

**PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE BOUVERIE HALL ON 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 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 Pullen, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Stevens, Cllrs King, Morris and Smithers.
<b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler, Victoria Moloney (Wiltshire Council), Suzanne Deering and Alix Ward (Kennet & Avon Medical Partnership), students from Pewsey Vale School and members of the public.
<b><u>12/1 APOLOGIES:</u></b>	Cllr Mrs Brindley, Mrs Mundy, Cllrs Ford and Giles.
<b><u>12/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u></b>	Cllrs Ellis and Mrs Stevens on item 8 (b) and Cllr Mrs Humfress on item 15.
<b><u>12/3 CHAIR'S UPDATE:</u></b>	The Chair gave a brief update to what has been a year of highlights and lowlights. The death of HM the Queen and many changes in Government against the highlight of the return of Carnival events. The Council had erected three Christmas trees in the Market Place. Several councillors had attended the excellent Presentation evening at Pewsey Vale School. He, Cllr Suzanne McGarry and Cllr Ford had met again with the Whatley Drive Residents Association and a few councillors had attended the Christmas Fayre. He thanked everyone for their support this year.
<b><u>12/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Kunkler reported from the Area Board meeting that took place at Bedwyn on 27<sup>th</sup> November at which there was a very positive and interesting presentation on the £1.2m funding for improving west to east bus services and the user app. There were no grants approved. The next Area Board would be on 27<sup>th</sup> February at the Bouverie Hall. He reported the yellow lines on Old Hospital Road had been painted.</p> <p>He introduced Victoria Moloney who was the Wiltshire Council Head of Economy and Regeneration and leading the Wiltshire Towns Programme. She was fully aware that Pewsey was not a town but was familiar with the area and had already met with Cllr Mrs Humfress and Cllr Mrs Hunt. Covid had presented new challenges as many people had continued with online shopping with high streets moving towards more coffee and charity shops.</p> <p>There were five themes - how is Pewsey managing post Covid - who are the retailers, what are the events, do the spaces work, are they accessible, do people take an active interest. Pewsey was a very active community with good services, heritage and active tourism, particularly cycling and walking. However, improvements could be made with not enough diversity, the food and beverage offer has weakened for locals and visitors. It was very difficult to find out what's going on in the high street. Antiques and furniture were a huge market. Food and drink should be sourced locally, using the farmers and producers. The threat to the High Street was retention, visibility, shop frontages, public transport and communication. A grant of £5,000 was available to Pewsey and Wiltshire Council was offering its help to the community to decide how best to use it. Communications, signage, website provision, a map; all to be considered for improvements on how to encourage visitors.</p>
<b><u>12/5 KENNET &amp; AVON MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP:</u></b>	Suzanne Deering from KAMP circulated the feedback survey results on GP appointment availability and how the surgery was coping with the decline of medical personnel at a national level. Telephone appointments had been popular, with the number of face-to-face appointments increasing and patients being offered a choice. GP services had continued daily during the various lockdowns with new services integrated to relieve the pressure on appointments.

	<p>Alix Ward explained how it had helped patients re-engage post covid, with such services as physio. Three paramedics assigned to the surgery helped relieve some of the pressure as they assessed those who may need urgent care and younger patients.</p> <p>91% good or very good on patient feedback survey.</p> <p>Cllr McGarry suggested the military could be asked to assist.</p> <p>A member of the public asked about missed appointments; pre-covid between 10-20% were missed but monitoring had ceased. The average waiting time for an appointment was increasing with slots released a bit at a time, but patients should keep trying.</p> <p>Receptionists assisted with navigating patients to the best service which was helping to mitigate the delays.</p> <p>Cllr Morris asked if the Parish Council could help to which the response was yes, to be supportive especially on social media.</p> <p>Gentle reminders to let the surgery know if an appointment needs to be missed. Encourage self-referral and signposting to a pharmacy or urgent care.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Hunt stated that had been some time since the merger took place; Suzanne explained that it was a case of merging practices or close Pewsey. This was happening in lots of areas and she felt that Pewsey benefitted from being a bigger practice, with extended hours including a Saturday morning provision.</p> <p>Cllr McGarry thanked Suzanne and Alix for an extremely informative update.</p>	
<b><u>12/6 POLICE MATTERS:</u></b>	<p>There were no police matters to discuss. The Police and Crime Commissioner had circulated information regarding the proposal to increase their precept.</p> <p>Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress advised that the device was in Oare. It was becoming increasingly difficult to sort session dates with only two people currently available.</p> <p>The Speed Indicator Device on Milton Road needed to be removed as it did not work and was expensive to repair. The Clerk explained the process that was required to get a site approved and the different levels of criteria which would determine whether a SID or speed device could be used.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Humfress would contact the co-ordinator at Wiltshire Police to seek updated guidance and support.</p>	<p>AK</p> <p>LH</p>
<b><u>12/7 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u></b>	All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 8 <sup>th</sup> November was signed as a true record.	
<b><u>12/8 FINANCE:</u></b>	<p>a) Balance in Current account £155,367.66 Instant Reserve account £81,812.29, Lloyds Business Account £657.00, Lloyds Business Savings Account £80,000.00, Nationwide Savings Account £85,899.38, 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 Morris, seconded Cllr Judy Kunkler, all in favour.</p> <p>c) There were no quotations for acceptance.</p> <p>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £134.98.</p> <p>e) Adoption of the amended Finance Regulations (circulated) was proposed by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, all in favour.</p>	
<b><u>12/9 CO-OPTION OF TWO COUNCILLORS:</u></b>	No further applications had been received.	
<b><u>12/10 BOXING DAY MEET:</u></b>	Cllr McGarry confirmed that all the information from the hunt and the objectors had been circulated. The proposal was for the hunt to be allowed to use the car park, 6 for, 5 against, 1 abstention.	
<b><u>12/11 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u></b>	Cllr Ellis had nothing to report but would be meeting with the school Governors soon.	KE

