

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE,
BOUVERIE HALL, PEWSEY ON 9th MAY 2023 at 7.00pm**

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllrs Mrs Brindley, Ms Durnford, Mrs Humfress, Mrs Hunt, Judy Kunkler, Mrs Suzanne McGarry, Mrs Mundy, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Sharpe, Mrs Stevens, Cllrs Giles, Smithers and Stythe.	
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk), and members of the public.	
<u>5/1 ELECTION OF CHAIR:</u>	Nominations had been requested prior to the meeting. Cllr Mrs Suzanne McGarry and Cllr Mrs Stevens, had both received valid nominations. A ballot took place with Cllr Mrs Stevens being declared successful and was congratulated by the meeting. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.	
<u>5/2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR:</u>	Nominations had been requested prior to the meeting. Cllr Mrs Suzanne McGarry and Cllr Mrs Mundy, had both received valid nominations but neither wished to stand.	
<u>5/3 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllr King. Cllr Ford had requested a leave of absence for personal reasons which was approved for a period of up to 6 months. Cllr Kunkler (Wiltshire Council).	
<u>5/4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	Cllr Mrs Stevens and Mrs Humfress on item 11 (b)	
<u>5/5 CHAIR'S REPORT:</u>	The Chair had nothing to report at this time. The Clerk advised that a letter of resignation had been received from Cllr McGarry prior to the commencement of the meeting.	
<u>5/6 UNITARY COUNCILLOR REPORT:</u>	Cllr Kunkler was not present and had not sent a report.	
<u>5/7 POLICE MATTERS:</u>	There was nothing to report. Cllr Humfress had met with other Speedwatch volunteers in the area the previous week. It was agreed to put up posters around the villages as an attempt to recruit new volunteers. Cllr Mrs Brindley informed the meeting that the new Chief Constable intended to attend the next Area Board on 22 nd May.	
<u>5/8 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS SIGNED SINCE LAST FULL COUNCIL:</u>	Cllr Mrs Hunt proposed adoption of the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 22 nd March, seconded Cllr Smithers, all in favour.	
<u>5/9 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u>	All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 11 th April 2023 were signed as a true record.	
<u>5/10 ELECTIONS:</u>	Nominations had been requested prior to the meeting: a) Chair of Finance & Strategic Management - Cllr Mrs Stevens, having received the only valid nomination was proposed by Cllr Smithers, seconded Cllr Judy Kunkler, all in favour. b) Vice-Chair Finance & Strategic Management - no nomination had been received. c) Chair of Planning - Cllr Mrs Mundy, having received the only valid nomination was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hunt, seconded Cllr Mrs Brindley, all in favour. d) Vice-Chair of Planning - Cllr Mrs Sharpe, having received the only valid nomination was proposed by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Mrs Humfress, all in favour. e) Chair of Environment - Two valid nominations had been received with Cllr Ford not wishing to stand. Cllr Kerry Pycroft was proposed by Cllr Smithers, seconded Cllr Mrs Brindley, all in favour. f) Vice-Chair of Environment - Two valid nominations had been received with Cllr Kerry Pycroft not wishing to stand. Cllr Judy Kunkler was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hunt, seconded Cllr Kerry Pycroft, all in favour.	

<u>5/11 FINANCE:</u>	<p>a) Balance in Current account £127,539.93 and Instant Reserve account £82,006.34, Lloyds Business Account £622.00, Lloyds Business Savings Account £80,000.00, Nationwide Savings Account £86,869.80, Cambridge Building Society £85,394.95, Unity Trust Savings Account £86,279.40.</p> <p>b) Authorisation of payments as listed were proposed by Cllr Stythe, seconded Cllr Smithers, all in favour.</p> <p>c) The quotation from Marbas for the structural survey of the Lytchgate and cemetery wall was proposed by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Judy Kunkler, all in favour.</p> <p>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £100.35, less expenditure since last meeting; consumables £8.44, plants for the Market Place £16.00, total £24.44, leaving cash in hand £75.91.</p>	
<u>5/12 CO-OPTION OF FIVE COUNCILLORS:</u>	No applications had been received. Cllr Mrs Hunt commented that with Cllr Ford currently unavailable the number of members was down to 14, which was beginning to prove difficult to reach a quorum at times.	
<u>5/13 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Brindley reported on a recently successful and pleasant evening attended by younger people of the parish. She had met with Mr Rogers and the Campus manager to work towards an opening of a youth area in September.</p> <p>Community First would be running a youth event at The Cooper's field on 24th May and the Parish Council would sponsor an outdoor cinema event on 24th June. The communications team had been asked for help to put an online poll together to decide which film should be shown.</p> <p>She advised that she was in the early stages of discussion with Devizes and District foodbank about making school uniform more affordable and wanted the council's support for her to continue.</p>	LB/ RK/ HD
<u>5/14 WHEELED SPORTS:</u>	Cllr Smithers report the public consultation had been held with a handful of people tuning in. An online survey was in place with the details circulated again. It was hoped the planning submission would take place in June.	MS
<u>5/15 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u>	Cllr Mrs Mundy had attended the AGM with many others. Regrettably, the profile of those attending was older than the people the development is aimed at and there had also been some negativity. Mrs Wilson advised that the proposals were now available on the CLT website.	
<u>5/16 WEBSITE/COMMUNICATIONS:</u>	Cllr Mrs Mundy would provide an update at the next meeting.	SM/ LM/ KP
<u>5/17 EVENTS WORKING GROUP:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Brindley stated she was putting together a suitable gift to present to Cllr Kunkler, who had just celebrated 40 years as a Councillor, as a thank you from the Parish Council for his service. The Coronation event at The Coopers event had been successful. Discussions continued on ideas for a community information event, similar to those held prior to Covid.</p> <p>The Carnival/Christmas lights were being considered with the Carnival Committee and Cllr Kunkler. Cllr Mrs Hunt advised that funding would potentially be available via the Market Towns Programme via Wiltshire Council.</p>	LB/ LH/ LS
<u>5/18 CORRESPONDENCE:</u>	Cllr Smithers asked for the top car park near the Bowls Club to be tidied before the match with Bowls England on 18 th May. It was agreed that he would source an alternative contractor.	MS
<u>5/19 ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:</u>	A member of the public asked for an update on the Riverside Walk footpath repair as no progress had been made for its repair. The Clerk advised that it was proving extremely difficult to	

	<p>obtain quotations. It was also unhelpful dealing with several different residents about the same problem and hoped one person could be the main contact.</p> <p>A member of the public noted the litter bins had not been emptied, the Clerk advised there had been a problem with the contractor which was being put right.</p> <p>Mrs Wilson congratulated the new Chair on her election and thanked the outgoing Chairman and all those who serve their community.</p> <p>A member of the public commented on the White Horse not being very white. Cllr Giles commented that there were rarely any compliments when it looked better. The weather had not helped but the contractor would be continuing the maintenance programme some.</p>	
5/20 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:	None.	

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.50pm after thanking everyone for attending.

Signed..... Date.....