

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

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr McGarry (Chair), Cllr Ellis, Cllrs Mrs Brindley, Mrs Humfress, Mrs Hunt, Judy Kunkler, Cllr Suzanne McGarry, Mrs Mundy, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Stevens, Cllrs Ford, Giles and Morris.	
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler and members of the public.	
<u>11/1 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllr Mrs Cobbing.	
<u>11/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	None.	
<u>11/3 CHAIR'S UPDATE:</u>	<p>The Chair thanked those members who had been involved with the flu vaccine clinics.</p> <p>A further meeting had been held with Cllr Ford and the Whatley Drive Residents Association.</p> <p>He had written to the Police and Crime Commissioner as promised and received a response which included an explanation from several officers as to why Pewsey had a lack of officers. The Police and Crime Commissioner would seek to encourage the regular PCSO to be seen in a marked car in the future.</p> <p>He and the Clerk had investigated whether the Council could help with the Christmas lights but unfortunately it would not be possible this year as the Council's insurers required similar compliance as the Carnival Committee's insurers. Cllr Suzanne McGarry had contacted the lighting company used at the Carnival, but it was too late to provide anything this year. People would be encouraged to decorate their own windows, particularly the businesses which could be judged in the same way as the Carnival event.</p> <p>All the Chairs and Vice-Chairs had liaised on how to improve the lack of progress in some areas. He reiterated to members that there was no such thing as a stupid question and those answering may be informing those who had not heard that question before.</p> <p>Only 8 members had attended last week's Precept meeting which was one of the most important meetings of the year. He understood there were genuine reasons for non-attendance, but it is important, particularly at this current time.</p>	
<u>11/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u>	<p>Cllr Kunkler suggested a best illuminated shop and best decorated house competition with prizes awarded, which would light up the village over the festive period.</p> <p>He apologised for missing the last meeting as he had been required to attend the Marlborough Area Board. The surgery practice manager had also attended and would be invited to the January Area Board. The next Area Board would take place on 28th November in Bedwyn. The LHFIG would meet online tomorrow and hopefully approve the bus shelter project. The Parish Steward was on leave and unable to attend this month. A second steward would be able to provide support on bigger tasks. White and yellow lining would now not take place until March next year with Pewsey at the top of the list. Traffic wardens would be returning to the village soon.</p> <p>Five-year land supply concerns were being addressed by Cllr Whitehead as developers attempted to bypass the Neighbourhood Development Plans. Support from Town and Parish Councils would be appreciated.</p> <p>Cllr Suzanne McGarry commented that more patients appeared to be happier with the GP services provided in a different way post Covid. Recruitment continued to be difficult. Cllr Mrs Mundy had personally received a positive experience and it was hoped to get the message across to the public.</p>	LS

