

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE ON 10th JANUARY 2023 at 7.00pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr McGarry (Chair), Cllr Ellis, Cllrs Mrs Brindley, Mrs Humfress, Mrs Hunt, Judy Kunkler, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Stevens, Cllrs Ford, Giles, Morris and Smithers.	
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler and members of the public.	
<u>1/1 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllr Suzanne McGarry and Mrs Mundy, Cllr King.	
<u>1/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	None.	
<u>1/3 CHAIR'S UPDATE:</u>	The Chair wished everyone a Happy New Year and reminded the meeting this was the first Full Council meeting to be held back in the Parish Office for 3 years. He had attended the Carol Service at St. John's. The Christmas trees had been taken down on 5 th January and thanked Cllr Kerry Pycroft for maintaining them.	
<u>1/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u>	Cllr Kunkler wished everyone a Happy New Year. He was in the process of compiling the agenda for the next Area Board meeting being held on 27 th February in the Bouverie Hall. The next LHFIG would be held on 26 th April. The budget would be agreed in February, with £50m of savings to be made. Town and Parish Councils had been informed that election expenses would be devolved to them, likely from 2025, with the costs to be added to the annual precept. Although a Local Youth Network meeting had not been held for a while, he and the Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager would meet with the Parish Council youth team to discuss project ideas. A new person would be considering Climate Change projects. Cllr Kunkler stated that he did not support the police budget being increased as he felt most of the funding went to Swindon. A new cabinet member for Highways had been named and a new contractor to replace Ringway would be in place from 1 st April. Cllr Kunkler offered his congratulations to Cllr Mrs Hunt and Cllr Smithers on the progress being made on the wheeled sports project and suggested a pre-application should be made to the planners. He confirmed that he had spoken with the manager of the Co-Op about the rubbish at the small recycling area, which had been cleared but would be reminded to keep the area and footpath tidy. Cllr Kunkler advised that Pewsey had been put on the list for the first tranche of money available via the Wiltshire Town Programme.	
<u>1/5 POLICE MATTERS:</u>	There were no police matters to discuss. Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress had received a response from the CSW co-ordinator on how to best try and recruit volunteers via social media outlets, The Messenger, posters and in-person events. The Speed Indicator Device on Milton Road needed to be removed.	LH
<u>1/6 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u>	All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 13 th December was signed as a true record.	
<u>1/7 FINANCE:</u>	a) Balance in Current account £138,209.69 Instant Reserve account £81,843.22, Lloyds Business Account £657.00, Lloyds Business Savings Account £80,000.00, Nationwide Savings Account £86,081.77, Cambridge Building Society £85,052.41, Unity Trust Savings Account £85,529.80. b) Payments, as listed were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Mrs Humfress, all in favour. c) There were no quotations for acceptance. d) Petty Cash - opening balance £134.98.	

<u>1/8 CO-OPTION OF FOUR COUNCILLORS:</u>	No applications had been received, although one person had expressed an interest and was considering making an application.	
<u>1/9 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u>	Cllr Ellis reported there had been no update from the school but would continue to speak with the Chair of Governors. Cllr McGarry asked whether the news about a new science block being funded and built would put an end to the club project. Cllr Ellis felt that this may impact but there were other ideas to be considered.	KE/ LB/ RK
<u>1/10 WHEELED SPORTS:</u>	Cllr Smithers had been liaising with the design company to meet and agree a launch programme. There had been very positive feedback received via social media on the project update, which would also be circulated in The Messenger.	MS
<u>1/11 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u>	Cllr Mrs Mundy had been unable to attend but had provided a report. The project would be known informally as King Alfred Court, with ongoing progress being made with the commissioning of the Flood Risk Assessment, Preliminary Ecological Assessment and Arboricultural Survey. Public events would be held on 17 th January and 2 nd February at the Bouverie Hall and it was hoped a presentation would be made to the Full Council in March. One issue that had arisen was the level of parking provision to be provided.	LM
<u>1/12 CLIMATE CHANGE:</u>	Cllr Ellis and Cllr Kerry Pycroft had met the Great Green Bedwyn group and would look to establish a similar, standalone entity for Pewsey. A public questionnaire would be put together and it was agreed, in principal, that the Parish Council would fund printing costs, subject to obtaining further quotations.	KE/ KP
<u>1/13 WEBSITE/ COMMUNICATIONS:</u>	The reviewed Social Media Policy had been circulated and proposed for adoption by Cllr Ford, seconded Cllr McGarry, all in favour.	LM/ SM/ KE/ KP
<u>1/14 PEWSEY VALE TOURISM PARTNERSHIP:</u>	The Clerk advised that a request for a contribution had been received. She explained the purpose of the group, what it had achieved and its plans to promote tourism across the Vale. Cllr Morris proposed £1,000 be awarded, seconded Cllr Ellis, all in favour.	
<u>1/15 TO ESTABLISH EVENTS WORKING GROUP:</u>	Cllr Ellis was keen for a working group to be established to consider the council's involvement in such events as the upcoming Coronation and village dressing. Cllr McGarry felt the council needed to be aware of what other community groups were doing and to work together. Cllr Ford suggested an article be put in The Messenger. Cllr Mrs Brindley would lead the group, along with Cllr Mrs Humfress and Cllr Mrs Stevens. Terms of Reference would be required. The formation of the group was proposed by Cllr Ellis, seconded Cllr McGarry, all in favour.	LB/ LH/ LS
<u>1/16 CORRESPONDENCE:</u>	The Clerk had received a request from the Tennis Club who hoped to run a 24-hour charitable event to raise money for Cancer Research. The Parish Council agreed to the request in principle, however, the floodlights would be required throughout the night so a letter should be sent to inform all the local residents about the event. The Parish Council would discuss the proposal with the planners at Wiltshire Council, as it was contrary to the current plan approval.	AK
<u>1/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u>	A member of the public sought clarification on the speed device on Milton Road which was broken and needed to be removed. It was felt a new traffic speed survey could be undertaken to measure the speed. The next Carnival meeting was confirmed for 10 th February, 7pm in the Bouverie Hall.	AK
<u>1/18 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u>	None.	

There being no further business the Chairman moved the meeting into Confidential Session.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEM DISCUSSED AT THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
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Tenant Club

Two items related to the Centenary of Pewsey Vale Bowls Club.

Firstly, a request had been received from the club for a contribution of £250.00 towards the additional costs being incurred for the six representative matches against prestigious bowling organisations. This was proposed by Cllr Ford, seconded Cllr Mrs Stevens, 11 for, 1 abstention.

Additionally, Cllr Mrs Hunt suggested that the club be presented with a Centenary gift from the Parish Council and she had spoken to a local sculptor who was delighted to be asked to produce something for them. Specific ideas would be presented in due course. Cllr Smithers proposed a maximum amount of £250 be given towards the gift, seconded Cllr Ellis, 11 for, 1 against.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

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