

**PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE ON 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023 at 7.00pm**

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Cllr McGarry (Chair), Cllrs Mrs Brindley, Ms Durnford, Mrs Humfress, Mrs Hunt, Judy Kunkler, Mrs Mundy, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Stevens, Cllrs Ford and Morris.	
<b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler and members of the public.	
<b><u>3/1 APOLOGIES:</u></b>	Cllr Suzanne McGarry, Cllrs Giles, King, Smithers and Stythe.	
<b><u>3/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u></b>	Cllr Mrs Humfress and Cllr Mrs Stevens on item 7 (b).	
<b><u>3/3 CHAIR'S UPDATE:</u></b>	The Chair reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Ellis. This was a huge loss to the Council, particularly with her work on the development of youth projects in the village. He had written her a letter of thanks. He had attended the Rail User's Group meeting on 2 <sup>nd</sup> March and would report later in the meeting. He would also be meeting with Danny Kruger MP on 17 <sup>th</sup> March, along with Cllr Mrs Hunt and the Clerk to discuss the current 5-year housing land supply debate.	
<b><u>3/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u></b>	Cllr Kunkler reported the Area Board had taken place on 27 <sup>th</sup> February at the Bouverie Hall with Wiltshire Police being a topic for discussion as there appeared to be an increase in crime and issues with non-attendance. The next LHFIG would be held on 26 <sup>th</sup> April. The funding had been agreed for the new bus shelter but there was a likely delay for the installation as traffic management would be required. The new contractors, Milestone, would take over from Ringway on 1 <sup>st</sup> April. The next Area Board would be held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> May. He had attended a meeting with a local contractor to discuss the provision of carnival and Christmas lighting. Prices would be obtained soon. Cllr Morris asked what had happened with the proposal to pass on election costs to Town and Parish Councils. Cllr Kunkler confirmed the proposal had been passed but officers were researching whether help could be offered. The lack of traffic wardens had been noted as well as the worn road markings in the High street.	
<b><u>3/5 POLICE MATTERS:</u></b>	There were no police matters to discuss. Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress advised the device continued to be used in Oare. She was arranging to have retraining sessions which the Pewsey team would be involved with.	<b>LH</b>
<b><u>3/6 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u></b>	All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> February were signed as a true record.	
<b><u>3/7 FINANCE:</u></b>	a) Balance in Current account £92,548.06 Instant Reserve account £81,916.78, Lloyds Business Account £636.00, Lloyds Business Savings Account £80,000.00, Nationwide Savings Account £86,464.72, Cambridge Building Society £85,394.95, Unity Trust Savings Account £86,279.40. b) Payments, as listed were proposed for approval by Cllr Morris, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, all in favour. c) The Clerk notified members that the preferred Internal Auditor had supplied an estimate to undertake the annual audit for 2022/23 for £1,200.00 exclusive of VAT. Cllr Mrs Stevens proposed acceptance, seconded Cllr Morris, all in favour. d) Petty Cash - opening balance £105.39 with no expenditure.	
<b><u>3/8 CO-OPTION OF FOUR COUNCILLORS:</u></b>	One application had been received and was proposed acceptance by Cllr Morris, seconded Cllr Mrs Stevens, all in favour.	

