

**PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE ON 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024 at 7.00pm**

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Cllr Mrs Stevens (Chair), Mrs Brindley, Ms Durnford, Mrs Humfress, Judy Kunkler, Mrs Mundy, Kerry Pycroft, Cllrs Ford, Giles, Marshall and Stevens.	
<b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler and members of the public.	
<b><u>4/1 APOLOGIES:</u></b>	Cllr Mrs Hunt and Cllr Smithers.	
<b><u>4/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u></b>	Cllr Mrs Stevens and Cllr Stevens on item 7 (b).	
<b><u>4/3 CHAIR'S UPDATE:</u></b>	The Chair advised that Cllr Mrs Hunt had requested a six-month sabbatical which had been approved. She would continue with her work on the NDP review, Market Towns Programme and any events. The Chair thanked everyone who had helped at the Community Morning, particularly Cllrs Mrs Brindley, Mrs Humfress and the Clerk for organising it.	
<b><u>4/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u></b>	Cllr Kunkler congratulate the Council for its positive effort on Saturday. He reported the Connect Wiltshire bus service continued to go well with use numbers on an upward curve. The next LHFIG would be held on 24 <sup>th</sup> April and the next Area Board on 17 <sup>th</sup> June, venue to be determined.	
<b><u>4/5 POLICE MATTERS:</u></b>	No police report had been received. Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress confirmed she had been enormously successful on Saturday on the recruitment of volunteers. Six new applications would be submitted for training and then regular sessions could be submitted. The Clerk would submit traffic survey requests to Wiltshire Council.	<b>AK</b>
<b><u>4/6 APPROVAL OF THE LAST MINUTES:</u></b>	Cllr Mrs Stevens proposed the minutes of the meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> March were signed as a true record, seconded Cllr Mrs Mundy, all in favour.	
<b><u>4/7 FINANCE:</u></b>	a) Balance in Current account £45,227.42 Instant Reserve account £42,654.457, Lloyds Business Account £7,219.25, Lloyds Business Savings Account £30,944.99, Nationwide Savings Account £89,393.51, Cambridge Building Society £87,030.09, Unity Trust Savings Account £87,605.09. Cllr Ms Durnford asked about the bequest fund which the Clerk explained could only be used for footpath maintenance. Cllr Kerry Pycroft advised there were plans to use some in this new financial year. She also asked about the funding of the bike repair stand which the Clerk explained was a reimbursement to the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership coming from Market Towns Programme funds. b) Payments were proposed for approval by Cllr Ford, seconded Cllr Giles, all in favour. c) None. d) Petty Cash - opening balance £0.54, no expenditure, leaving £0.54 cash in hand.	
<b><u>4/8 CO-OPTION OF SIX COUNCILLORS:</u></b>	No applications had been received.	
<b><u>4/9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:</u></b>	a) PL/2024/03114 NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA as per tree inspection report for Whatley Drive, Pewsey We support this application, proposed Cllr Ford, seconded Cllr Stevens, all in favour. b) PL/2024/03240 NOTIFCATION OF PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA as per tree inspection report for Easterton Lane allotments, Pewsey. No objection, proposed Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Kerry Pycroft, all in favour. c) PL/2024/03337 NOTIFCATION OF PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA 3 x Leylandii trees - reduce height by 6m-7m and shape at 27 High Street, Pewsey. No objection, proposed Cllr Ford, seconded Cllr Marshall, all in favour.	

	d) PL/2024/03248 NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA as per tree inspection report for Scotchel Nature Reserve, Pewsey. No objection, proposed Cllr Judy Kunkler, seconded Cllr Mrs Humfress, all in favour.	
<b><u>4/10 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u></b>	Cllr Mrs Brindley had little to report other than the café had been running for six months. The District Sport support would start in May.	<b>LB</b>
<b><u>4/11 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u></b>	Cllr Mrs Mundy advised that following the Parish Council's support in principle of the planning application, it was now left to Wiltshire Council to make the final decision. Although she had not attended the latest meeting, the PCLT would be answering the concerns raised on the planning comments.	<b>LM</b>
<b><u>4/12 COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP:</u></b>	Cllr Kerry Pycroft had updated and circulated the Social Media policy and advised to make it known in what capacity members were commenting on social media posts. Cllr Kerry Pycroft proposed acceptance of the policy, seconded Cllr Mrs Stevens, 9 for, 1 against, 1 abstention.	<b>GS/ LM/ KP</b>
<b><u>4/13 EVENTS WORKING GROUP:</u></b>	Cllr Mrs Brindley thanked everyone for their help and support on Saturday. There had been really good feedback from the attending organisations and public. The craft stalls had been really pleased to be included and offered support at future events. The Pump Track official opening event would take place on 27 <sup>th</sup> May between 10am and 2pm with a local BMX champion attending. Refreshments would be available, and it was hoped that two nearby BMX clubs would attend. This was not a competition event with the focus on the track. Local residents would be informed direct and the event publicised in due course with information on parking locations.	<b>LB/ LH/ LS/ MH</b>
<b><u>4/14 MARKET TOWNS PROGRAMME:</u></b>	Cllr Mrs Humfress had met with Cllr Mrs Hunt and gave an update. The Clerk was asked to provide details of the expenses from the Community Morning and Pump Track opening when available so that they could be paid from the grant. For the communication group, three people would like to receive training on Wordpress to enable more content on the website. There were also early discussions on creating an electronic newsletter, Also under consideration was planters on the railings and trees in the car parks to pretty up the village. Both schools were keen to help look after them, although Cllr Mrs Mundy felt it would be better to have a proper group. The Clerk had circulated the proposed spend for the remaining 2022/23 grant award now that a time extension had been granted.	<b>MH/ LH</b>
<b><u>4/15 CORRESPONDENCE:</u></b>	A letter had been received from the market rent collector advising that one of the traders was refusing to pay due to lack of support by the Parish Council. Members agreed that the Council should do more but that it should also ask the existing traders to advertise as well. It was the responsibility of the Parish Council as it held the Market Charter. Cllr Ms Durnford, who had expertise in this area, felt the signage and publicity needed a lot of improvement. Cllr Stevens proposed to suspend all market rent for six months, seconded Cllr Mrs Stevens, 10 for, 1 objection. A letter from the Gardening Club had been received thanking the Parish Council for its Community Service award.	<b>AK</b>
<b><u>4/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u></b>	A member of the public had moved to Pewsey recently and was observing the meeting.	
<b><u>4/17 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u></b>	None. Cllr Mrs Stevens requested articles for the Messenger as soon as possible.	

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