

**PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE ON 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024 at 7.00pm**

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| <b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>                           | Cllr Mrs Stevens (Chair), Cllrs Ms Durnford, Mrs Humfress, Marilyn Hunt, Mrs Kilminster, Judy Kunkler, Mrs Mundy, Mrs Sharpe, Cllrs Ford, Marshall, Mulji, Purcell, Ryder, Sharpe and Stevens.  |
| <b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b>                     | Alison Kent (Clerk) and Cllr Kunkler (Wiltshire Council).   |
| <b><u>12/1 APOLOGIES:</u></b>                    | Cllrs Mrs Brindley, Mrs Mann, Kerry Pycroft, Cllr Smithers.   |
| <b><u>12/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u></b>      | Cllrs Ms Durnford, Mrs Stevens and Cllr Stevens on item 7(b).   |
| <b><u>12/3 CHAIR'S UPDATE:</u></b>               | The Chair wished a speedy recovery to Cllr Mrs Brindley who had been ill. The Chair advised that she had attended the Area Board; the Pewsey Vale School presentation evening; joined Danny Kruger MP for his visit to the Pump Track; attended the silent disco and helped with the Christmas lights. She thanked Mr Criddle and Mr Turner for putting the lights across the river. She had received, and accepted, the resignation of Cllr Giles and thanked him for all his support throughout his time on the Council.  |
| <b><u>12/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u></b>           | Cllr Kunkler advised that he was seeking answers on how applicants could obtain nutrient credits with very little information available. He would ask officers to consider granting permission "subject to" whilst waiting for further direction. It was a complex subject.<br>He congratulated the Council on how it has handled recent flood and storm events. The next Area Board would be due to take place in March, noting two projects being put forward by the Youth Football Club and Heritage Centre. Cllr Stevens asked whether Wiltshire Council would disappear next May following the recent application for devolution. Cllr Kunkler advised that the proposed combined authority would include Somerset and Dorset. He did not believe that elections would be postponed as had been suggested. Cllr Sharpe asked Cllr Kunkler to chase up the Drainage officer to answer his question about the installation of the river monitor. |
| <b><u>12/5 POLICE MATTERS:</u></b>               | Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress had nothing to report as the device was in Oare. She would arrange further sessions in January.   |
| <b><u>12/6 APPROVAL OF THE LAST MINUTES:</u></b> | Cllr Judy Kunkler proposed the minutes of the meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> November as a true record, seconded Cllr Ford, all in favour and signed by the Chair.  |
| <b><u>12/7 FINANCE:</u></b>                      | a) Balance in Current account £54,521.22 Instant Reserve account £42,952.64, Lloyds Business Account £7,017.84, Lloyds Business Savings Account £31,212.31, Nationwide Savings Account £92,285.67, Cambridge Building Society £47,030.09, Unity Trust Savings Account £89,426.08.<br>b) Payments were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Sharpe, seconded Cllr Mrs Mundy, all in favour.<br>c) There were no quotations for acceptance.<br>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £0.54, no expenditure, leaving £0.54 cash in hand.<br>e) Ratification of Precept for 2025/26 to £162,000 was proposed by Cllr Ford, seconded Cllr Mrs Mundy, all in favour.   |
| <b><u>12/8 CO-OPTION OF ONE COUNCILLOR:</u></b>  | No applications had been received.<br>The Clerk advised the statutory process for vacancies did not apply within six months of the local elections due on 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2025.   |
| <b><u>12/9 PLANNING:</u></b>                     | Decisions: None received.   |

