

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE ON 12th NOVEMBER 2024 at 7.00pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr Mrs Stevens (Chair), Mrs Brindley, Cllr Ms Durnford, Mrs Humfress, Marilyn Hunt, Mrs Kilminster, Judy Kunkler, Mrs Mann, Cllrs Ford, Marshall, Mulji, Purcell and Stevens.
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Sgt. Wickham and PCSO Mills and a member of the public. Cllr Mrs Stevens welcomed Cllr Mrs Kilminster to her first meeting.
<u>11/1 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllr Mrs Mundy, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Sharpe, Cllrs Giles, Sharpe and Smithers. Apologies were also received from Cllr Kunkler (Wiltshire Council).
<u>11/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	Cllrs Mrs Stevens and Cllr Stevens on item 7(b).
<u>11/3 CHAIR'S UPDATE:</u>	The Chair reported the extra external electrical socket had been installed near the river in the Market Place. She had cleaned the War Memorial in time for the Remembrance service and had noted that some of the lettering had faded. She had laid the poppy wreath on behalf of the Parish Council and thanked Cllr Mrs Brindley for doing the readings during the service.
<u>11/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u>	Cllr Kunkler was not present but had provided a brief report, noting the next Area Board would take place on 25 th November at the Rugby Club.
<u>11/5 POLICE MATTERS:</u>	Sgt. Wickham introduced himself from the Devizes sector Neighbourhood Policing Team. He was aware that the local police team had not attended the Parish Council meeting for some time and agreed that the days of having a regular bobby around was difficult to try and replicate. Officer visibility was always an issue, yet Pewsey was lucky to live in a low crime area. Non dwelling burglaries were the main issue in the surrounding areas, with vehicle burglaries tending to come in waves. Consultations with the public would take place soon. PCSO Mills advised that many people had his mobile number, however, email was the best way to contact him. He also had access to our CCTV, which helped make his job easier and quicker to get results. There is also a Devizes NPT central email address. It was sad that the Jon Laughrin seat incident could not be covered by CCTV. Trying to reach those who don't use social media. Cllr Mrs Stevens thanked the officers for attending. Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress reported the team was doing well.
<u>11/6 APPROVAL OF THE LAST MINUTES:</u>	Cllr Marilyn Hunt proposed the minutes of the meeting held on 8 th October as a true record, seconded Cllr Stevens, all in favour and signed by the Chair.
<u>11/7 FINANCE:</u>	a) Balance in Current account £71,400.59 Instant Reserve account £42,915.88, Lloyds Business Account £7,024.84, Lloyds Business Savings Account £31,160.21, Nationwide Savings Account £91,975.72, Cambridge Building Society £47,030.09, Unity Trust Savings Account £89,426.08. b) Payments were proposed for approval by Cllr Mulji, seconded Cllr Judy Kunkler, all in favour. c) There were no quotations for acceptance. d) Petty Cash - opening balance £0.54, no expenditure, leaving £0.54 cash in hand.
<u>11/8 CO-OPTION OF TWO COUNCILLORS:</u>	An application had been received and was considered by the Council. Cllr Ford had quite rightly reminded the Clerk that the policy stated that the vote be made by secret ballot. Whilst this had been followed when more than one application had been made for one seat, a single application vote had been done by show of hands. Members agreed to suspend the secret ballot on this occasion. The co-option of Mr Ryder was proposed by Cllr Ford, seconded Cllr Mulji, all in favour.

<u>11/9 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u>	Cllr Mrs Brindley had little to report, with all recent events going well. A space had been offered to hold a silent disco in December. Cllr Ryder was also a volunteer at the youth café. Cllr Mrs Brindley was concerned that the original pool table was very heavy to move, Cllr Marshall would take a look to see if a trolley could help.	
<u>11/10 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u>	Cllr Mrs Mundy was not present but had advised there was no update.	LM
<u>11/11 COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP:</u>	Cllr Mulji advised the group had not met. Cllr Mrs Mann volunteered and was more than happy to help update the website with up-to-date community information.	GS/ LM/ KP/ KM
<u>11/12 EVENTS WORKING GROUP:</u>	Cllr Mulji reported that he had met with the school which had been very positive. The Head of History would be working on a pop-up exhibition for VE day, which Cllr Mulji would discuss with the Heritage Centre and Made in Pewsey. Pewsey Male Voice Choir, Pewsey Belles and the school choir were keen to perform at the Friday concert. Consideration would be made to making the afternoon tea on 10 th May a ticketed event to raise funds for forces charities. The school may plant a Japanese Cherry for VJ Day and the church had asked how they could become involved.	KM/ LH/ LS
<u>11/13 STRATEGIC REVIEW:</u>	Cllr Sharpe was not present and had nothing to update.	PSh
<u>11/14 MARKET TOWNS PROGRAMME:</u>	Cllr Marilyn Hunt advised that progress to spend the current funding needed to be made; tree planting at the Co-Op and the planters on the Market Place railings (which she would check shortly to ensure there were no problems for mobility scooters etc to pass by, as well as the weight on the wooden uprights).The business initiatives were with Cllr Sharpe to oversee. She reported that approval had been given for years 3 and 4, totalling £20,000. Part of the criteria was to add event listings on the Explore Wiltshire app, which the Clerk would do. Cllr Mulji had asked whether EV chargers could be included in the WTP but they could not. He had met with Cllr Marshall who had made contact with three companies for information and quotes. He would also respond to the Wiltshire Council online survey. Cllr Mulji continued to promote the Tuesday outdoor market and hoped to gain more stallholders and footfall. The signs would be put out on the day and stall fees had been suspended until next July. Cllr Ms Durnford was concerned the fees had been suspended as all markets were facing a decline. It was not easy build it up as the big traders had set routines. Cllr Ford suggested leaflets could be produced and given around in Devizes and Marlborough.	MH/ LH/ PSh/ KM
<u>11/15 PLAY AREAS:</u>	Cllr Ms Durnford and Cllr Stevens would discuss the ping pong table after the meeting.	PSt/ HD
<u>11/16 FLOOD WORKING GROUP:</u>	Cllr Sharpe was not present but had circulated a report. The CERP (Community Emergency Response Plan) had been updated with the contact details of the latest volunteers and support agencies. The only outstanding item was to fit an outside secure key box fitted. The flood working group had completed the plan and running action list. Thanks to those who had turned up to help clear the river on 20 th October. There was much to do regarding the problem areas and the resulting actions, with work already underway. A new flood warden was required and it was suggested the role could be split into areas. Some may wish to retain their sandbags at their premises.	PSh
<u>11/17 CORRESPONDENCE:</u>	None.	
<u>11/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u>	None.	

<u>11/19 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u>	None.	
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There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

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