

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

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr Mrs Stevens (Chair), Cllrs Mrs Brindley, Ms Durnford, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Humfress, Judy Kunkler, Mrs Mundy, Kerry Pycroft, Cllrs King, Sharpe and Smithers.	
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler (Wiltshire Council), Mrs Wilson (PCAP), Mrs Parsons (Carnival) and members of the public.	
<u>7/1 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllr Mrs Sharpe, Cllr Ford and Giles.	
<u>7/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	Cllr Mrs Brindley on item 9 (b). Cllr Mrs Stevens on item 9 (c) and item 10.	
<u>7/3 CHAIR'S UPDATE:</u>	The Chair welcomed back Cllr Sharpe and reported that a letter of resignation had been received from Suzanne McGarry, which she had accepted. The grounds maintenance contractor had recommended the contract after weeks of difficulties; the Parish Council would withhold payment until a credit had been offered for the uncompleted works. The Riverside Walk tender was being finalised. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend the Prospect Hospice AGM on 17 th July, if anyone wished they could attend in her place. She had visited a resident at Walnut Close concerning a new fence and advised them to contact WC planning to ensure approval was not required. The new lease with PVFC had been signed which would enable them to apply for grants.	
<u>7/4 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR:</u>	Cllr Mrs Brindley was proposed by Cllr Mrs Humfress, seconded Cllr Kerry Pycroft, all in favour and with grateful thanks from the Council.	
<u>7/5 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u>	Cllr Kunkler congratulated Cllr Mrs Brindley on her election as Vice-Chair and welcomed back Cllr Sharpe. He reported that Cabinet had discussed the Local Plan which would be ratified at Full Council then out for public consultation. The next Area Board would take place on 18 th September with the new Chief Constable attending. The next LHFIC would take place on 26 th July with no Pewsey issues. A member of the public asked whether Wiltshire Council was in special measures, Cllr Kunkler was aware there had been issues with grass cutting and potholes with the new contractors working their way through the priorities as quickly as possible. He asked for members to keep an eye on the Parish Steward to ensure tasks were undertaken properly. Cllr Mrs Mundy had raised the issue of Sunnyhill Lane again, with verge cutting not done in certain areas, but had not received an answer.	
<u>7/6 POLICE MATTERS:</u>	There were no police matters to discuss. Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress advised that posters had been distributed and publicised on social media, but no volunteers had come forward. She would like the Council to consider purchasing a Speed Indicator Device and would investigate further and seek advice from another local council.	LH
<u>7/7 ADOPTION OF MINUTES HELD SINCE LAST FULL COUNCIL:</u>	Planning: 17 th May, proposed Cllr Mrs Mundy, seconded Cllr Kunkler, all in favour.	
<u>7/8 APPROVAL OF THE LAST MINUTES:</u>	All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 13 th June were signed as a true record.	
<u>7/9 FINANCE:</u>	a) Balance in Current account £116,700.14 Instant Reserve account £82,111.74, Lloyds Business Account £636.63, Lloyds Business Savings Account £80,234.59, Nationwide Savings Account £87,276.78, Cambridge Building Society £85,394.95	