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|   | <p>Applications:</p> <p>PL/2024/04576 FULL PLANNING PERMISSION AMENDED PLANS for creation of field access at land at Stonington, Wilcot Road, Pewsey. We remain in strong opposition to this proposal and refer to our previous comments on this application.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Marilyn Hunt, all in favour.</p> <p>PL/2024/10840 CONSENT UNDER TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS as per tree inspection report at Land west of Cossor Road, Pewsey</p> <p>No objection. Proposed Cllr Mulji, seconded Cllr Sharpe, all in favour.</p> <p>PL/2024/10897 CONSENT UNDER TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS as per tree inspection report at Land north and south of Old Hospital Road, Pewsey.</p> <p>No objection. Proposed Cllr Sharpe, seconded Cllr Ford, all in favour.</p> <p>PL/2024/110099 NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA T319 - Silver Maple pollard to 8m above ground level at land behind 31 Easterton Lane, Pewsey.</p> <p>No objection. Proposed Cllr Marilyn Hunt, seconded Cllr Mrs Humfress, all in favour.</p> <p>PL/2024/01556 FULL PLANNING PERMISSION AMENDED PLANS for demolition of existing single storey police station, bus shelter/storage and outbuildings. Redevelopment as 8 no. affordable housing units to include adaptation of former police office to a 3-bed house and 7 flats. Provision of replacement bus shelter, car parking, bicycle and bin storage and landscaping works to public realm at Wiltshire Police, Market Place, Pewsey.</p> <p>We continue to support this project. Having reviewed the recent comment by WC officers, we have attempted to understand why the Conservation Officer continues to provide objection. To that end, we repeat that we believe Pewsey to be a working village made up of an accumulation of building ages and styles, which should not be viewed a heritage centre.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Marilyn Hunt, seconded Cllr Ford, 12 for, 2 against and 1 abstention.</p> |              |
| <b><u>12/10 RATIFICATION OF REGULATIONS/POLICY:</u></b> | <p>Cemetery Regulations were proposed by Cllr Ford, seconded Cllr Judy Kunkler, 14 for, 1 abstention.</p> <p>Biodiversity Policy was proposed by Cllr Mrs Sharpe, seconded Cllr Mulji, 13 for, 2 abstentions.</p>   |              |
| <b><u>12/11 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u></b>                     | <p>Cllr Mrs Brindley was not present but had circulated a report advising the Youth Café continued to go well. The Silent Disco had been held at the Moonrakers on 13<sup>th</sup> December and had been a huge success with a very good attendance. Many thanks to Mr Kunkler for allowing use of the space.</p> <p>She thanked Cllr Marshall for checking the pool table and suggested the best option was to replace the table with a new one on wheels. The Café would reopen in January.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council was working with the Campus to provide up to 25 spaces for young people, aged primarily 13-18 (or 25 with S.E.N.D) to receive a years' free membership. This would include swimming and the gym and was available to children who would benefit from both activities and who would not otherwise have access to the facilities. A referral could be made by any Councillor, School, or person of standing in the Community.</p>  |              |
| <b><u>12/12 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u></b>               | <p>Cllr Mrs Mundy provided some history for newer members. A planning decision had still not been made. The build costs had substantially risen with none available.</p>  | <b>LM</b>    |
| <b><u>12/13 COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP:</u></b>       | <p>Cllr Mrs Sharpe asked for another member to join the group to offload some of the work from Cllr Mulji.</p>  | <b>GS/LM</b> |

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|   | Cllr Marilyn Hunt advised that two active members of the community had offered their services to help.   | KP/<br>KM/<br>LMn        |
| <b><u>12/14 EVENTS WORKING GROUP:</u></b>   | Cllr Mulji advised that arrangements for the VE Day celebrations were moving forward, both with the concert and the tea party. Ideas for VJ Day were still coming together.<br>Cllr Mrs Humfress asked the Clerk to send out the usual invitation letter to community organisations for the event on 5 <sup>th</sup> April.  | KM/<br>LH/<br>LS<br>AK   |
| <b><u>12/15 STRATEGIC REVIEW:</u></b>       | Cllr Sharpe reminded members of his presentation in September and subsequent request for objectives from the Chairs of Committees by December. He would put together a presentation for the January meeting.   | PSh                      |
| <b><u>12/16 MARKET TOWNS PROGRAMME:</u></b> | Cllr Marilyn Hunt had met with Cllr Mrs Mann to consider potential concerns about the placement of planters on the Market Place railings and the ability for mobility scooters and wheelchairs to safely navigate the pavement. A sample planter would be purchased.   | MH/<br>LH/<br>PSh/<br>KM |
| <b><u>12/17 FLOOD WORKING GROUP:</u></b>    | Cllr Sharpe reported there had been a third flooding incident with 3 or 4 houses affected with groundwater. The Emergency Response Team had not been activated as the river did not breach. He was certain that if the culvert had not been cleared by the recent working party, then it would have flooded.<br>He would raise issues at the next operational group in January and would chase the permission required from Highways to install the river level monitor on the bridge at Broomcroft Road.<br>A number of cars had broken down in floodwater by the Carnival field which was due to the drain being blocked. The Parish Steward must check the drains regularly and be proactive.<br>The working group had split the river into 4 sectors, with 2 wardens in 2 of the areas, so 2 more were required to enable a warden in each sector. Some of the leaflets had been delivered but there were more to do. The general feedback was that numerous people have purchased flood doors and other flood prevention equipment. | PSh                      |
| <b><u>12/18 CORRESPONDENCE:</u></b>         | None.  |                          |
| <b><u>12/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u></b>   | None.  |                          |
| <b><u>12/20 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u></b>    | The Clerk wished everyone a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year and would be back in the office on 6 <sup>th</sup> January, but still contactable in the event of an emergency.  |                          |

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.06pm.

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