

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE ON 12th SEPTEMBER 2023 at 7.00pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr Mrs Stevens (Chair), Cllr Mrs Brindley, Cllr Ms Durnford, Mrs Humfress, Mrs Hunt, Judy Kunkler, Mrs Mundy, Mrs Sharpe, Cllrs Giles, Sharpe, Smithers and Stevens.	
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Mr Wilson and members of the Community Land Trust, Cllr Kunkler (WC), Mrs Wilson (PCAP), Pewsey Vale School Council.	
<u>9/1 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllr Kerry Pycroft and Cllr Ford.	
<u>9/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	Cllr Mrs Brindley, Mrs Stevens and Cllr Stevens on item 8 b).	
<u>9/3 CHAIR'S UPDATE:</u>	The Chair welcomed all those who were attending. She offered Cllr Mrs Brindley, and her family, the Council's sincere condolences following the recent tragic incident. Progress had been made on the repairs to the public toilets.	
<u>9/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u>	Cllr Kunkler introduced himself to the attendees. The Area Board would meet on 18 th September at Great Bedwyn with Insp. Huggins in attendance instead of the new Chief Constable. There had been an unfortunate incident at the Co-Op last week which had been dealt with and was not a normal occurrence. There would be a presentation from Highways at the November Area Board. Cllr Mrs Mundy reminded him about Sunnyhill Lane as her concerns had not been acknowledged by the department and the lane was used as a diversion during carnival events. Cllr Kunkler reported that the designated Highways Engineer had left with a new one to be appointed imminently. He was pushing hard to get repair works in place as the state of the lane was dangerous. Cllr Mrs Hunt had asked Cllr Kunkler requesting the wheeled sports planning application to be called in, but Cllr Kunkler explained the process was to call an application in within three weeks of it being submitted. He would speak with the assigned planning officer. The application could be withdrawn if necessary, amendments made and resubmitted at no extra cost, then he could call it in if required. Cllr Stevens had noted that Wiltshire Council had not had its accounts for 2019/20 signed off and asked whether there was a chance of bankruptcy, Cllr Kunkler stated the finances were fine. A member of the public asked who was responsible for maintaining public footpaths across fields. Cllr Kunkler explained it depended on where the footpath was and would discuss after the meeting.	
<u>9/5 POLICE MATTERS:</u>	There were no police matters to discuss. Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress had spoken further to other local groups as well as Cllr Ford and the Clerk who advised that more research was required before purchasing the SIDs. It was likely the police and Highways would need to agree the site location and undertake a safety risk assessment. Cllr Ford had felt there were natural slowing down points on every road into Pewsey.	LH/ PSt
<u>9/6 ADOPTION OF MINUTES HELD SINCE LAST FULL COUNCIL:</u>	Planning: 19 th July, proposed Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Stevens, all in favour.	
<u>9/7 APPROVAL OF THE LAST MINUTES:</u>	All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 8 th August were signed as a true record.	
<u>9/8 FINANCE:</u>	a) Balance in Current account £89,688.50 Instant Reserve account £82,247.15, Lloyds Business Account £622.63, Lloyds Business Savings Account £80,234.59, Nationwide Savings Account £87,696.63, Cambridge Building Society £85,394.95, Unity Trust Savings Account	

	<p>£86,415.12.</p> <p>b) Payments, as listed, were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Humfress, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, all in favour.</p> <p>c) None.</p> <p>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £33.40, postage £6.85, consumables £6.73, totalling £13.58, leaving £19.82.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Stevens reported that following the Clerk's appraisal, the Staffing Committee had recommended an increase for the Clerk's salary of one scale point, which she proposed, seconded Cllr Judy Kunkler, 10 for, 2 abstentions.</p>	
<u>9/9 CO-OPTION OF FIVE COUNCILLORS:</u>	No applications had been received.	
<u>9/10 REVIEW OF STANDING COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE:</u>	The Chairs of Committees agreed that the Terms of Reference did not require any changes.	LS/ KP/ LM
<u>9/11 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Brindley was pleased to see the school council in attendance. She confirmed the youth café was all set to proceed, with volunteer rotas in place, the new pool table delivered, and tuck shop supplies available. It would open on 6th October, from 7-9pm at the Campus. All policies and risk assessments were in place.</p> <p>She would welcome suggestions for future events and also needed a name for the café. Cllr Mrs Mundy had already heard positive comments about how well the project was being received.</p> <p>A member of the school council suggested a name competition could be held.</p>	LB/ HD
<u>9/12 WHEELED SPORTS:</u>	Cllr Smithers advised the decision date had passed on 11 th September with nothing received yet. There had been 240 responses on the planning portal which was great to see.	MS
<u>9/13 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u>	<p>The Chair of the Pewsey Community Land Trust, Patrick Wilson, introduced himself and gave a presentation update on current progress which is appended to the minutes.</p> <p>Concerns had been raised over the height and vicinity of the three-storey development, but it was felt the existing building lines were being retained and a new open space created for the benefit of the village.</p> <p>He explained the Community Right To Build Order which had been provided for under the Localism Act 2011. The decision whether to proceed or not would be taken by the community; the current community engagement and consultation formed part of the process including two open mornings recently held. The feedback would be amalgamated and given to Wiltshire Council prior to the referendum.</p> <p>Cllr Smithers asked for further information on the ridge height and visibility splays, which would be obtained.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Sharpe asked who would manage the development; Mr Wilson advised that the PCLT would not be the active managers but would likely find a management company.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Mundy had attended their recent meeting but no income or asset forecast was available. Cllr Sharpe was keen to see a long-term business model on the project's viability.</p>	LM
<u>9/14 WEBSITE/ COMMUNICATIONS:</u>	Cllr Mrs Mundy would continue working on content for the new website.	LM/ KP/ GS
<u>9/15 EVENTS WORKING GROUP:</u>	Cllr Mrs Brindley had decided to step back from organising the open morning at this present time. Cllr Stevens would arrange a "Meet and Greet" style morning, with refreshments, to be held on the same date, 7 th October from 10am until noon.	LB/ LH/ LS
<u>9/16 MARKET TOWNS</u>	Cllr Mrs Hunt advised that Pewsey and Trowbridge were now up and	MH

PROGRAMME:	running on the new Heritage Trails app.	
<u>9/17 PEWSEY VALE RAIL USERS GROUP:</u>	Cllr Sharpe had nothing to add from his last report. The consultation on the use and potential closure of ticket offices had been extended for a month as the response had been so great. The Council had been made aware that the Station Master was poorly and would send their best wishes.	
<u>9/18 CORRESPONDENCE:</u>	None.	
<u>9/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u>	A student asked how old they had to be a councillor, the Clerk responded age 18, although there were many Youth Councils across the country. Mrs Wilson commented that the new Wiltshire Connect rural bus service had been most successful, with tranche two and three launching soon providing bookable services in the area from Devizes to Hungerford.	
<u>9/20 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u>	The Clerk reminded members of the two Committee meetings next week, as a trial to run them both on the same evening.	

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

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