<u>11/5 POLICE MATTERS:</u>	Two PCSOs had attended the Tuesday café and public morning. Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress advised the device was in Oare.	
<u>11/6 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u>	All being in agreement, the minutes of the meetings held on 9 th August and 11 th October were signed as a true record.	
<u>11/7 FINANCE:</u>	<p>a) Balance in Current account £174,740.54 Instant Reserve account £81,798.84, Lloyds Business Account £664.00, Lloyds Business Savings Account £80,000.00, Nationwide Savings Account £85,748.55, Cambridge Building Society £85,052.41, Unity Trust Savings Account £85,253.49.</p> <p>b) Payments, as listed were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Stevens, Cllr Morris all in favour.</p> <p>c) There were no quotations for acceptance.</p> <p>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £159.98, less allotment voucher £25.00; leaving cash in hand £134.98.</p> <p>Cllr Suzanne McGarry asked what the business grant could be used for. The Clerk advised it had been used for the 'Pewsey Is Open' day held last year. Cllr Morris reminded members that it had been agreed to tidy up the centre of the village. Cllr Mrs Humfress stated they would like to run an Open Day event again next year.</p> <p>Cllr Kunkler would invite the officer from Wiltshire Council to visit again as she had done so last year and offer advice. Projects to benefit all the businesses and local economy would be welcomed.</p> <p>e) Ratification of the Precept for 2023/24 to be set at £150,000 proposed Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, 12 for, 1 against. The Chair thanked Cllrs Mrs Stevens, Cllr Morris and the Clerk for their continued work on the council's finances.</p>	JK
<u>11/8 CO-OPTION OF THREE COUNCILLORS:</u>	An application had been received from Mr Sharman and was proposed acceptance by Cllr King, seconded Cllr Ford, all in favour.	
<u>11/9 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Brindley advised that a final quote was still required, and the project would then need approval from the school governors. Cllr Morris stated that lease terms would have to be agreed before spending the funds.</p> <p>Cllr King was still waiting for quotes for the basketball hoop at Broomcroft Road. The Clerk would send him links to suitable contractors. Cllr Mrs Brindley said it was frustrating having to wait for projects to progress.</p>	KE/ LB/ ET/ RK
<u>11/10 WHEELED SPORTS:</u>	Cllr Smithers was not present to report. Cllr Mrs Hunt advised that the surveys had given preference to a pump track rather than a skate park. The programme timetable had not yet been circulated.	MS
<u>11/11 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u>	Cllr Mrs Mundy was unable to attend last week's meeting but had been made aware that the group were looking to put forward a planning application in February 2023.	
<u>11/12 LHFIG:</u>	Cllr Ford would be attending tomorrow's online meeting hoping to push through the bus shelter project.	JF
<u>11/13 CLIMATE CHANGE:</u>	Cllr Ellis advised the group would be meeting later in the week to discuss comments to be made as part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan review. The Electric Vehicle Charging survey had been circulated in various places. The results would have to show a need before going further. Cllr Mrs Hunt felt it was difficult as people would not consider purchasing an electric vehicle until the infrastructure was installed. Cllr Kunkler advised that applications for new dwellings can insist on putting in EV chargers. Cllr Suzanne McGarry stated the technology had not yet been proven successful.	KE/ CC/ KP
<u>11/14 WILTSHIRE TOWNS PROGRAMME:</u>	Cllr Mrs Humfress had spoken with Cllr Mrs Hunt to understand the project requirements. It would be a useful exercise to undertake and would tie in with the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership.	LH

<u>11/15 WEBSITE/ COMMUNICATIONS:</u>	Cllr Mrs Mundy would set a date for the working group to meet. Four quotations had been sought with one outstanding. Each quote would be scored against set criteria and presented for discussion at Full Council in December. The Council needed to look forward to more proactive communication with individual members responsible for individual pages and content. Cllr McGarry reminded members to put deadline dates for quotations to be received by.	LM/ SM/ KE/ KP
<u>11/16 PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP:</u>	Cllr Suzanne McGarry reported the flu clinics had taken place very successfully. The annual survey showed that the majority of people were happy with the service received. There were still vacancies for a GP and a couple of nurses. KAMP were keen to change people's expectations and mindset on appointment availability, particularly when the surgery covered a large geographical area. It was possible to receive a same day appointment if the triage nurse was contacted. Cllr Mrs Hunt asked how GPs felt about continuity with individual patients. Cllr Suzanne McGarry said that it was difficult to rectify across the country.	
<u>11/17 DEFIBRILLATOR:</u>	Cllr Suzanne McGarry advised they were all working OK. She would continue to consider a new location for a further device.	
<u>11/18 CORRESPONDENCE:</u>	None.	
<u>11/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u>	A member of the public was surprised that two EV charging points at the sports centre were available and free to use. More and more people would purchase electric vehicles once the infrastructure increases. A member of the public asked whether the PPG had any input on the out of hours service which used to be at Savernake. It seemed people were being pointed straight to the urgent care centre. A member of the public thanked the council for its contribution to the carnival lighting costs.	
<u>11/20 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u>	The Clerk advised the War Memorial needed cleaning before the Remembrance weekend and asked for volunteers. Cllrs Ford, Judy Kunkler, Suzanne McGarry and Mrs Stevens would do this and move the old wreaths to one side.	

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.22pm.

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