

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE ON 11th APRIL 2023 at 7.00pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr McGarry (Chair), Cllrs Mrs Brindley, Ms Durnford, Mrs Humfress, Mrs Hunt, Judy Kunkler, Mrs Mundy, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Stevens, Cllrs King and Stythe.	
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Parsons.	
<u>4/1 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllr Suzanne McGarry, Mrs Sharpe, Cllrs Ford, Giles and Smithers.	
<u>4/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	None.	
<u>4/3 CHAIR'S UPDATE:</u>	The Chair reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Morris and thanked him for his service. He also reminded members that this would be his last Full Council meeting as Chair and Councillor. He passed on a piece of advice; that emails and texts were fine, but a telephone call and talking to people was better. He would be making a presentation to Pewsey Vale Bowls Club on 15 th April at 2pm for all those who may wish to also attend.	
<u>4/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u>	Cllr Kunkler congratulated Cllr McGarry on his year as Chair of the Council. He would be celebrating his own achievement of 40 years as a Councillor on 4 th May. The next Area Board would take place on 22 nd May at Woodborough Social Club; the next LHFIG on 26 th April. Milestone had taken over the highways contract on 1 st April and he hoped to meet with them and Wiltshire Council about the Parish Steward scheme. Potholes were an ever-increasing problem. Cllr Mrs Mundy reminded Cllr Kunkler that Sunnyhill Lane was now impassable, an accident waiting to happen with only one substantial repair in 22 years. Major highway repairs were required.	
<u>4/5 POLICE MATTERS:</u>	There were no police matters to discuss. Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress advised the device had still not been returned from Oare. There would be an update meeting held soon and a recruitment poster circulated. Oare currently had the highest speeding rate in Wiltshire.	LH
<u>4/6 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u>	All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 14 th March, including the confidential items, were signed as a true record.	
<u>4/7 FINANCE:</u>	a) Balance in Current account £66,956.63 Instant Reserve account £81,959.19, Lloyds Business Account £636.00, Lloyds Business Savings Account £80,000.00, Nationwide Savings Account £86,670.34, Cambridge Building Society £85,394.95, Unity Trust Savings Account £86,279.40. b) Payments, as listed were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr McGarry, all in favour. c) There were no quotations for acceptance. d) Petty Cash - opening balance £105.39, less consumables £5.04, leaving £100.35	
<u>4/8 CO-OPTION OF FOUR COUNCILLORS:</u>	No applications had been received. The Clerk advised that this would become six vacancies in May and asked for members to encourage people to apply.	
<u>4/9 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u>	Cllr Mrs Brindley reported she and Cllr King had met and wished to recommend an open cinema event, most likely at Coopers field on 17 th June. She would circulate the quotations for consideration. Cllr Jerry Kunkler had suggested to use a small area in the Campus by the pool viewing area for a pool table, virtual reality kit and screen. Cllr Mrs Brindley agreed this would be a safe space and offer a more permanent long-term project. It would need a younger, responsible person to oversee and she had someone in mind. They	LB/ RK

	<p>would likely ask for a token payment from users to help with ongoing maintenance. The Campus were also actively looking to re-open the café. Cllr Ms Durnford expressed concern about keeping active rather than allowing more screen time. Cllr Mrs Mundy shared those concerns but felt that times were different and those more in touch with young people needed to be listened to.</p> <p>The Chairman of the football club had also offered to open up the clubhouse during the off season. Youth funding was already available and needed to be spent.</p>	
<u>4/10 WHEELED SPORTS:</u>	<p>Cllr Smithers was not present to report. Cllr Mrs Hunt advised that the designs had been narrowed down to two options. Velo would be running an online presentation with the young people in due course, at a time when parents could join in. A planning application would follow shortly after.</p>	MS
<u>4/11 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Mundy had attended the recent directors meeting. The AGM would be held on 24th April at the Wesley Hall. The plans were not quite finished yet and there would be ample opportunity to comment. It had generally been a difficult process and if not for those directly involved the project would have not got this far. It was quite and extraordinary achievement to provide up to nine dwellings for local people.</p>	LM
<u>4/12 WEBSITE/ COMMUNICATIONS:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Mundy advised now that the payment had been made the Committee heads needed to write their own sections which would ensure the new site would come together quite quickly.</p> <p>Cllr Kerry Pycroft had circulated and updated communications report. Cllr Mrs Stevens still sent a monthly article for the Messenger and it was also suggested that Council surgeries could take place outside the Co-Op to engage more with the public.</p> <p>She would look at updating signs around the village, such as the information boards in the Scotchel and the village map, possibly using funding available through the Wiltshire Towns Programme.</p>	LM/ SM/ KP
<u>4/13 EVENTS WORKING GROUP:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Brindley confirmed the Coronation event at the Coopers was taking place on 6th May and the Parish Council had made a donation. She had attended a Carnival Committee meeting but there had been no further progress made with the lighting. A date needed to be set for the Community Morning.</p>	LB/ LH/ LS
<u>4/14 LIMIT OF DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARY:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Hunt circulated the map of the Limit of Development boundary. A inclusion of a small plot of land on Ball Road had been questioned by a parishioner, who maintained that a decision had been made previously in around 2015 following the dismissal of a Planning Inspectorate appeal, that the site would never be suitable for development. She had read the Appeal report and had been unable to find any such decision. Cllr Judy Kunkler asked whether there had been any consideration for extending the line on the Marlborough Road side of the railway. Cllr Mrs Hunt replied that the NDP was based on the housing figures provided by Wiltshire Council. Cllr McGarry said the line should be left where it is and reviewed four years, unless substantial proof was provided.</p>	MH
<u>4/15 CORRESPONDENCE:</u>	<p>A local resident had written to the council asking for assistance with the maintenance of the white picket fence in the Market Place, an update had been provided including the quotation.</p> <p>The Parish Council cannot spend public money on private property but could find no legal reason why grant money that had been received could not be spent.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Hunt proposed a donation of £400 be given for the repair of the area of fencing surrounding the memorial bench in the Market Place, seconded Cllr King, 10 for, 1 abstention.</p>	

	Cllr Judy Kunkler informed members of the Bouverie Hall AGM on 27 th April at 7pm but unfortunately she was unable to attend and asked for someone to go in her stead; Cllr Mrs Mundy would attend.	
<u>4/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u>	Mrs Parsons of the Carnival Committee thanked Cllr McGarry for his support during his year as Chairman, particularly when the event dates had to be changed following the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. She had really appreciated his support, and that of Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Oatway and the Clerk at that time. Cllr Jerry Kunkler informed the meeting of a qualified stonemason who lived locally and would like the opportunity to quote for the cemetery wall and Lytchgate repairs. The Clerk would contact him. Mrs Wilson informed the meeting that the Devizes Gateway rail project had hit difficulties and would not likely be considered until after 2029. She would be meeting with Network Rail to discuss services for Pewsey; there could be an increase in freight.	
<u>3/17 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u>	The Clerk advised that she had met with the loss adjuster and the insurance claim was progressing. At least two quotations were required. She informed the meeting that the next Full Council would be held on 9 th May at which the annual elections would take place. The nomination forms had been circulated. Cllr Mrs Hunt reminded members she would not be standing for the position of Chair of Planning.	

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.17pm.

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