<b><u>12/12 WHEELED SPORTS:</u></b>	Cllr Smithers explained that the preferred option of a pump track would be a little more difficult to achieve as only seven companies built them. The cost would be in the region of £100,000 and some of the equipment at Broomcroft amenity area would need relocating. The proposal was to seek approval for initial costs of £6,350 for the design development stage which should include a 3D drawing. Velo Solutions would provide a full breakdown of costs thereafter, then the council can check items for being in line for market rates. Cllr Mrs Hunt, the Clerk and the Play Area inspector would meet on site to determine the condition of the trim trail and where it could be resited. Cllr Smithers proposed acceptance of the initial cost quote, seconded Cllr Morris, all in favour.	<b>MH/ AK</b>
<b><u>12/13 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u></b>	Cllr Mrs Mundy had been unable to attend. Mrs Wilson advised that five firms had been shortlisted to proceed the project to planning stage. Interviews had taken place and a decision made shortly. A survey was underway with 20 written returns and 74 online returns with positive or well thought out responses. A successful recruitment at the recent Christmas Fayre had seen 35 new members.	
<b><u>12/14 CLIMATE CHANGE:</u></b>	Cllr Ellis advised that 20 replies to the Electric Vehicle Charging survey had been returned and she would look to close it in January and report back in February.	<b>KE/ KP</b>
<b><u>12/15 WEBSITE/ COMMUNICATIONS:</u></b>	Cllr Mrs Mundy had undertaken most of the work involved in seeking quotations against set requirements. Cllr Mrs McGarry presented the results and recommended Netwise be offered the contract to redesign the Parish Council website, proposed by Cllr Smithers, seconded Cllr King, all in favour.	<b>LM/ SM/ KE/ KP</b>
<b><u>12/16 PEWSEY VALE RAIL USERS GROUP:</u></b>	Cllr Morris had not been present at the meeting on 9 <sup>th</sup> November, however, reported that user numbers had returned to pre-covid figures with lots of leisure and recreational travel. It was proving difficult to get availability on a Sunday train. Great Bedwyn had seen some service cuts, but had managed to claw some back. Pewsey could be affected in the future, but the main issue at the present time was national strikes. The group was not a huge commitment but it wished to recruit commuters as they had better knowledge. Cllr Ellis agreed to join.	<b>KE</b>
<b><u>12/17 CORRESPONDENCE:</u></b>	None.	
<b><u>12/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u></b>	Mrs Wilson asked the Parish Council to consider a contribution towards the ongoing costs of the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership, particularly with the promotion of Visit Pewsey Vale and associated marketing. A specific Pewsey village page could be considered. The Carnival Fayre had been a really nice event for the village with lots of people attending. She had already suggested an ice rink could be hired for next year, which the Parish Council would support. Alix Ward asked what the Parish Council was doing to help people in the village with the cost of living crisis. Cllr Suzanne McGarry advised that she had put an information pack together and the library was a designated "Warm Space". Other ideas would be considered and publicised.	
<b><u>12/19 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u></b>	None.	

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

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