## **PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL**

## MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

## HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE ON 14th NOVEMBER 2023 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:	Cllr Mrs Stevens (Chair), Cllr Ms Durnford, Mrs Humfress, Mrs Hunt, Jud	v
	Kunkler, Mrs Mundy, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Sharpe, Cllrs Ford, Giles and Sto	-
IN ATTENDANCE:	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler (WC), Mrs Wilson (PCAP) and Mrs Parsons.	
11/1 APOLOGIES:	Cllr Mrs Brindley, Cllrs Sharpe and Cllr Smithers.	
11/2 DECLARATION OF	Cllr Mrs Humfress, Cllr Mrs Stevens and Cllr Stevens on item 8 (b), Cllr	Kerry
INTEREST:	Pycroft on item 18.	IXCITY
11/3 CHAIR'S UPDATE:	The Chair, as had so many people, had attended the recent funeral	
11/3 CHAIR 3 OF DATE.	of Mark Hillier which had been very moving. Pewsey should be very	
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	proud of its fire service. She had also attended the Remembrance	
	service and laid the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. She	
44/4 111174 79/	thanked Cllr Sharpe who had read the reading.	
11/4 UNITARY	Cllr Kunkler advised the next Area Board would be held on 27 <sup>th</sup>	
COUNCILLOR:	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 <sup>th</sup> 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.	PSt
	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.	
11/5 POLICE MATTERS:	There were no police matters to discuss.	
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	last week. There was an urgent need to recruit volunteers as it was	PSt
	now difficult to run the scheme in a proper way. She had explained	. 50
	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.	
11/6 ADOPTION OF	Planning: 20 <sup>th</sup> September, proposed Cllr Mrs Mundy, seconded Cllr Judy	,
MINUTES HELD SINCE		'
	Kunkler, all in favour.	
LAST FULL COUNCIL:	Cllr Mrs Stayons proposed the minutes of the meeting hold on 10th Oct	obor
11/7 APPROVAL OF THE	Cllr Mrs Stevens proposed the minutes of the meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> October 10 <sup>th</sup>	obei
LAST MINUTES:	were signed as a true record, seconded Cllr Stevens, all in favour.	
11/8 FINANCE:	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.	
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44/0 DDECEDT 2024/25	The Chair stated the Dresset would not be set with Full Come 11.1	
11/9 PRECEPT 2024/25:	The Chair stated the Precept would not be set until Full Council in	
	December as the tax base figure would not be confirmed until then.	
	Cllr Mrs Sharpe asked why there had been a 0% increase for 2022/23,	
	the Clerk explained that the tax base had increased considerably at	
	that point so the request per household could be maintained whilst	
	delivering an increased budget overall.	
	Cllr Ford asked why the proposals showed increases up to £165,000	
	yet the required expenditure was £178,000, the Clerk explained that	
	annual VAT repayments were in the region of £15,000 which offset	
	any shortfall, along with the level of general reserves which could be	
	utilised.	
	It was considered generally that an increase should be made.	
11/10 CO-OPTION OF SIX	No applications had been received. The Clerk asked for members to	
COUNCILLORS:	try and encourage people to apply.	
11/11 YOUTH PROJECTS:	Cllr Mrs Brindley was not present to report, so Mrs Wilson advised the	LB/
	youth café was going very well, with wi-fi access now available.	HD
	Community First would be attending soon to speak with the young	
	people and find out activities or interests they wished to pursue to it	
	could be built into future plans.	
	More volunteers were needed but the training required was putting	
	people off. The Co-Op were working with the café on future needs.	
