

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 4th OCTOBER 2017
IN THE PARISH OFFICE, BOUVERIE HALL, PEWSEY

PRESENT: Cllr Eyles (Chairman), Cllr Ford, Cllrs Mrs Carmichael-Owen, Mrs Dalrymple, Ann Hogg, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Hunt, Kerry Pycroft, Cllrs Deck, Giles, Hagan, Haskell, McGarry, Morris and Smithers.

IN ATTENDANCE: Alison Kent (Clerk), Mr Andrews (Pewsey Vale Bowls Club) and Mr Dan Flach (Pewsey Vale Youth Football Club).

The Chairman welcomed Cllrs Carmichael-Owen, Cllrs McGarry and Smithers to their first Environment Committee meeting. He also mentioned the recent passing of a former Chairman of the Environment Committee, Mr Colin Harris.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Mrs Stevens, Cllrs Carder, Fleming, Smith, Stephens and Stevens. Apologies were also received from Mr Asbury (Heritage Centre).

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: All being in agreement the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August 2017 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4. TENANT CLUB REPORTS:

- a) Bowls Club: Mr Andrews said although it had been a damp season, there had been no problems. The club had won the Salisbury and District league which had last been won in 1974. The ground had now been readied for the winter.
- b) Football Club: Cllr Stephens was not present to report.
- c) Tennis Club: Cllr Deck had nothing to report.
- d) Rugby Club: There was no representative present to report.
- e) Youth Football Club: Mr Flach reported the new season had started. A pre-season tournament had been held with corresponding teams from Marlborough with over 120 young people taking part. This year there are team for U6, U7, U8, U9, U12 and U15. The pitches are in good condition. He circulated pictures of the newly erected pavilion and storage shed which were essentially complete and ready to use. The temporary pavilion would be removed within the next couple of weeks. It was hoped the official opening date would be 15th December to which all members were invited.
- f) BMX Group: Mrs Wilson was not present to report.
- g) Heritage Centre: Mr Asbury had circulated a written report. The free entry period during Carnival had seen 68 adult customers. Sales from cards, pictures and booklets had been steady. Two evening functions had been successful as well as a photographic exhibition by Pewsey Vale School. Mr Andrews advised that a couple of the windows required external repainting already.

5. OTHER REPORTS:

a) **Cemetery and Chapel:** Cllr Ford reported the grounds and chapel look fine.

b) **Footpaths:** Cllr Haskell reported the majority of issues had been repaired. The bridleways were not as tidy as they could be but were still passable. There had been no further update from Rights of Way regarding the application from Mr Haddock. One of the landowners in that area had closed off his land. Cllr Mrs Hunt asked whether anything could be done about the quagmire over the bridge on FP36, Cllr Haskell would investigate. Cllr Eyles had met with ROW to show his concerns about the footpath at the Health and Wellbeing development. Cllr Giles was concerned that the bridleway coming off the Carnival field was highly dangerous coming onto the road. Cllr Haskell would speak with Mr Wood to clarify the current situation.

c) **Street Lights:** Cllr Deck had nothing to report. The light sited at Aston Close play area was the responsibility of Aster. Cllr Mrs Dalrymple advised that some of the lights on Brunkards Lane were not working.

d) **Seats:** Cllr Stephens was not present to report. He would be repairing the seats in the Market Place and Swan Corner in due course.

e) **Allotments:**

i) **Allotment Inspection:** Bert's Meadow: Cllr Smith had provided a report showing that 8 plots had not been cultivated this year. All of these tenants had received a letter giving them one month's notice to cultivate or to be removed. Cllr Morris would be assisting Cllr Smith.

ii) **Allotment Inspection:** Sports Centre: Cllr Ford reported all the plots were being worked apart from two which were vacant.

iii) **Allotment Waiting List Progress Report:** The clerk advised that five people were on the waiting list for Bert's Meadow and none for the Sports Centre.