	<p>Unity Trust Savings Account £86,279.40.</p> <p>b) Payments, as listed, were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr King, all in favour.</p> <p>c) Ben Green - a quotation had been received for the repair of the Lytchgate and cemetery wall as per the structural survey report. Two further companies had been asked to quote but had refused. Ben Green was proposed by Cllr King, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, all in favour.</p> <p>Two quotations had been sought for the painting of the chapel doors (external only) Cllr Mrs Mundy proposed to devolve the decision to the Clerk, seconded Cllr Sharpe, all in favour.</p> <p>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £35.79, no expenditure since the last meeting.</p>	
<u>7/10 CO-OPTION OF FIVE COUNCILLORS:</u>	One application had been received and was proposed by Cllr Judy Kunkler, seconded Cllr Sharpe, all in favour.	
<u>7/11 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Brindley advised it had been a productive month. She and Cllr Ms Durnford had visited Pewsey Vale School to engage with the students. A suitable name for the new youth space at the Campus was needed. The outdoor cinema event that she and Cllr King had hosted had been well attended, with everyone enjoying the evening. The process of obtaining the necessary DBS checks and training for the volunteers who would be helping at the youth café, was ongoing. She had met with Mrs Wilson and Mr Rogers to discuss progress being made, with everything on track to open at the end of September. The zorbs event at The Coopers would take place on 19th July. She had spoken with a local initiative on a scheme to make branded uniform affordable.</p>	LB/ RK/ HD
<u>7/12 WHEELED SPORTS:</u>	Cllr Smithers advised the planning application had been made, accompanied by a favourable acoustic report.	MS
<u>7/13 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Mundy advised that a new director had joined as the board needed to be widened, connected to becoming a registered provider. The open day would be held on 15th July in the old police station with the plans open for inspection by the public.</p> <p>She had attended a meeting of the Patient Participation Group on 6th July and felt that the group were not happy to hear constructive critique or have the Parish Council attend. She wished to step down; Cllr Mrs Hunt may consider attending in the future.</p>	LM
<u>7/14 WEBSITE/ COMMUNICATIONS:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Mundy advised the group had met recently and moved forward with the project. She asked members to agree for a uniform photo to be taken and to provide a preamble of interests in council and community matters.</p> <p>Councillors email addresses would be shown under each photo.</p>	LM/ KP/ GS
<u>7/15 EVENTS WORKING GROUP:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Brindley advised the likely time for the Community morning would be early October. The working group had met with Mrs Parsons with great progress made with Carnival lighting and discussion on ways to have Christmas lights.</p> <p>An Area Board grant of £2,500 had been awarded which had been match funded. Floodlights would be bought to be sited at different points around the village, both households and places of interest, with permission of the landowners. PR Productions had been asked again to light the Market Place. £5,000 would also be available from the Market Towns Programme grant. Any lights purchased rather than hired, would need to be tested and stored correctly.</p>	LB/ LH/ LS
<u>7/16 MARKET TOWNS PROGRAMME:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Hunt advised the new Heritage Trail app was on hold for Pewsey but had been launched in other towns.</p> <p>She presented the new sign maps of which five would be available: the garage, the Wharf, the railway station, Bouverie Hall car park</p>	MH

	and a further central location. Comments would be welcomed prior to the final design being made.	
<u>7/17 CORRESPONDENCE:</u>	<p>Cllr Sharpe had been asked to represent the Parish Council on the Pewsey Vale Rail Users Group, particularly as he was a frequent user. He had set about the recent consultation on the proposal to close ticket offices, with staff to be rediverted to passenger support. Most rail users now booked tickets on their phones (88% nationally) leaving 12% utilising a ticket office. He had spoken to the station master at length who felt it would be a fair proposal so that he could assist users on the platform more. Cllr Sharpe felt there would need to be a number of caveats, particularly for those customers unable or wishing to use a digital service, and assurances that the closures were not a redundancy exercise with staff moving to support roles. He felt that a better service, in general, comes at the cost of the minority and would seek to ask questions on a solution for those wishing to purchase a physical ticket. He would attend the online meeting on 14th July.</p> <p>Pewsey Vale Football Club had requested a sign be added to the same pole at the Co-Op showing direction to the Bowls and Tennis clubs. This was agreed with Cllr Kerry Pycroft checking the sign.</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>KP</p>
<u>7/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u>	<p>A member of the public was concerned about speeding in the Market Place, Cllr Mrs Humfress would investigate the process of adding a new site to the speedwatch service.</p> <p>Mrs Parsons advised there was a full calendar of Carnival events for its 125th anniversary year, commencing on 9th September with the procession on 23rd September. She thanked the Parish Council for giving its permission to use the Rectory Grove for the wine event on 16th September and ensured it would be cleaned up afterwards. She also thanked the Parish Council for permitting the closure of the North Street car park on the relevant dates.</p> <p>Mrs Wilson informed members the old police station and house would be open on 15th July from 9.30am to 1.30pm to view the potential designs for the Community Land Trust as part of the regulation 14 consultation.</p> <p>She advised the next Pewsey Vale Rail Users Group meeting would take place on 12th July at 7pm, and would discuss the proposed ticket office closure, timetables and services.</p>	LH
<u>7/19 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u>	None.	

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