

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE ON 9th JANUARY 2024 at 7.00pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr Mrs Stevens (Chair), Ms Durnford, Mrs Humfress, Mrs Hunt, Judy Kunkler, Mrs Mundy, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Sharpe, Cllrs Ford, Giles, Marshall, Sharpe, Smithers and Stevens.	
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Mr Wilson, Mr Haskell, Mr Talbot (PCLT) and Mrs Parsons.	
<u>1/1 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllr Mrs Brindley and Cllr Kunkler (WC).	
<u>1/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	Cllr Mrs Stevens and Cllr Stevens on item 7 (b) and item 8 (b)(ii).	
<u>1/3 CHAIR'S UPDATE:</u>	The Chair wished everyone a Happy New Year. Prior to the festive break she had visited the Primary school to discuss future projects such as posters for the official opening of the Pump Track, gardening and a growing competition in the Spring. There had been numerous compliments on the village Christmas lights, thanking the Carnival Committee for sharing its lights and also Cllr Stevens and Mr Criddle for taking them down in good time. She thanked Cllrs Judy Kunkler, Kerry Pycroft and Richard Marshall for their sterling effort through the night last Thursday when flooding had hit the centre of the village. She thanked all the volunteers who had shown up, the fire service, A.G. Builders for the sand and those who had helped clear the affected premises the following day. Cllr Giles asked if there was a plan to empty, remove and store the sandbags, Cllr Sharpe would arrange a working party.	PSh
<u>1/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u>	Cllr Kunkler was not present as he had to attend Marlborough Area Board but had circulated a brief report. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and expressed a heartfelt thanks to members of the council and the public who had turned out in numbers last Thursday evening to help keep properties safe and assisting people who were affected by the storm. It was great to see children, young and teenagers, enjoying the new Pump Track at Broomcroft Road which had finally been delivered after 15/20 years. The budget setting process was nearing its conclusion at Trowbridge and would be decided on 20 th February. The next LHFIG would take place on 31 st January and asked the parish council to submit its application for the piece of street furniture for Wilcot Road. The next Area Board meeting is 4 th March at Great Bedwyn village hall with the Chief Constable in attendance.	
<u>1/5 POLICE MATTERS:</u>	A police report had been received and circulated to all members. Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress advised that she had contacted the police support about getting new traffic surveys undertaken. There were no new volunteers, Cllr Mrs Sharpe and Cllr Sharpe would help.	GS/ PSh
<u>1/6 APPROVAL OF THE LAST MINUTES:</u>	Cllr Mrs Humfress proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 th December were signed as a true record, seconded Cllr Sharpe, all in favour.	
<u>1/7 FINANCE:</u>	a) Balance in Current account £52,022.09 Instant Reserve account £42,534.80, Lloyds Business Account £601.63, Lloyds Business Savings Account £80,637.80, Nationwide Savings Account £88,801.32, Cambridge Building Society £85,394.95, Unity Trust Savings Account £87,002.03. b) Payments, with the exception of IdVerde as it would be disputed due to not receiving the play area inspection reports throughout December, were proposed for approval by Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Ford, all in favour. c) None.	

