

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE, BOUVERIE HALL, PEWSEY ON 10th MAY 2022 at 7.00pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllrs Mrs Brindley, Mrs Cobbing, Ellis, Mrs Humfress, Mrs Hunt, Judy Kunkler, Mrs Mundy, Ms Pullen, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Turner, Cllrs Giles, McGarry and Smithers.	
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler and members of the public.	
<u>5/1 ELECTION OF CHAIR:</u>	Nominations had been requested prior to the meeting. Cllr McGarry, having received the only valid nomination, was proposed by Cllr Mrs Humfress, seconded Cllr Mrs Stevens, all in favour and congratulated by the meeting. (The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed).	
<u>5/2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR:</u>	Nominations had been requested prior to the meeting. Cllr Ellis, having received the only valid nomination, was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hunt, seconded Cllr Mrs Brindley, all in favour and congratulated by the meeting.	
<u>5/3 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllr Ford and Morris.	
<u>5/4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	Cllr Mrs Humfress on item 10 (b) Cllr McGarry on item 11	
<u>5/5 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:</u>	The Chairman thanked members for electing him, he saw the position as a privilege rather than a burden and would as much as he could to serve the community to the best of his ability.	
<u>5/6 POLICE REPORT:</u>	There was nothing to report. Cllr McGarry advised that a defibrillator had been deployed on 28 th April at Swan Road. The ambulance had surrendered the equipment to the police as evidence who were trying to locate it for its return. Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress reported some sessions had taken place. Plans were in place to voice record registration numbers as some had been written down incorrectly.	DM
<u>5/7 UNITARY COUNCILLOR REPORT:</u>	Cllr Kunkler congratulated the Chairman upon his election and would continue working together as much as possible. He reported a burglary had taken place at the Co-Op with CCTV evidence available to the police. There was little to report. The next Area Board would be held in the Bouverie Hall on 23 rd May with a police report available for that meeting. The renamed CATG, now Local Highways Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) had its first meeting last week. The bus shelter was still set as a project, but further quotations were needed from contractors by the end of June. There was nothing controversial happening locally in planning terms, although the Conservation Officer had raised concerns on the Southcott Manor application. Cllr Kunkler would enquire about the testing status of Everleigh but advised that some interest had been shown in purchasing the land.	LB/ JF
<u>5/8 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u>	All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 12 th April 2022 were signed as a true record.	
<u>5/9 ELECTIONS:</u>	Nominations had been requested prior to the meeting: a) Chair of Finance & Strategic Management - Cllr Mrs Stevens b) Vice-Chair Finance & Strategic Management - nominee not present c) Chair of Planning - Cllr Mrs Hunt d) Vice-Chair of Planning - Cllr Smithers e) Chair of Environment - Nominee not present f) Vice-Chair of Environment - Cllr Judy Kunkler Having received the only valid nominations, each position was proposed en bloc by Cllr Mrs Brindley, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, all in favour with grateful thanks from the Council.	

<u>5/10 FINANCE:</u>	<p>a) Balance in Current account £218,233.18 and Instant Reserve account £46,755.76. Lloyds Business Account £60,706.00, Nationwide Savings Account £85,283.73, Cambridge Building Society £85,000, Unity Trust Savings Account £85,051.35.</p> <p>b) Authorisation of payments as listed were proposed by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Mrs Mundy, all in favour.</p> <p>c) There were no quotations for acceptance.</p> <p>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £37.45, less expenditure since last meeting; materials £2.99, leaving cash in hand £34.46.</p>	
<u>5/11 CO-OPTION OF TWO COUNCILLORS:</u>	One application had been received which had been circulated. Mrs McGarry was proposed for co-option by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Mrs Humfress. The Declaration of Office was signed and Cllr Mrs McGarry took her seat at the table.	
<u>5/12 LOCAL HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENT GROUP:</u>	This had been discussed under item 7. Cllr Mrs Brindley noted that obtaining suitable quotations for the shelter and its installation had taken a long time but needed to be sorted by 20 th June.	LB/ JF
<u>5/13 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u>	<p>Cllr Ellis had little to report. Progress was being made with the school to use the former Outback for a youth café project, a service level agreement would be finalised soon.</p> <p>A youth engagement day would take place on 6th August, hosted at the Coopers field. The grant from the Area Board would be used towards this. The rugby club had also approached her as they were starting a youth development plan and hoped to work alongside and target the same age range.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Humfress was concerned the engagement day was in the middle of school holidays, Cllr Ellis replied that there had been complaints there was little to do in the holidays.</p>	KE/ LB/ ET/ RK
<u>5/14 WHEELED SPORTS:</u>	Cllr Mrs Hunt advised that exact sites of the various surveys had been agreed with the resulting reports expected soon. She was waiting on a report from the acoustician on various tests for mapping on certain designs. The questionnaire needed some amendment and would then be released on the website and social media .	MH
<u>5/15 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u>	Cllr Ellis would attend the AGM being held on 31 st May, 2pm in the Bouverie Hall. Cllr Mrs Mundy volunteered to represent the Parish Council as long as meetings were held in the evening. There was no further update.	
<u>5/16 CLIMATE CHANGE:</u>	Cllr Mrs Cobbing had sought further information on Electric Vehicle charging points and would update in due course. Cllr Kerry Pycroft would join the group who were putting together a short, medium and long term plan to be appended in the Neighbourhood Development Plan and Business Plan. A separate budget for bigger projects going forward would be considered.	CC/ KE/ KP
<u>5/17 PLATINUM JUBILEE:</u>	<p>The water bottles and coins had been ordered for children attending Pewsey Primary School and Puddleducks Nursery accordingly.</p> <p>A beacon would be lit at the appropriate time on Pewsey Hill, with kind permission of the landowner.</p> <p>Further consideration would be made on the suggestion of Queen's View, on Pewsey Hill, particularly as the council was supposed to maintain the small parking area.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Hunt had not yet been able to find a suitably sized horse sculpture to present for consideration.</p> <p>Cllr McGarry asked for quotations and options to be made available for the next Full Council to move forward with a permanent feature.</p>	LS/ MH
<u>5/18 PEWSEY AVON RIVER RESTORATION:</u>	Agenda item withdrawn.	
<u>5/19 ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:</u>	A member of the public reminded members of the Jubilee family fun day at the Coopers on 3 rd June and the Jubilee tea on 5 th June.	

<u>5/21 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u>	None.	
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There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.46pm after thanking everyone for attending.

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