Cllr Deck reminded members of the Gardening Club offer on seeds whereby upon joining the Club you could order direct from Dobies and receive a 50% discount. A family membership cost £10 per year. Cllr Eyles thought the council might consider starting up an allotment association which had been discussed some years ago. Cllr Kerry Pycroft suggested that an informal organising committee could be formed rather than an association.

f) **Trees (Including Way's Way):** Cllr Eyles advised that the comprehensive tree inspection report had been received. He and Cllr Deck would work through and produce a priority list of works to take place over the next few years. The worst areas were Rectory Grove, Recreation Ground and Broomcroft Road with the first job to clear ivy. An estimate of cost would be provided. Cllr Deck advised that he had completed the form required for the WW1 tree planting project although nothing would take place until November 2018.

g) **Scotchel:** Cllr Ford reported a low branch which would be checked.

h) **River Avon/Kennet & Avon Canal:** Cllr Kerry Pycroft advised the river had been cleared of weed and looked fine. She had cleared the rubbish from under the Rectory bridge. Work was being done at New Mill bridge with work expected at some point at Milkhouse Water and Bristow bridge.

i) **Recreation Ground and Rectory Grove:** Cllr Mrs Hunt advised that the fixed panel that is moved every year for carnival has not been put back up and the carnival signs at the entrances to the village have not yet been removed. There was a lot of litter last weekend at the football ground.

j) **Play Areas:**

Broadfields: Cllr Ford advised the see-saw had been repaired but the grass had not been cut.

Aston Close: Cllr Kerry Pycroft said the grass was a bit long and there had been a lot of litter.

Easterton Lane: Cllr Mrs Hunt advised the bicycle ride had been replaced. Older children used the area after hours and leave litter beside the bin. One of the inners needed replacing.

Broomcroft Road: Cllr Kerry Pycroft had checked the area which was all fine. Some of the tree trunks had some damage, mainly from strimming so she would put wire around to keep the trunks safe. Cllr Deck would consider some replanting in due course. Discussion would not yet take place on the future of Wiltshire Council owned play areas in the parish.

k) **Angela Yeates Memorial Ground and Youth Football ground:** Cllr Ford said both grounds were looking fine and tidy.

l) **Litter:** Cllr Smith was not present to report. Cllr Eyles thanked those members who had helped with litter clearance during the holiday period. Cllr Deck reported the front of the Bouverie Hall was regularly being made a mess, although it was tidied after the young people were spoken to.

m) **Toilets:** Cllr Stevens was not present to report. The asbestos survey had recently taken place.

n) **Car Parks:** Cllr Mrs Hunt had reviewed the Wiltshire Council online consultation. She would investigate further as it does refer to car parks that they do not charge for. There were concerns about these questions as an increase in charges were implied. As the Parish Council leased the car parks in Pewsey, Wiltshire Council were not entitled to charge. The clerk would chase up Wiltshire Council on the position of the lease renewals.

o) **White Horse:** Cllr Giles was concerned about the gate which was now hanging on its hinges. The quote for the fencing would be chased up to request the work to take place as soon as possible. It was agreed to find another contractor for the maintenance of the White Horse. A lime dressing would be considered next year.

6. FINANCE: Cllr Mrs Hughes proposed the list of cheques for acceptance, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, all in favour. She reported a clean External Audit report had been received with thanks to the RFO.

7. PARISH STEWARD: Cllr Eyles now dealt with the parish steward direct which had improved the process, he would also be meeting the highways engineer within the next couple of weeks. Cllr Mrs Dalrymple was concerned about the state of the High Street. Cllr Deck advised that CATG had access to funding for repairs and maintenance of pavements but it must be used this financial year. Cllr Hagan had received complaints about there not being a dropped kerb on Avonleaze Road, this would be raised as an issue with the Area Board.

8. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

9. ITEMS FOR THE MESSENGER: Items to Cllr Mrs Stevens before 10th October. The Gardening Club seed deal, thanking the new litter ambassadors, arranged by Simon Ellis, for looking after their own areas. The car boot sales had now finished and would start again in March. Thanks to those who support the sales which use the funds raised in support of maintaining the car parks which are kept free of charges for the benefit of the community.

10. ANY FULL COUNCIL INFORMATION AND ACTION: War Memorial formal dedication possibly 11th or 12th November. Rev'd Totney not here on 12th November. Voted for Remembrance service itself.

11. ITEMS VIA THE CLERK: The clerk advised it was the last car boot sale of the season this Sunday.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.58pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____