

**PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE BOUVERIE HALL ON 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022 at 7.00pm**

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Cllr McGarry (Chair), Cllr Ellis, Cllrs Mrs Humfress, Mrs Hunt, Judy Kunkler, Cllr Suzanne McGarry, Mrs Mundy, Mrs Pullen, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Stevens, Cllrs Ford, Giles and Smithers.	
<b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b>	Alison Kent (Clerk) and members of the public.	
<b><u>8/1 APOLOGIES:</u></b>	Cllr Mrs Brindley, Mrs Cobbing, Mrs Turner, Cllr King and Morris.	
<b><u>8/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u></b>	Cllr Mrs Humfress on item 7 (b).	
<b><u>8/3 CHAIR'S UPDATE:</u></b>	<p>The Chair had received a few comments from parishioners about the Kennet &amp; Avon Medical Partnership (KAMP) and their performance. He had written to them raising concerns on 11<sup>th</sup> July with a reply received on 19<sup>th</sup> July. It was agreed that face-to-face consultations during the pandemic had been limited, following national and local recommendations, but they had not stopped altogether. GPs have held same day appointments as necessary, following an initial conversation with a clinician which has aided unnecessary trips to the surgery. Following national guidance, from 1<sup>st</sup> August patients will be offered a choice of face-to-face or telephone consultations. Making routine GP appointments was a national issue caused by a shortage of GPs whilst demand continues to increase. KAMP had been advertising for an additional GP for over a year and were employing innovative methods of mitigation; employing three paramedics to assist GPs with triage lists, employing an Advanced Nurse Practitioner to look after their care home residents and a whole team to support the care of the older person. The situation was of great concern to all.</p> <p>Cllr Suzanne McGarry had been reinstated to the Patient Participation Group members list.</p> <p>A complaint had been received from a resident in Walnut Close, relating to some mature hedge maintenance. No consultation had taken place and the usual procedure not followed correctly. The Chair had visited the resident to deliver a letter of apology, which was accepted.</p> <p>He had attended the recent Youth Engagement day.</p> <p>The new seats in the Market Place were being very well used.</p>	
<b><u>8/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u></b>	Cllr Kunkler was not present to report.	
<b><u>8/5 POLICE MATTERS:</u></b>	<p>Cllr McGarry had nothing to report.</p> <p>Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress reported that the device was in Pewsey for the next 6 weeks and she was in the process of setting up a programme with the other volunteers. More recruits were needed and Cllr Ford would put this on the Speedwatch Facebook Page.</p>	<p><b>LH</b></p> <p><b>JF</b></p>
<b><u>8/6 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u></b>	All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> July were signed as a true record, by the Chair.	
<b><u>8/7 FINANCE:</u></b>	<p>a) Balance in Current account £154,673.97 Instant Reserve account £81,771.95, Lloyds Business Account £60,685.00, Nationwide Savings Account £85,437.91, Cambridge Building Society £85,052.41, Unity Trust Savings Account £85,051.35.</p> <p>b) Payments, as listed were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Suzanne McGarry, all in favour.</p> <p>c) There were no quotations for acceptance.</p> <p>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £26.97, no expenditure to report.</p>	
<b><u>8/8 CO-OPTION OF THREE COUNCILLORS:</u></b>	No applications had been received, although an enquiry had been made following recent publicity.	

<b><u>8/9 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Ellis reported the Youth Engagement Day held on 6<sup>th</sup> August had seen a steady stream of children and families. The weather had been glorious with good support from Community First and the Coopers Arms who had supplied the field and disco for free. The youth team would hold a debrief meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> August to set out what went well and what could be improved, with an immediate suggestion that a family focussed day might be better. As a first attempt it had been a successful event although there weren't as many people who attendance as hoped for.</p> <p>Several Wheeled Sports questionnaires had been filled in, although the QR code access appeared not to be working too well. All the organisations that attended got at least one person signed up. Letters would be sent to all the groups and people who had helped. Youth Café - there had been little progress with the school due to the summer holidays. The building required more work than first thought. Grants may be available through Hills Waste.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Mundy asked whether the event was considered value for money; Cllr Ellis felt it was and the Parish Council was shown to be engaging with the youth.</p> <p>Cllr Judy advised of the Carnival fun day being held at the Rugby Club on 4<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>Cllr Ellis expressed her thanks to Cllr Mrs Brindley; Cllr Mrs Hunt congratulated everyone who had been involved.</p>	<p>KE/ LB/ ET/ RK</p>
<b><u>8/10 WHEELED SPORTS:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Smithers reported the questionnaire had been circulated over the last six weeks and would now consider the preferred options in the responses. An outline design would be tabled for general agreement, then a public event held with a planning application to be made before the end of the year.</p> <p>Cllr Suzanne McGarry suggested it would be useful to publicise a rough timetable. Cllr Smithers felt the process could be set out at the public event and then communicated widely.</p>	<p>MS</p>
<b><u>8/11 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Mrs Mundy advised the monthly meeting had been cancelled.</p>	
<b><u>8/12 CLIMATE CHANGE:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Kerry Pycroft advised the strategy was still being put together with a report to be made available by the October Full Council.</p>	<p>KE/ CC/ KP</p>
<b><u>8/13 WILTSHIRE TOWNS PROGRAMME:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Mrs Hunt had attended most of the online presentation as she was still recovering from Covid. Wiltshire Council has allocated £1m a year up to 2025 to provide meaningful support to the high street to meet the needs of the local community. Cllr McGarry and the Clerk had asked at the Town and Parishes meeting for Pewsey to be included in the programme.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Humfress wished to be involved, Cllr Mrs Hunt would send her the information.</p>	
<b><u>8/14 WEBSITE/ COMMUNICATIONS:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Mrs Turner was not present to report.</p> <p>Cllr Ellis reconfirmed the working group to discuss internal and external communication was led by Cllr Mrs Turner, with Cllrs Ellis, Suzanne McGarry, Mrs Mundy, Kerry Pycroft. A report had been circulated covering various topics areas for improvement.</p> <p>Website - two quotes had already been received with a third awaited to redesign the site.</p> <p>Cllr Ellis proposed an "in principle" budget of £2,000 to refurbish the website, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, 13 for, 2 abstentions.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Suzanne McGarry and Cllr Mrs Turner be given access to the Parish Council Facebook page to assist with speedier information sharing. Cllr Ford wished to be part of the social media protocol discussions prior to updating the existing policy.</p>	<p>ET/ KE/ SM/ LM/ KP</p> <p>AK</p>

