attendance for his last meeting as Chairman and Councillor. It had been a privilege to serve his community in this role for the past seven years, and as a Councillor for several years before that and thanked all of his fellow Councillors who had supported him during this time. He also thanked the Clerk for making sure that everything is kept in line with all the necessary rules and regulations.</p> <p>He had a few loose ends to finalise which the Clerk had given permission for him to complete, although he would clearly state the he was no longer directly representing the Council.</p> <p>Support from the Unitary Councillors, led by Cllr Kunkler, and from Mrs Wilson and Mrs Brew of PCAP had been much appreciated, as had the support of all the sports clubs and schools. He was extremely pleased to have been able to help them all.</p> <p>He also paid tribute to the editor of The Messenger who was stepping down in June. He would continue to help deliver paper copies if they were available. He would also assist the new volunteer walking group being co-ordinated by Cllr Judy Kunkler.</p> <p>There were too many members of the community to mention them all individually, but he expressed his thanks to all.</p> <p>The Chairman's job is a very rewarding role, a lot easier than Planning or Environment. Whoever takes on the position he wished them every success.</p>
<u>4/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u>	<p>Cllr Kunkler advised that CATG had been renamed as Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group and would meet next on 4th May. More money would be spent on footpaths to enable promotion of health and wellbeing. The next Area Board would meet on 23rd May, venue to be confirmed. He had been concerned to see Swindon Borough Council spending 72% of its budget on social care, Wiltshire was also spending a lot of money on its ageing population.</p> <p>Mr Deck was permitted to speak and read a statement to thank Cllr Haskell and is appended to these minutes.</p> <p>Mrs Wilson was permitted to speak and thanked Cllr Haskell for all his help on the projects they had worked on together over the last 7 years. Pewsey had benefitted from some very good Councillors over the last few years and hoped it continued.</p> <p>Cllr Kunkler gave a personal thanks to Rev'd Windsor for his recent assistance.</p> <p>Cllr Kunkler reminded members that Cllr Haskell had been unsuccessful on his first application to be co-opted onto the Council but had applied again, got in and worked his way up.</p>

	<p>He said there were 3 types of Chairman to serve under; one that took the name only with little work, one that would delegate and one that likes to roll their sleeves up and get involved. Cllr Haskell was a very dedicated Chairman who worked with people in the community. He wished him good luck and hoped he would continue to be involved with some projects. The next person would have a tough act to follow.</p> <p>Cllr Haskell thanked everyone for their kind words, he would miss being involved but felt it was time to step aside.</p>	
<u>4/5 POLICE MATTERS:</u>	<p>Cllr Haskell had nothing to report. Cllr Ford had been advised of a homeless person camping in the scrubland adjacent to Old Hospital Road. He had been made aware of concerns but upon visiting the person they appeared to be well. Cllr Ford advised them they were camped on private land and not to set fires. The police had been informed in case of welfare issues.</p> <p>Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress was not present to report.</p>	
<u>4/6 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u>	All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 8 th March were signed as a true record, by the Chairman.	
<u>4/7 ADOPTION OF MINUTES SINCE LAST MEETING:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Hunt proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 16th February, seconded Cllr Morris, 12 for, 1 abstention.</p> <p>Cllr Haskell proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 2nd February, seconded Cllr Judy Kunkler, 8 for, 4 abstentions.</p>	
<u>4/8 FINANCE:</u>	<p>a) Balance in Current account £117,589.61 Instant Reserve account £46,752.61, Lloyds Business Account £60,713.00, Nationwide Savings Account £85,168.52, Cambridge Building Society £85,000, Unity Trust Savings Account £85,051.35.</p> <p>b) Payments, as listed were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Ellis, all in favour.</p> <p>c) The quotation would be considered under agenda item 17.</p> <p>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £39.45, consumables £2, balance £37.45.</p> <p>e) Cllr Mrs Stevens advised this was progressing with input awaited from Cllr Mrs Hunt and Cllr Smithers. For circulation in due course.</p>	MH/ MS
<u>4/9 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE:</u>	The Terms of Reference for Planning, Environment and Finance had been circulated. Cllr Stevens proposed adoption, seconded Cllr Morris, all in favour.	
<u>4/10 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u>	<p>Cllr Ellis had circulated a report prior to the meeting. Progress was being made, having met with the headteacher of Pewsey Vale School to discuss the possibility of using the old Outback premises as a youth café. They would meet again after Easter to consider a service level agreement with the school. Worked continued closely with Community First with training and DBS checks already taking place. A youth engagement day was being proposed for 8th August with lots of different activities to encourage young people to attend. The club would be focussed towards Y7-Y9 age group with the intention of creating their own young leaders and volunteers.</p> <p>Cllr Haskell thanked her for all the effort being made. Mrs Wilson congratulated the efforts being made with every accolade deserved.</p>	KE
<u>4/11 WHEELED SPORTS:</u>	Cllr Mrs Hunt reported slow progress was being made. A questionnaire and poster had been designed by Cllr Smithers and would be distributed to all interested parties, schools, businesses and online. Quotations were being sought for land, utilities, tree and topographical surveys at Broomcroft Rd.	MS
<u>4/12 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u>	Cllr Haskell advised that Green Accord had pulled out of the development, the search for another housing association was top	