11/12 WHEELED SPORTS:	Cllr Smithers was not present to report. Cllr Mrs Hunt advised that	
	Condition 4 of the planning approval had been discharged with work	
	due to commence on 27 <sup>th</sup> November. It was likely to be a 6-week	
	contract but hoped it would be finished in time for Christmas. The	
	park would be closed during this period with the footpath kept open	
	for access. Cllr Smithers had checked through the contractor's	
	costings and was satisfied they were acceptable, the Clerk would	AK
	check the QS was sufficient for audit purposes.	AIX
	Cllr Stevens advised he had received quotations for the removal of the	
	existing play equipment. He felt Playdale, who had originally installed	
	the equipment, were quite negative. SJ Aplin was a local company and had undertaken work for the Parish Council before. They would ensure	
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	the equipment was carefully removed, taken apart, moved off site	
	and made secure. Anything that could be reused, would be so as to	
	not waste money.	
	Cllr Stevens proposed to accept the quotation from SJ Aplin, seconded	
	Cllr Mrs Hunt, all in favour.	A 17
	The Clerk would begin to publicise the build and reuse of existing	AK
44/42 COMMUNITY I AND	equipment wherever possible.	1.44
11/13 COMMUNITY LAND	Cllr Mrs Mundy reiterated that members of the CLT had attended	LM
TRUST:	cabinet that day, to follow up a previous visit where questions had	
	been posed and not answered. It was hoped Wiltshire Council would	
	take heed and move the application forward in a serious way. There	
	was a long history of the case officer not communicating. It was	
4444	hoped to secure a meeting on 21 <sup>st</sup> November to make progress.	
11/14 WEBSITE/	Cllr Mrs Mundy stated there was an urgent need to move the website	LM/
COMMUNICATIONS:	over, which should happen on 27 <sup>th</sup> November. The old site would be	KP/
	maintained for the time being. She thanked Cllr Kerry Pycroft for the	GS
	work she had done on content and reminded members to submit	
	their personal information for the Councillors page.	:
11/15 EVENTS WORKING	Cllr Mrs Humfress presented a request from Cllr Mrs Brindley to hold	LB/
GROUP:	a Christmas event at the fire station. Cllr Stevens had run events in	LH/
	the past which were initially quite straightforward, but a risk	LS
	assessment, potential road closure and marshalling to stop people	
	spilling into the road might be required.	
	Cllr Mrs Hunt proposed the event take place "in principle", seconded	
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	Cllr Giles, 10 for, 2 abstentions.	
	Cllr Stevens had found a suitable electrical contractor who could	
	install the Christmas lighting around the Market Place.	
	Cllr Mrs Humfress also stated that the group would like to hold	
	another business open morning and would start planning soon.	
11/16 MARKET TOWNS	Cllr Mrs Hunt, Mrs Humfress and the Clerk had spoken to the	MH/
PROGRAMME:	development officer that day for a wider understanding of the report	LH
TRO GIO GRAVILLE	requirements. The footfall survey and questionnaire would be sent	
	off shortly, along with the interim report for 2022/23. An invite to	
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44/47 DEWCEY VALE DAIL	apply for 2023/24 would also be completed.	
11/17 PEWSEY VALE RAIL	In the absence of Cllr Sharpe, Cllr Mrs Sharpe reported there had	
USERS GROUP:	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.	
11/18 TO SET	After a brief discussion, Cllr Mrs Stevens proposed to freeze the	
<b>ALLOTMENT FEES 2024:</b>	annual allotment fees for 2024 at £28.50 per full size plot, seconded	
	Cllr Giles, all in favour.	
11/19 ITEMS FOR THE	Speedwatch volunteers, wheeled sports build start date.	
MESSENGER:		
11/20	Carer Support Wiltshire had sent a request for funding. The group	
CORRESPONDENCE:	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.	
11/21 PUBLIC	Mrs Parsons suggested that alternative plans should be in place for a	
PARTICIPATION:	Christmas event in case of a lot of attendees or bad weather.	
	Marshalls would be required as well.	
	She felt that Mr Stride should be acknowledged for his role as a first	
	responder as he was moving onto a paramedic role.	
11/22 ITEMS VIA THE	None.	
CLERK:		
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There being no further business the Chair moved the meeting into Confidential Session.