	<p>Cllr Mrs Mundy stated there should more outward communication, providing information on who and what the Parish Council does. The idea of more face-to-face interaction with parishioners in high traffic areas such as the Co-Op was supported.</p>	
<p><b><u>8/15 PEWSEY VALE SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS:</u></b></p>	<p>Mr Hewens presented the history of the tennis courts sited at Pewsey Vale School to the meeting. Pewsey Tennis Club had gone from strength to strength with a membership cap of 450 members. Tennis coaching for Pewsey Vale School had recommenced but was held at, and subsidised by the Tennis Club on Friday afternoons. The three courts at Pewsey Vale School were in a sorry state of decay. Recent informal discussions with the Lawn Tennis Association had shown they were not keen to refurbish them after their original investment 20 years ago. He commented that the courts could perhaps have been refurbished as part of the Campus investment which would have made them available to the community. He asked whether the Parish Council would support a proposal to undertake a feasibility study and provide a proper repair costing, which he would do for free. The cost would likely be in the region of £60,000-£75,000. Pewsey Vale School own the courts, and with the support of the community, a future management arrangement and maintenance programme could be presented to the LTA which may be favourably considered.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Hunt stated that it had not been an easy task to obtain the funding for the Campus.</p> <p>Cllr Giles asked why the courts had been allowed to get into that state in the first place? Mr Hewens responded that the situation had been inherited and there would need to be controls and accountability in place, which was the LTA appeared apprehensive. Cllr Ford asked if local residents had been consulted on use of the floodlights? Mr Hewens replied that no consultation had yet taken place and would check the conditions of the original approval. Cllr Smithers was keen to know the detail of the refurbishment required and whether funding could be available from other sources. Cllr McGarry proposed the Parish Council believed it was a good idea to look into the refurbishment of the tennis courts at Pewsey Vale School, seconded Cllr Smithers, all in favour.</p> <p>Cllr Suzanne McGarry agreed to represent the Parish Council in any future discussions, the Clerk would send details of the Area Board.</p>	<p>AK</p>
<p><b><u>8/16 FREE SWIMMING PROVISION:</u></b></p>	<p>Cllr Mrs Brindley was not present.</p>	
<p><b><u>8/17 THE MESSENGER:</u></b></p>	<p>Cllr Mrs Stevens asked for articles to be submitted by the deadline of 10<sup>th</sup> August as nothing had been received. The Clerk reminded her of the three councillor vacancies.</p>	
<p><b><u>8/18 CORRESPONDENCE:</u></b></p>	<p>The annual request for funding had been received from the Pewsey Community Area Partnership. The Clerk explained its role to newer members of the council. Cllr Ford proposed a donation of £250 to be made, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, all in favour.</p>	
<p><b><u>8/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u></b></p>	<p>A member of the public advised that youths had started to cause damage to part of the railway station with information sent to the Clerk which she did not recall receiving. There was little the Parish Council could do as it was a criminal matter, however Cllr McGarry would visit the train station manager.</p> <p>A member of the public asked for an update on the refurbishment of the Riverside Walk. Cllr Ford advised that the council was still waiting to receive a third quotation which would be chased by the Clerk. He explained each option and reiterated that all work done so far had been done for free. Cllr Mrs Stevens suggested that a quote</p>	<p>DM</p> <p>AK</p>

	<p>should be sought for repair, rather than resurfacing.</p> <p>A member of the public asked what was going to happen to the wild area at Whatley Drive? Cllr Ford stated that some residents preferred it wild, some preferred it mown. All areas would be reviewed as part of the renegotiation of the grounds maintenance contract.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the future use of all the public open spaces at Whatley Drive.</p>	
<p><b><u>8/20 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u></b></p>	<p>None.</p> <p>Cllr Ford asked all members to start considering any changes they may wish to make to the grounds maintenance contract which would be renegotiated over the next few months.</p>	

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.24pm.

Signed..... Date.....