	<p>priority. The agreement with the police estate should have been in place by 31st March with the deposit placed with CLT's solicitors. The CLT had been awarded a £50,000 grant from the Neighbourhood Planning Programme and would be managed by the Parish Council. The CLT had also been successful in being awarded £38,500 to look at the feasibility of potential renewable energy schemes, focussing on the Campus, Primary School, Puddleducks and Pewsey Vale School. A local expert consultancy firm would be doing this. The Parish Council had previously signed a Memorandum of Understanding in relation to the old toilet block. A new draft MOU would be circulated, showing the removal of Green Accord. This was agreed in principle.</p>	
<u>4/13 CLIMATE CHANGE:</u>	<p>Cllr Ellis and Cllr Mrs Cobbing had attended the online Climate Change Conference. Cllr Mrs Cobbing had circulated a list of ideas to consider for inclusion as part of a five-year development plan. The needs of the community should be assessed, possibly through a survey or a Climate Change event. The emphasis to be on what could be done locally, what was already in place and what are people interested in.</p> <p>Cllr Morris suggested a water bottle refilling point and tree planting were two ideas that could be brought in by the council which would benefit the village and be environmentally friendly.</p>	KE/ CC
<u>4/14 PLATINUM JUBILEE:</u>	<p>Cllr Haskell reminded members there were two events; the family fun day at the Coopers on 3rd June and the Jubilee tea at the Bouverie Hall on 5th June. £300 had been awarded by the Area Board.</p> <p>Discussion took place on a more permanent feature for the parish. The river steps had met with some opposition so would no longer be considered. Cllr Mrs Hunt had looked into horse sculptures, particularly as this was one of the Queen's favourite pastimes. Queen's View and bench at the railway end of the Scotchel would be given further consideration, but it was agreed there was no rush. The Clerk had obtained a quotation for the presentation water bottles for the primary school and nursery age children in the village, these were proposed by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Judy Kunkler, all in favour.</p>	AK
<u>4/15 PEWSEY AVON RIVER RESTORATION:</u>	<p>Cllr Kerry Pycroft was not present and the project discussion would be postponed to the next Full Council.</p>	KP
<u>4/16 PEWSEY VALE FOOTBALL CLUB LEASE:</u>	<p>Cllr Haskell stated that members would recall that all but one club had increased the length of term of their lease which was needed to assist obtaining grant funding from relevant organisations. The senior football club had requested to increase their term up to 30 years which was exactly the same as the other clubs. He believed there was no need to involve solicitors as there were just a few additions relating to parking and floodlighting which he read out. Cllr Haskell proposed acceptance of the request and additions, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, all in favour.</p>	
<u>4/17 KING ALFRED STATUE:</u>	<p>The statue was in need of repair and cleaning which had been done periodically. Two quotations had been sought but only one had responded.</p> <p>Cllr Morris proposed acceptance of the quotation from James Long (Masons) Ltd, seconded Cllr Judy Kunkler, all in favour.</p>	
<u>4/18 DEFIBRILLATORS:</u>	<p>Cllr McGarry advised that 8 defibrillators that belonged to the Parish Council were about to become out of date, with 7 of them having old software that can no longer be updated. He had negotiated with Community Heartbeat to replace 3 with unopened, returned items with the new software included that were originally purchased in</p>	

	<p>2018 at a cost of £650 each, and 3 that have been returned this year at £995 each. Each will have new batteries and pads and a 7 year warranty from their original purchase date. To replace them with new would normally cost between £1,200 to £1,400 each. The CLT would replace the one sited at the old toilet block when developed so there would only be a need to purchase one at a later date. Cllr McGarry proposed to transfer £6,000 into the defibrillator fund, seconded Cllr Haskell, all in favour.</p>	
<p><u>4/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u></p>	<p>A member of the public asked whether the Parish Council would consider permitting the use of Rectory Grove as a pop-up music venue over three nights during the Carnival period. Cllr Ford suggested noise implications needed to be considered as well as tree protection. The member of the public would seek to obtain a Temporary Events Notice from Wiltshire Council and also prepare an event management plan with insurance via carnival should permission be given. The Parish Council gave a general agreement but much more detail would be required.</p> <p>A member of the public had noted complaints about the length of grass at Whatley Drive, Cllr Ford responded that the frequency of cuts would be in line with the general Parish Council contract.</p> <p>A member of the public asked how the Parish Council could help people now that times were harder, Cllr Haskell stated that the precept had not been increased this year. There may be other practical steps that could be thought of.</p>	
<p><u>4/20 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u></p>	<p>The Clerk explained the process of nomination for the elections taking place at the Annual General Meeting in May. Members needed to be physically present to be voted in. Nomination forms were to be returned by 6th May, with two nominations required in order to become valid.</p> <p>The first business of the AGM was to elect a Chairman which had to preside at every meeting, even if elected upon each occasion. The next item of business was to elect a Vice-Chairman, should the Council wish to have one.</p> <p>She expressed her thanks and gratitude to Cllr Haskell for all his support and advice over his tenure, both as Chairman and Councillor, he would be sorely missed at the table and a hard act to follow.</p>	

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

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