

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE BOUVERIE HALL ON 14th JUNE 2022 at 7.00pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr McGarry (Chairman), Cllr Ellis, Cllrs Mrs Brindley, Mrs Cobbing, Mrs Hunt, Judy Kunkler, Cllr Suzanne McGarry, Mrs Mundy, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Turner, Cllrs King, Giles, McGarry and Morris.
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler and members of the public.
<u>6/1 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllr Mrs Pullen, Cllrs Ford and Smithers.
<u>6/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	Cllr McGarry and Mrs Stevens on item 8 (b).
<u>6/3 CHAIR'S REPORT:</u>	<p>The Chair and Clerk had attended the recent Parish Council and Town Council conference, which was very interesting but mainly aimed at towns, with only two parishes in attendance.</p> <p>Clarification was being sought on what help the Parish Council could provide to the Ukrainians now being placed with local families.</p> <p>It was also confirmed that libraries would no longer be part of the service devolution and asset transfer programme.</p> <p>1st June - he and Cllr Suzanne McGarry had attended the Tennis club to give a talk on the defibrillators.</p> <p>3rd June - Jubilee celebrations at the Coopers had gone very well and the organisers congratulated, the Beacon had been lit on Pewsey Hill.</p> <p>5th June - briefly attended Jubilee tea.</p> <p>7th June - the Clerk had delivered the Jubilee bottles and coins to Pewsey Primary School and Puddleducks. St. Francis would collect theirs on 20th June.</p> <p>11th June - He, Cllrs Suzanne McGarry, Judy Kunkler and Mrs Hunt had taken down the allotment shed at Easterton Lane. Further work was needed to get the wood removed.</p>
<u>6/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u>	<p>Cllr Kunkler had requested for the white lining to be refreshed throughout the village, particularly North Street, High Street and Old Hospital Road where parking opposite the new houses had become a problem. He would request the traffic wardens to visit soon. He reported all was quiet on the planning front with the next Area Board taking place on 19th September.</p> <p>£1.2m had been allocated towards improving rural bus services in Pewsey Vale although currently there was a driver shortage.</p>
<u>6/5 POLICE MATTERS:</u>	<p>Cllr McGarry advised the police had been visiting car washes across the county to check the legal status of workers. Local officers had visited the homeless man living in the woodland near Old Hospital Road as concerns had been raised.</p> <p>Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress confirmed that Oare currently had the speed device which would be back with Pewsey this week so checks could take place.</p>
<u>6/6 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u>	All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 10 th May were signed as a true record, by the Chair.
<u>6/7 ADOPTION OF MINUTES SINCE LAST MEETING:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Hunt proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 20th April, seconded Cllr Morris, all in favour.</p> <p>Cllr Judy Kunkler proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 6th April, seconded Cllr Morris, all in favour.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Stevens proposed acceptance of the minutes of the FSM Committee meeting held on 3rd November, seconded Cllr Morris, all in favour.</p>
<u>6/8 FINANCE:</u>	a) Balance in Current account £199,360.13 Instant Reserve account £46,759.73, Lloyds Business Account £60,669.00, Nationwide Savings Account £85,329.41, Cambridge Building Society £85,052.41, Unity Trust Savings Account £85,051.35.

