

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

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| <u>PRESENT:</u> | Cllr Mrs Stevens (Chair), Cllr Mrs Brindley, Cllr Ms Durnford, Mrs Hunt, Judy Kunkler, Mrs Mundy, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Sharpe, Cllrs Ford, Giles, Smithers and Stevens. | |
| <u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u> | Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler (WC), Mrs Wilson (PCAP), Mrs Parsons | |
| <u>10/1 APOLOGIES:</u> | Cllr Mrs Humfress and Cllr Sharpe. | |
| <u>10/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u> | Cllrs Mrs Brindley, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Stevens and Cllr Stevens on item 8 b). | |
| <u>10/3 CHAIR'S UPDATE:</u> | <p>The Chair welcomed back Cllr Ford after his absence. The first combined evening of committee meetings had gone well. She gave her thanks to the Carnival Committee for organising the events, Cllr Giles felt the procession had been one of the best for a long time. A location had been identified to install a new defibrillator and Cllr Mrs Sharpe now undertook all the regular checks.</p> <p>The first community meeting since the pandemic had been held and she thanked all the members who had helped. It would revert back to the usual time of spring for next year.</p> <p>She, Cllr Kerry Pycroft, Judy Kunkler, Cllr Stevens and the Clerk had met with IdVerde to raise concerns about the current grounds maintenance contract and play area inspections. Cllr Stevens would undertake a walk round of all the areas with the inspector.</p> <p>She and the Clerk had asked Cllr Sharpe to review the Emergency Response Plan. He had confirmed a Community Emergency Response Team, comprising a lead, deputy, two specialist members (communications and environment) and the Clerk would be formed. Planning sessions would be held to examine each scenario and produce an action plan. Each plan would be practiced, initially to test, adjust where necessary and thereafter on a 6 months' basis to ensure it remained current. The CERT and planning would take place by the end of November and testing by the end of February.</p> | |
| <u>10/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u> | <p>Cllr Kunkler advised that LHFIC would take place on 18th October with no Pewsey issues currently present. The issue raised about the single speed bump adjacent to Crown Close could be considered. The Area Board on 27th November at the Bouverie Hall would be dedicated to Highways; questions should be submitted beforehand. The new Wiltshire Connect bus service was being very well used and working well with local rail connections.</p> <p>He congratulated the Parish Council on obtaining planning permission for the pump track.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Hunt reported several people from Pewsey had attended the Local Plan drop-in event in Marlborough the previous day and had been extremely disappointed as there was no reference to Pewsey. Cllr Kunkler explained there was little contained within the review, so it was more focussed on Marlborough.</p> | JF/ LB |
| <u>10/5 POLICE MATTERS:</u> | <p>There were no police matters to discuss.</p> <p>Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress was not present to report.</p> | LH/ PSt |
| <u>10/6 ADOPTION OF MINUTES HELD SINCE LAST FULL COUNCIL:</u> | <p>Planning: 16th August, proposed Cllr Mrs Mundy, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, all in favour.</p> <p>Environment: 7th June, proposed Cllr Kerry Pycroft, seconded Cllr Stevens, all in favour.</p> | |
| <u>10/7 APPROVAL OF THE LAST MINUTES:</u> | Cllr Judy Kunkler proposed the minutes of the meeting held on 12 th September were signed as a true record, seconded Cllr Mrs Mundy, 10 for, 2 abstentions (Cllr Kerry Pycroft and Cllr Ford). | |