<b><u>3/9 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Mrs Brindley reported on meeting with the youth development officers from Community First. Three pop-up events would be taking place, the first on 24<sup>th</sup> April. The Youth Football Club had offered to open their clubhouse for activities and Cllr Kunkler would speak with the Campus to see if they would open up one evening a week. The target age range would be lowered to 11-17-year-olds. The 12-month time frame for spending the youth grant had been exceeded so she would meet with Cllr King to bring forward ideas for small events, such as an outdoor cinema as well as another youth engagement event. Community First would be engaging with Pewsey Vale School on 27<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>The hiring of a temporary pump track for a couple of days had been mentioned to tie in with the Wheeled Sports project. Another members would be welcomed on the group.</p>	<b>LB/ RK</b>
<b><u>3/10 WHEELED SPORTS:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Smithers was not present to report. Cllr Mrs Hunt advised that he had questioned value for money on the design received so far, with two alternative designs produced. She felt the temporary track would be extremely useful during the consultation process.</p>	<b>MS</b>
<b><u>3/11 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Mrs Mundy have not been able to attend remotely but reported the project had moved on at a tremendous pace, with the architect appointed and a public engagement event held on 20<sup>th</sup> March.</p>	<b>LM</b>
<b><u>3/12 WEBSITE/ COMMUNICATIONS:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Mrs Mundy advised that Netwise have been engaged to go ahead with the new website design and ongoing maintenance. Help with written content would be needed. Cllr Kerry Pycroft would update the communication report from last year with progress.</p>	<b>LM/ SM/ KP</b>
<b><u>3/13 EVENTS WORKING GROUP:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Mrs Brindley and Cllr Mrs Humfress had met and a report circulated. The Coopers would be hosting the Coronation event on 6<sup>th</sup> May, Cllr Morris proposed a donation of £500, seconded Cllr Mrs Brindley, all in favour. Commemoration gifts for the children would be researched.</p> <p>Dates for the Pewsey Community Morning needed to be set and the Pewsey Is Open Day would be held in 2024. Discussions would soon take place on village lighting, both for Carnival and Christmas. Cllr Morris was keen for the council to work with the Carnival committee to assist with funding once costs were known.</p>	<b>LB/ LH/ LS</b>
<b><u>3/14 BUSINESS PLAN:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Mrs Stevens had circulated a draft business plan and welcomed comments to be added by next Full Council. Cllr McGarry explained the document was the foundation of what the council wished to build upon.</p>	<b>LS</b>
<b><u>3/15 PEWSEY VALE RAIL USERS' GROUP:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Morris stated that it was agreed the railway station was of vital importance to the village and the users' group had been formed to support, improve facilities and services where it was able and had been moderately successful.</p> <p>Cllr McGarry had attended the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Rail use was increasing but still not to the levels pre-pandemic. The station had submitted a grant application for a lift on either side of bridge to assist disabled people. A review of all ticket machines was ongoing as they come towards the end of life, with Touch and Go machines as well as online. Bus service serving the stations had been delayed as it was proving difficult to get bus drivers. Order online at £2 a fare. The user groups were small, so discussions were taking place to form into a larger community rail partnership, similar to other areas of the country. GWR would be willing to match fund to get the group (to consist of Bedwyn, Pewsey and Devizes) up and running. It was suggested the Parish Council could donate £2,000 from the business grant towards the group, which would be match funded. This would support the operation of the new group, local station</p>	<b>DMc BM</b>

	<p>initiatives, demonstrates local commitment and could be reviewed after a year. Cllr Mrs Mundy thought it was a large sum as many people do not use the train services. Cllr Morris mentioned the affect the station has on the village, housing prices and longer term viability of the village and proposed a donation of £2,000, seconded Cllr Mrs Stevens, 10 for, 1 abstention.</p>	
<b><u>3/15 CORRESPONDENCE:</u></b>	<p>A local resident had written to the council asking for assistance with the maintenance of the white picket fence in the Market Place behind the Memorial seat, which was placed on their land. Cllr McGarry asked for each members' opinion in turn. It was agreed that it was a focal point in the centre of the village, and it was not an unreasonable request due to the bench, but concern was raised about spending public money on a private fence. The Clerk advised that the landowner was seeking a quotation.</p>	
<b><u>3/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u></b>	<p>A member of the public informed the meeting that a new event, Pewsey Pride, would be taking place in the summer, The next Carnival meeting would take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 7pm in the Bouverie Hall.</p> <p>A member of the public felt it would be a goodwill gesture to assist with the Market Place fence, notwithstanding the legalities. He expressed concern about the speed of vehicles coming through the Market Place. Cllr Ford explained how the process worked to assess the site for speeding, using a traffic survey, with the results dictating what type of mitigation could be used. Cllr Mrs Humfress would welcome Speedwatch volunteers.</p> <p>A member of the public asked whether there was any detail on the proposed development at King Alfred Court. Cllr Mrs Mundy explained that plans were currently being drawn with an anticipated 7 or 9 units that would be for people who wish to have their own home and have yet to be successful with social housing. It would be rental only and likely 2 bedroomed for people with links to Pewsey.</p>	
<b><u>3/17 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u></b>	None.	

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