

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE ON 14th NOVEMBER 2023 at 7.00pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr Mrs Stevens (Chair), Cllr Ms Durnford, Mrs Humfress, Mrs Hunt, Judy Kunkler, Mrs Mundy, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Sharpe, Cllrs Ford, Giles and Stevens.	
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler (WC), Mrs Wilson (PCAP) and Mrs Parsons.	
<u>11/1 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllr Mrs Brindley, Cllrs Sharpe and Cllr Smithers.	
<u>11/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	Cllr Mrs Humfress, Cllr Mrs Stevens and Cllr Stevens on item 8 (b), Cllr Kerry Pycroft on item 18.	
<u>11/3 CHAIR'S UPDATE:</u>	The Chair, as had so many people, had attended the recent funeral of Mark Hillier which had been very moving. Pewsey should be very proud of its fire service. She had also attended the Remembrance service and laid the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. She thanked Cllr Sharpe who had read the reading.	
<u>11/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u>	Cllr Kunkler advised the next Area Board would be held on 27 th November in the Bouverie Hall and would focus on Highways Matters He encouraged people to attend and submit questions. He had organised a PSA (Prostate) test event on 27 th January at the Bouverie Hall, at a cost of £25. Unfortunately, it could not be done for free. Cllr Stevens would look into assistance with funding. The budget setting process had commenced at Wiltshire Council. A number of local parish councils were unhappy with their grounds maintenance contractor, Idverde, who were also contracted to Wiltshire Council. The Clerk advised that several meetings had taken place with them to discuss the issues, which have improved a little. The new area Highways engineer was Andy Cadwallader. Cllr Mrs Hunt stated the roadworks signs remained in the High Street yet no works had taken place, and asked for their removal. Cllr Kunkler noted her request and that there were lots of small road closures coming up in the next few months. Members of the CLT had attended Cabinet to chase up a response to their questions.	PSt
<u>11/5 POLICE MATTERS:</u>	There were no police matters to discuss. Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress had undertaken a speedwatch session last week. There was an urgent need to recruit volunteers as it was now difficult to run the scheme in a proper way. She had explained her concerns about the installation of a speed indicator device to a member of the public who was keen to have one in Pewsey. She agreed with Cllr Ford that every access point into the village had a choke point, thereby naturally slowing traffic.	LH/ PSt
<u>11/6 ADOPTION OF MINUTES HELD SINCE LAST FULL COUNCIL:</u>	Planning: 20 th September, proposed Cllr Mrs Mundy, seconded Cllr Judy Kunkler, all in favour.	
<u>11/7 APPROVAL OF THE LAST MINUTES:</u>	Cllr Mrs Stevens proposed the minutes of the meeting held on 10 th October were signed as a true record, seconded Cllr Stevens, all in favour.	
<u>11/8 FINANCE:</u>	a) Balance in Current account £127,377.97 Instant Reserve account £82,390.85, Lloyds Business Account £608.63, Lloyds Business Savings Account £80,234.59, Nationwide Savings Account £88,247.40, Cambridge Building Society £85,394.95, Unity Trust Savings Account £87,002.03. b) Payments, as listed, were proposed for approval by Cllr Judy Kunkler, seconded Cllr Kerry Pycroft, all in favour. c) None. d) Petty Cash - opening balance £19.82, equipment £5.00, leaving £14.82 cash in hand.	

	<p>Cllr Giles, 10 for, 2 abstentions.</p> <p>Cllr Stevens had found a suitable electrical contractor who could install the Christmas lighting around the Market Place.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Humfress also stated that the group would like to hold another business open morning and would start planning soon.</p>	
<u>11/16 MARKET TOWNS PROGRAMME:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Hunt, Mrs Humfress and the Clerk had spoken to the development officer that day for a wider understanding of the report requirements. The footfall survey and questionnaire would be sent off shortly, along with the interim report for 2022/23. An invite to apply for 2023/24 would also be completed.</p>	MH/ LH
<u>11/17 PEWSEY VALE RAIL USERS GROUP:</u>	<p>In the absence of Cllr Sharpe, Cllr Mrs Sharpe reported there had been a U-turn on the closure of rural ticket offices. The station master had returned following sick leave and would be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays with another member of staff also present. He would arrange for the village map to be fixed at the station.</p>	
<u>11/18 TO SET ALLOTMENT FEES 2024:</u>	<p>After a brief discussion, Cllr Mrs Stevens proposed to freeze the annual allotment fees for 2024 at £28.50 per full size plot, seconded Cllr Giles, all in favour.</p>	
<u>11/19 ITEMS FOR THE MESSENGER:</u>	<p>Speedwatch volunteers, wheeled sports build start date.</p>	
<u>11/20 CORRESPONDENCE:</u>	<p>Carer Support Wiltshire had sent a request for funding. The group supported approximately 200 unpaid carers in Pewsey and arranged for a regular meet and activities. Cllr Stevens proposed a donation of £250, seconded Cllr Ford, all in favour.</p>	
<u>11/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u>	<p>Mrs Parsons suggested that alternative plans should be in place for a Christmas event in case of a lot of attendees or bad weather. Marshalls would be required as well.</p> <p>She felt that Mr Stride should be acknowledged for his role as a first responder as he was moving onto a paramedic role.</p>	
<u>11/22 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u>	<p>None.</p>	

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