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| <u>10/8 FINANCE:</u> | <p>a) Balance in Current account £130,244.48 Instant Reserve account £82,317.79, Lloyds Business Account £615.63, Lloyds Business Savings Account £80,234.59, Nationwide Savings Account £87,967.23, Cambridge Building Society £85,394.95, Unity Trust Savings Account £86,415.12. It was noted some balances were over £85,000.</p> <p>b) Payments, as listed, were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Sharpe, seconded Cllr Smithers, all in favour.</p> <p>c) None.</p> <p>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £19.82, no expenditure this month.</p> | |
| <u>10/9 CO-OPTION OF FIVE COUNCILLORS:</u> | No applications had been received. | |
| <u>10/10 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u> | <p>Cllr Mrs Brindley reported the inaugural Youth Café had been very successful with 25 in attendance and involved with what activities and food they wished to have. The tuck shop would make a small charge to cover costs. She thanked the Campus for their help, although there was no internet access available so she would look for a solution. Cllr Mrs Mundy felt this would encourage people to play on their phones rather than do activities. Mrs Wilson advised that everyone had been moving around and doing different things. Internet access would allow them to share videos and games. There was a new youth leader working with the church and would get in contact with him.</p> <p>She was pleased to see the school council at the last Full Council but neither the school Governors or the Clerk knew they were attending.</p> | LB/ HD |
| <u>10/11 WHEELED SPORTS:</u> | <p>Cllr Smithers was pleased to report that planning permission for the pump track had been granted. Condition 4 on biodiversity needed to be discharged which he was working on, perhaps with the Primary school. Cllr Stevens would assist. A final ecology survey was needed. Velo had suggested a pay-as-you-go contract and Cllr Smithers was reviewing the terms and conditions. The build taking approximately 6 weeks and hopefully commencing before Christmas.</p> <p>He sought an in-principle agreement of £100,000, proposed by Cllr Ford, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, 11 for, 1 abstention.</p> <p>It was hoped to move and reuse the existing play equipment. The original installer, Playdale would come and inspect for a cost of £150 and make a recommendation. If timbers were beyond repair, he would ask Velo to remove as part of the development.</p> <p>Cllr Steven felt the trim trail should be removed but retain the zip wire as it was well used. There were separate funds available for moving or new play equipment. The site was not registered as an Air Ambulance landing site but hopefully sufficient space would be kept.</p> | MS/ PSt |
| <u>10/12 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u> | Last month's concerns about funding have disappeared with the trust content it is sustainable for a further year. Wiltshire Council had given a positive response to a statement at cabinet to progress the community right to buy order. The continued affordability would be affected the longer the process took. | LM |
| <u>10/13 WEBSITE/ COMMUNICATIONS:</u> | Cllr Mrs Mundy advised there was no change. | LM/ KP/ GS |
| <u>10/14 EVENTS WORKING GROUP:</u> | <p>Cllr Mrs Brindley noted the comments on the community morning. Cllr Mrs Stevens confirmed a quote for Christmas lights had been received from PR Productions which would work with the existing lighting owned by Carnival. A donation would be made as part of the Wiltshire Towns Programme grant agreement. Additional trees would be purchased for the Market Place, as in previous years, proposed Cllr Mrs Sharpe, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, 11 for, 1 abstention as Cllr Mrs Mundy was concerned about the effect on drivers in the vicinity.</p> | LB/ LH/ LS |

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| <u>10/15 MARKET TOWNS PROGRAMME:</u> | Cllr Mrs Hunt had nothing to add. The new Explore Wiltshire app was up and running, part of the grant funding would be spent on lighting and all the new map signs were ready for installation once the final locations were agreed. | MH |
| <u>10/16 PEWSEY VALE RAIL USERS GROUP:</u> | Cllr Sharpe had sent an email advising the ticket office consultation was ongoing. | |
| <u>10/17 POSITIVE COMMUNITY ACTION BUS:</u> | Cllr Mrs Mundy expressed her concern that there used to be more communication from PCA (formerly PCCA) who had received the support of the Council during its initial establishment in 2020. She mentioned that a lot of public money had been spent on the bus to provide local services but that it was no longer in the area and had not been used since it was purchased. She felt that the Parish Council should have an overview of responsibility. Cllr Ford felt the Parish Council should not get involved but maybe Cllr Kunkler could find out. | LM |
| <u>10/18 BIKE REPAIR STAND:</u> | The Clerk provided information on the bike repair stand which had been funded for the Pewsey Community Area Partnership. Several suggestions were made as to where it could be best sited; the train station, tearooms or the public toilets. Cllr Mrs Sharpe proposed by the public toilet as it was covered by CCTV, seconded Cllr Smithers, 11 for, 1 abstention. | |
| <u>10/19 ITEMS FOR THE MESSENGER:</u> | Six vacancies, new bike repair stand, new map signs around the village, new defibrillator location. | |
| <u>10/20 CORRESPONDENCE:</u> | None. | |
| <u>10/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u> | Mr Kunkler advised that a PSA testing event would take place on 27 th January at the Bouverie Hall at a cost of £25 for ages 35 years and upwards. Mrs Parsons advised that she would no longer be part of the Bouverie Hall committee from the end of the month. Mrs Wilson advised of a new cooking course aimed at families who cannot cook. It would be a 2 hour session using a slow cooker with the ingredients and teaching supplied by Funky foods. The families would get to keep the slow cooker. | |
| <u>10/22 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u> | None. | |

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