	<p>b) Payments, as listed were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Morris, all in favour.</p> <p>c) Quotations had been sought for a Tree Inspection Survey Report to be undertaken. Cllr Mrs Stevens proposed acceptance of the quotation from Conservation Contractors, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, all in favour.</p> <p>Whatley Drive path - Cllr Morris presented the specification provided by the surveyor who had drawn up four options for the path surface. Two quotations had been sought with the Clerk seeking a third. The estimated cost would be approximately £60,000 and would need to be carefully considered. It was hoped to obtain surface samples.</p> <p>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £29.47, consumables £2.00, balance £27.47.</p> <p>e) Accounts 2021/22</p> <p>i) Risk Assessment Register (circulated). Approval was proposed by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Morris, all in favour.</p> <p>ii) Assets Register (circulated). Approval was proposed by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Judy Kunkler, all in favour.</p> <p>iii) Internal Auditor's Report (circulated) and noted. A letter would be sent to Mr Vokes thanking him for his years' service to the Council</p> <p>iv) Approval of Accounts 2021/22 (circulated) approval was proposed by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Mrs Mundy, all in favour.</p> <p>v) Annual Governance Statement 2021/22, the Council unanimously agreed each question in turn. Approval was proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, all in favour.</p> <p>vi) Approval of the Annual Return 2021/22 was proposed acceptance by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Morris, all in favour, no questions.</p> <p>vii) Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2021/22, following the retirement of Mr Vokes, Cllr Mrs Stevens proposed that the Council approach Charlton Baker to undertake the Internal Audit, seconded Cllr Mrs Brindley, all in favour.</p>	
<u>6/9 CO-OPTION OF THREE COUNCILLORS:</u>	Some interest had been shown, but no formal applications made.	
<u>6/10 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u>	<p>Cllr Ellis had met with Community First who were working with the schools to find out what the youth of Pewsey would like to have in the village. The Wheeled Sports survey would also be distributed at the same time. She was aware that St. John's school needed to be approached as well.</p> <p>The youth café project was progressing slowly as the area was full of equipment that the school needed to go through. The roof was in need of repair to make it water-tight, but it was not easy to get hold of an appropriate contractor. It was hoped to get the works done throughout the summer holidays so the café could be up and running by September. The Youth Engagement day was being held on 6th August with plans coming together nicely. The main focus was on the older age range of 11-18 year olds but would welcome children of all ages. There would be food, music and information stalls of all kinds. Cllr King asked whether the quotation had been received for the basketball hoop for Broomcroft Road amenity area, the Clerk would hasten it. Cllr Kunkler suggested that the outlying villages and Upavon camp be informed of the youth plans.</p>	<p>KE</p> <p>AK</p>
<u>6/11 WHEELED SPORTS:</u>	Cllr Mrs Hunt advised the project was slowly coming together with two of three surveys received, with just the ecology report outstanding. She thanked Cllr Smithers for completing the poster and survey. The next stage was to get the design ideas together and put to Wiltshire Council. It appeared they were being more supportive now that Community First were involved.	

<u>6/12 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u>	Cllr Mrs Mundy had attended her first meeting last week. There was good intent with the feasibility work about to start. She suggested the Co-Op would be the best place to consult with the public. The project overall seemed to be in good order, with a formal purchase request to be in place later in the week. Cllr Mrs Stevens asked whether it would be managed by a housing association once the development was complete. Cllr Mrs Mundy did not know but assured the council that the dwellings could not be sold and would be kept in perpetuity for the people of Pewsey.	
<u>6/13 LOCAL HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENT GROUP:</u>	Two more quotations for the new bus shelter were required and would be obtained and sent to Wiltshire Council as a matter of urgency in time for the next meeting on 20 th July.	AK
<u>6/14 CLIMATE CHANGE:</u>	Cllr Ellis and Mrs Cobbing had put together a policy, which, once adopted, would have a strategy put behind it as to what the Parish Council, and in turn the community can do. It was suggested to work alongside Tidworth and Marlborough Area Boards on mutual issues. Cllr Mrs Hunt proposed acceptance of the Climate Change policy as presented, seconded Cllr Morris, all in favour.	KE/ CC
<u>6/15 PLATINUM JUBILEE:</u>	The Clerk was still waiting for a quotation/agreement from Highways as what could be done at the Pewsey Hill car park. Cllr Mrs Mundy suggested a permanent beacon basket could be installed. Cllr Mrs Hunt had circulated ideas for the horse sculpture but this would not take place, if agreed, until 2023. A site in the centre of the village would need to be agreed. Cllr Morris suggested again to replace the plank seat at the Buckleaze end of the Scotchel. Cllr McGarry felt that the decision was no further forward in being made, until project costs were obtained and presented.	
<u>6/16 ADOPTION OF APPRAISAL POLICY:</u>	The updated Appraisal Policy had been reviewed and circulated and was proposed acceptance by Cllr McGarry, seconded Cllr Mrs Stevens, all in favour.	
<u>6/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u>	A member of the public thanked Cllr Morris for providing an update on the path, but wondered why it was taking so long as it was felt the widely used path was becoming dangerous. The residents did not want black asphalt; the original contract had been thrown out by Wiltshire Council. It was hoped a decision could be reached soon. The Parish Council held the S.106 funds and would carefully consider the best solution as both the path and the funds had to last a long time. A member of the public confirmed the dates of the main carnival events; 10 th September four-legged race, 15 th September Wheelbarrow race and 17 th Carnival Procession. A member of the public raised a query about the Scotchel gate repair which was in hand.	
<u>6/18 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u>	Cllr Mrs Stevens thanked the Clerk for all the work taken on the preparation of the annual accounts.	

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

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