

**PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE ON 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025 at 7.00pm

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Cllr Mrs Stevens (Chair), Cllr Mrs Brindley, Cllrs Ms Durnford, Mrs Humfress, Marilyn Hunt, Judy Kunkler, Mrs Mann, Mrs Mundy, Mrs Sharpe, Cllrs Ford, Marshall, Mulji, Purcell, Sharpe and Stevens.	
<b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler (Wiltshire Council) and a member of the public.	
<b><u>1/1 APOLOGIES:</u></b>	Cllrs Mrs Kilminster, Kerry Pycroft and Cllr Ryder.	
<b><u>1/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u></b>	Cllrs Mrs Brindley, Mrs Stevens, Cllr Stevens on item 7(b).	
<b><u>1/3 CHAIR'S UPDATE:</u></b>	The Chair wished everyone a Happy New Year. She advised there was a new master lock key code system to access the keys to the parish officer. All the Chairs have the current keycode.	
<b><u>1/4 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u></b>	<p>Cllr Kunkler wished everyone a Happy New Year. He had attended the Environment Select Committee that day to discuss the local transport plan. The A roads in the Pewsey community area had been repaired, not so much on the B and C roads. Concerns had been raised again about the Parish Steward and a meeting would be held with Milestone.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council, Cllr Clewer, would be holding the final "Ask the Leader" meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 6pm at the Campus. Cllr Mrs Mundy asked for her question to be asked on her behalf as she was unable to attend. Wiltshire Council had reluctantly agreed to submit an application for the Heart of Wessex authority, combined with Somerset and Dorset Council. No decision had been made for Swindon Borough Council or Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council to join. Each council would still operate as normal. The larger authority would allow for a greater voice when bidding for large projects. Local elections would still go ahead on 1<sup>st</sup> May. He had seen the emails regarding the proposed flood telemetry and would speak to officers concerned.</p> <p>Cllr Stevens asked for further understanding of the nutrient credits, Cllr Kunkler explained that everyone, including planning officers, were finding it very technical. He would forward any information as it came.</p> <p>Cllr Marilyn Hunt asked how much a Mayor would cost to fund? Cllr Kunkler advised that a regional Mayor was funded by central government.</p>	
<b><u>1/5 POLICE MATTERS:</u></b>	Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Humfress advised the device was in Pewsey and the volunteers had been asked to provide availability for sessions.	
<b><u>1/6 APPROVAL OF THE LAST MINUTES:</u></b>	With the addition on item 12/16 that Cllr Mrs Mann was happy with the width of planters on the Market Place railings, Cllr Judy Kunkler proposed the minutes of the meeting held on 17 <sup>th</sup> December as a true record, seconded Cllr Sharpe, all in favour and signed by the Chair.	
<b><u>1/7 FINANCE:</u></b>	<p>a) Balance in Current account £7,392.20 Instant Reserve account £42,990.66, Lloyds Business Account £7,009.34, Lloyds Business Savings Account £31,238.82, Nationwide Savings Account £92,600.96, Cambridge Building Society £47,030.09, Unity Trust Savings Account £89,426.08.</p> <p>b) Payments were proposed for approval by Cllr Judy Kunkler , seconded Cllr Ford, all in favour.</p> <p>c) There were no quotations for acceptance.</p> <p>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £0.54, no expenditure, leaving £0.54 cash in hand.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Mundy explained the Bowls Club had already spoken to the Clerk about the Parish Council paying for the upgrading of the ditches around the green. The Internal Auditor would be asked for advice.</p>	

<b><u>1/8 CO-OPTION OF TWO COUNCILLOR:</u></b>	No applications had been received.	
<b><u>1/9 YOUTH PROJECTS:</u></b>	Cllr Mrs Brindley had little to report due to it being the first week back after the festive season. She asked for a small fund to keep the tuckshop sustained; it was agreed to spend up to £50.	<b>LB</b>
<b><u>1/10 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u></b>	Cllr Mrs Mundy had nothing to report. The latest meeting discussed how to attract potential investors and public interest. The planning application had still not been decided.	<b>LM</b>
<b><u>1/11 COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP:</u></b>	Cllr Mrs Sharpe had nothing to report and was looking to meet at the end of the month. She had contacted the two people who had expressed an interest in helping, but had heard nothing back.	<b>GS/ LM/ KM/ LMn</b>
<b><u>1/12 EVENTS WORKING GROUP:</u></b>	Cllr Mulji would arrange a meeting soon. Cllr Mrs Humfress asked the Clerk to send out the invitation letters to as many clubs, groups and organisations as possible. An activity for young people was needed, as well as refreshments. Craft stalls would be invited. Cllr Stevens mentioned the annual Community Awards. It was agreed to ask the public to nominate potential recipients, providing a brief paragraph, via The Messenger and social media.	<b>KM/ LH/ LS AK</b>
<b><u>1/13 STRATEGIC REVIEW:</u></b>	Cllr Sharpe had received responses on the core objectives from the committee Chairs. He was struggling to set objectives for the 5-year plan but would arrange a meeting of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs soon to consider new projects. He suggested a project involving the local school children and the Scotchel would be a good start. Cllr Mulji said people could be asked at the Community event and on social media.	<b>PSh</b>
<b><u>1/14 MARKET TOWNS PROGRAMME:</u></b>	Cllr Marilyn Hunt advised she would meet with the planter supplier who would bring a sample, later in the week. The tree order would be sent and the letter of permission requested from the Co-Op. The improvement of shop frontages had previously been discussed, and it was suggested that a small fund could be available to all shopkeepers in a fair and equitable way. Thought would be given on how to deliver the project. Cllr Sharpe would plan to run the business competition.	<b>MH/ LH/ PSh/ KM</b>
<b><u>1/15 CODE AND STANDARDS FRAMEWORK</u></b>	The Clerk had circulated the link to the consultation. Cllr Purcell had read it in detail and would provide his thoughts by email for the Council's response. The Clerk encouraged members to response.	<b>GP</b>
<b><u>1/16 FLOOD WORKING GROUP:</u></b>	Cllr Sharpe reported that one leaflet drop had been completed as part of the Flood Working Group's action plan. It explained riparian ownership and being prepared. He had asked Cllr Kunkler to assist with the difficult response from Highways over the installation of the floor monitor on Broomcroft Road bridge. There was another option but not as good as the original proposal. The other monitor in the village had twice recorded a level of over half a meter, between May 2007 and December 2023. It was recorded three times in 2024. A second leaflet drop would take place and some residents had purchased flood doors. Land drainage issues and longer-term projects were part of the action plan. Two more wardens for the sector areas were required.	<b>PSh</b>
<b><u>1/17 CORRESPONDENCE:</u></b>	None.	
<b><u>1/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u></b>	None.	
<b><u>1/19 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u></b>	None.	

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00pm.

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