	<p>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £311.23, £0.00 spent in this period, leaving £311.23 cash in hand.</p> <p>e) Pewsey Vale Rugby Club - had sent a request for funding towards a new mower, as the old one had broken. An application had also been made to the Area Board. Cllr Smithers proposed £2,000 donation be made from CIL funds, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, 13 for, 1 abstention.</p>	AK
<u>1/8 PLANNING:</u>	<p>a) Decisions: PL/2023/08586 HOUSEHOLDER PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED for single storey conservatory extension to rear elevation at 7 Milton Road, Pewsey. PL/2023/09765 DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 4 on PL/2021/10727 GRANTED to replace existing south window in recently built utility room with smaller window. Provide new WC on west side of utility room. Move first floor bathroom into east first floor room and connect to existing foul drainage at School House, 12 Kings Corner, Pewsey. PL/2023/10381 NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO CARRY OUT WORKS TO TREES WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA GRANTED for 19 x Holly trees - fell; 2 x Cypress trees - fell; 1 x Holly tree (in garden of 85 High Street) - cut back overhanging branches to boundary at The Willows, 89 High Street, Pewsey.</p> <p>b) Applications: i) PL/2023/10552 HOUSEHOLDER PLANNING PERMISSION to extend to the front of the existing carport and convert carport to living space at 9 Easterton Lane, Pewsey. We strongly object to this application and refer to previous applications in 2015/16/17 whereby the garage shall remain tied by S.106 to the main house and not to be used for separate residential purposes. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Hunt, seconded Cllr Smithers, all in favour. ii) PL/2023/11116 HOUSHOLDER PLANNING PERMISSION for proposed extension and alterations at Black Mikes, Dursden Lane, Pewsey. No Objection. Proposed Cllr Giles, seconded Cllr Sharpe, all in favour.</p>	
<u>1/9 CO-OPTION OF SIX COUNCILLORS:</u>	No applications had been received.	
<u>1/10 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u>	Cllr Mrs Brindley was not present to report, however the Youth Café (Jerry's) was going well. The Campus had given permission to site a storage cabinet. This would be funded from the youth grant.	LB/ HD
<u>1/11 WHEELED SPORTS:</u>	Cllr Smithers reported the Pump Track had been opened on 21 st December and very well received and used. The Council had received lots of compliments. Velo would return to install the proper sign and do final checks. An area had flooded after the recent bad weather and would be monitored to ensure the drainage worked properly. The bat and bird boxes were on order and the log pile was in progress. Cllr Stevens said it had been a great success with the zip wire to be reinstated once the weather improved.	MS
<u>1/12 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Mundy read out the brief provided by Mr Wilson. In short, the CLT had three months to seek conventional planning approval, in order to complete the acquisition by the extended completion date of 9th May, offered by the OPCC.</p> <p>It had been disappointing to hear that some members of the council were not in favour of the project, and it needed to be considered in its wider terms to provide affordable housing for local people.</p> <p>Mr Wilson explained that Wiltshire Council had considered the rules of the CLT did not meet the prescribed conditions to apply for a Community Right to Build order and therefore could not continue with the statutory process. This would hand back the determination of the application to Wiltshire Council rather than the community.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Stevens explained that some members of the community were not against the project but had concerns about the design.</p>	LM

	Cllr Mrs Hunt proposed that the Council were “in principle” still in support of the project, seconded Cllr Mrs Sharpe, all in favour. Mr Wilson explained that to keep the project financially viable, the development would need to have seven flats and revert the house back to a family house.	
<u>1/13 WEBSITE and COMMUNICATIONS:</u>	It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Mrs Mundy could advertise for a young website developer, to assist with website content. This would suit someone studying or as a workplace experience. Cllr Mrs Sharpe advised she had written the Terms of Reference for the Communications working group and would circulate them in preparation of an initial meeting.	LM/ KP/ GS
<u>1/14 EVENTS WORKING GROUP:</u>	Cllr Mrs Brindley was not present to report. Cllr Mrs Humfress confirmed the group would meet with the Clerk next week.	LB/ LH/ LS/ PSt
<u>1/15 MARKET TOWNS PROGRAMME:</u>	Cllr Mrs Hunt asked for Cllr Mrs Humfress to be added on the agenda item. The sign installation was yet to be completed, with the Clerk to seek a contractor to fix the village maps at agreed locations. She would be happy to meet with them on all sites and agree a method prior to a quotation.	MH/ LH
<u>1/16 PEWSEY VALE RAIL USERS GROUP:</u>	Cllr Sharpe had nothing to report.	
<u>1/17 LHFIG:</u>	Cllr Mrs Brindley was not present to report. Cllr Ford explained that the project application needed to be made by 17 th January for the planter installation at Crown Close. A maximum price would be agreed, and a neighbour would maintain it. It was also suggested a local business could sponsor it.	LB/ JF
<u>1/18 CORRESPONDENCE:</u>	None.	
<u>1/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u>	None.	
<u>1/20 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u>	None.	

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

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