

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE ON 13th FEBRUARY 2024 at 7.00pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr Mrs Stevens (Chair), Mrs Brindley, Ms Durnford, Mrs Humfress, Mrs Hunt, Judy Kunkler, Mrs Mundy, Mrs Sharpe, Cllrs Giles, Marshall, Sharpe and Stevens.	
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler and members of the public.	
<u>2/1 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllr Kerry Pycroft, Cllr Ford and Smithers.	
<u>2/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	Cllr Ms Durnford, Mrs Stevens and Cllr Stevens on item 7 (b).	
<u>2/3 CHAIR'S UPDATE:</u>	The Chair had asked the Clerk to contact the Environment Agency for advice on preventative measures following the recent flooding. The cemetery gates had been reattached. There had been an amicable resolution to a small misunderstanding at the Youth Café.	
<u>2/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u>	Cllr Kunkler advised the Wiltshire Council budget would be approved next week with increases of 2% social care levy and 2.99% for the remainder. The VisitWiltshire platform would no longer be supported as Wiltshire Council was operating its own applications. The next Area Board would take place on 4 th March at the rugby clubhouse with the new Chief Constable in attendance. This was an opportunity to raise concerns, particularly around the level of police response. The next LHFIG would be held on 24 th April, £1,000 had been agreed for the planter at Crown Close. Cllr Marshall mentioned road maintenance and the level of potholes. Cllr Kunkler said between 600-800 were reported every week with highways continuing to catch up on repairs. Cllr Mrs Mundy had attended the recent highways meeting where promises had been made to answer questions, but she was still waiting for answers. Cllr Kunkler would meet with the relevant officer.	
<u>2/5 POLICE MATTERS:</u>	No police report had been received. Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress advised that three new volunteers had come forward and would receive training shortly.	
<u>2/6 APPROVAL OF THE LAST MINUTES:</u>	Cllr Sharpe proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 th January were signed as a true record, seconded Cllr Mrs Humfress , all in favour.	
<u>2/7 FINANCE:</u>	a) Balance in Current account £47,590.68 Instant Reserve account £42,581.59, Lloyds Business Account £20,587.63, Lloyds Business Savings Account £60,902.32, Nationwide Savings Account £89,092.67, Cambridge Building Society £87,030.09, Unity Trust Savings Account £87,605.09. Cllr Mrs Sharpe asked whether the insurance monies had been received for the cemetery Lytchgate, the Clerk advised the loss adjuster was still in contact and she would chase up again. Cllr Mrs Hunt noted the market towns grant money needed to be spent. b) Payments were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Sharpe, seconded Cllr Mrs Brindley, all in favour. c) None. d) Petty Cash - opening balance £311.23, consumables £10.69, leaving £300.54 cash in hand.	
<u>2/8 CO-OPTION OF SIX COUNCILLORS:</u>	No applications had been received.	
<u>2/9 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u>	Cllr Mrs Brindley reported the café was still continuing to make great progress with around 30 young people attending each week. There had been an incident which had been sorted out, but had highlighted the need to put some boundaries into place about leaving the site. Attendees would be asked to sign an agreement for the rules and the Campus had asked for a consent form to be filled in. All data would be locked away at the Campus.	LB/ HD

	<p>The pool table and gaming console were popular, and the young people were very helpful to set up and put items away at the end of the session. She had secured a sports coach for later in the year who would help with physical and mental wellbeing as well as being another adult present. The LYN may be able to offer support if the Parish Council were willing to match fund. She proposed to apply for £5,000 on the basis that, in principle, the Parish Council will match fund, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, 11 for, one abstention.</p> <p>Additionally, Community First would be running another event like last time which helps engage with young people and parents. A former Cllr, Mr King, was going to assist with the group.</p>	
<u>2/10 WHEELED SPORTS:</u>	<p>Cllr Smithers was not present to report but the facility continued to be well received by users and residents. Cllr Stevens advised there were still a few things to finish off; the lines, bird and bat boxes and the bug houses. The new bin was already in place. He had obtained a quotation from S J Aplin to refit the zipwire, swing and roundabout, leaving a space large enough for the Air Ambulance. He proposed to accept the quotation, seconded Cllr Mrs Humfress, all in favour.</p>	MS
<u>2/11 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Mundy advised that the planning application had been submitted and hoped to see it soon at the Planning Committee.</p>	LM
<u>2/12 COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Sharpe had circulated the Terms of Reference and would report back after the group's first meeting on 16th February.</p>	GS/ LM/ KP
<u>2/13 EVENTS WORKING GROUP:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Brindley advised the Community event on 6th April would be held in the morning. She would rewrite the stakeholder letter and arrange for it to be sent to as many clubs and organisations in the parish as possible. The Community Service Awards would also be held and it was hoped to include the young person's poster competition. The group had met on 6th February, primarily to discuss a date for the official opening of the Pump Track. It was hoped to invite a local BMX champion to attend and would liaise with her on dates. Cllr Mrs Hunt would liaise with Velo, there would be refreshments, other activities and local residents would be informed of the event.</p>	LB/ LH/ LS/ MH
<u>2/14 MARKET TOWNS PROGRAMME:</u>	<p>Cllr Mrs Hunt explained the next application had been made for 2024/25 concentrating on strategic and deliverable projects. Interesting suggestions had already been received from Cllr Kerry Pycroft and also ideas of planters in the centre of the village. The council needed to find out whether it could replace directional signs.</p>	MH/ LH
<u>2/15 PEWSEY VALE RAIL USERS GROUP:</u>	<p>Cllr Sharpe had nothing to report and asked for the standing item to be removed from the agenda. He would report back as necessary.</p>	PS
<u>2/16 CORRESPONDENCE:</u>	<p>None.</p>	
<u>2/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u>	<p>A member of the public whose property had flooded on the night of 4th January felt that in the aftermath it was important for the residents to work together and think about flooding resilience. It was obvious the Environment Agency would not respond individually. Another member of the public who had experience in flood planning had advised to form a group of residents and businesses. Would the Parish Council be prepared to partner with them? The Clerk explained about the Flood Working Operational Group and did not wish to have duplication, however agreed that Cllr Marshall should work with both groups. Everyone was aware of measures that appeared to be preventing the flow of the river.</p>	
<u>2/18 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u>	<p>Cllr Giles noted the passing of long-time resident Mrs Thorne. Cllr Sharpe reminded members of the Community Emergency Response scenario workshop on 26th February at 2pm, all welcome to attend.</p>	

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