

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2018
IN THE PARISH OFFICE, BOUVERIE HALL, PEWSEY

PRESENT: Cllr Eyles (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs Carmichael-Owen, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Hunt, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Stevens, Cllrs Carder, Deck, Giles, McGarry, Morris, Smith, Smithers and Stevens.

IN ATTENDANCE: Alison Kent (Clerk), Mr Andrews (Pewsey Vale Bowls Club).

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs Ann Hogg, Mrs Dalrymple, Cllrs Ford, Hagan, Haskell and Stephens. Apologies were also received from Mr Flach (Pewsey Vale Youth Football Club), Mr Park (Pewsey Vale Rugby Club) and Mrs Wilson (BMX Group).

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: All being in agreement the minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2017 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4. TENANT CLUB REPORTS:

a) Bowls Club: Mr Andrews reported the green looked very good, but cyclists had been on it in the last week. There was also a reappearance of large boot prints being dug in. This would be reported to 101. Cllr Giles suggested the club may consider installing a CCTV system.

b) Football Club: Cllr Stephens was not present to report.

c) Tennis Club: Cllr Deck reported the recent quiz night had raised £150 which was donated to the defibrillator fund.

d) Rugby Club: Mr Park was not present to report. Cllr Eyles informed members that a new lease had been entered into with the club commencing on 1st January 2018 for a period of thirty years. Those who attended the signing had been shown around the clubhouse building which was making very good progress with the windows now installed.

e) Youth Football Club: Mr Flach was not present to report but had thanked the Council for its support with the pavilion and storage buildings. He advised that the new Chair was Lee Jeffery.

f) BMX Group: Mrs Wilson was not present to report but had confirmed that insurance cover had been continued and the site would be opened once the weather improved.

g) Heritage Centre: Cllr Giles advised that the volunteers had cleared out the garage and tidied up the riverbank. Cllr Smith reported that the exhibits were being sorted out for the new season. A large WW1 100 years commemoration would be in place from August 2018. A debate was ongoing about the level of entrance charges, Cllr Kerry Pycroft suggested the introduction of a season ticket could be worthwhile.

5. OTHER REPORTS:

a) **Cemetery and Chapel:** Cllr Ford was not present to report.

b) **Footpaths:** Cllr Haskell was not present to report. Cllr Eyles, Cllr Deck and Cllr Haskell had met with representatives of Milton Lilbourne Parish Council and would be reported at the next Full Council. The works to the paths in the Scotchel and Rectory Grove would take place in the next two weeks.

c) **Street Lights:** Cllr Deck had reported two street lights that continued to remain lit. Aster would be reminded about the light out at Aston Close.

d) **Seats:** Cllr Stephens was not present to report.

e) **Allotments:**

i) **Allotment Inspection:** Bert's Meadow: Cllr Morris confirmed all were looking fine and he would start formal inspections later in the month.

ii) **Allotment Inspection:** Sports Centre: Cllr Ford was not present to report and formal inspections would start later in the month. The clerk advised that one plot was vacant.

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

f) **Trees (Including Way's Way):** Cllr Deck reported that there were a couple of smallish trees down in Rectory Grove that would be dealt with and a couple of branches in the BMX enclosure. A member of the public had asked to take the willow that was down in Way's Way.

g) **Scotchel:** Cllr Ford was not present to report. The new seat had arrived and would be installed soon. The signs would be erected to try and discourage horse riders not to use the path.

h) **River Avon/Kennet & Avon Canal:** Cllr Kerry Pycroft had nothing to report. A bicycle had been dumped in the Fordbrook which had now been removed. Cllr Morris mentioned that a section of towpath appeared to have been missed from the recent upgrades, could the Canals & rivers Trust be asked why. There was a large tree down on Wiltshire Wildlife Trust land, this would be reported to Cllr Haskell.

i) **Recreation Ground and Rectory Grove:** Cllr Mrs Hunt reported the gate that had been removed at carnival had been put back up. The Grove did look a bit sad with about four trees down, but it was that time of the year.

j) **Play Areas:**

Broadfields: Cllr Ford was not present to report.

Aston Close: Cllr Mrs Carmichael-Owen advised that on her latest visit she had found litter that was cause for concern, such as bowls and metal spoons. This would be reported to the local police.

Easterton Lane: Cllr Mrs Hunt reported all was fine.

Broomcroft Road: Cllr Kerry Pycroft said the area was looking fine although the fence in the top left-hand corner was trodden down. Cllr Stevens said the amount of mole hills were giving some concern as they were close to the play areas and could cause a trip hazard. Cllr Eyles suggested they were flattened for the time being, which Cllr Kerry Pycroft would do.

k) **Angela Yeates Memorial Ground and Youth Football ground:** Cllr Ford was not present to report.

l) **Litter:** Cllr Smith said there had been some inconsistency with the emptying of the litter bins as things that have fallen outside of the liner had not been picked up. There did appear to be a general increase. Cllr Morris said it was really annoying when dog bags were left hanging from trees and not placed in litter bins. Cllr Eyles had ordered a new bin and four new liners.

The clerk advised of the national event, the Great British Spring Clean from 2nd to 4th March which was the same weekend as the normal monthly litter pick. The clerk would register with Wiltshire Council and publicise it, particularly to encourage support for the existing volunteers. At the same time, Cllr Giles suggested the area between Swan bridge and Swan Corner railings could be cleaned up and this would take place at 10am on Sunday 4th March.

m) **Toilets:** Cllr Stevens advised he was waiting for a start date. He had met with the handwash system suppliers who advised that the existing ones were out of date and would not be serviced and checked from May onwards. He had sought quotations to fit and commission new machines which would be much more efficient and provide savings in the long term.

n) **Car Parks:** Cllr Mrs Hunt had still not received confirmation from Wiltshire Council but had been guaranteed that a new lease would be offered. The existing lease expires on 1st April. The first car boot sale of the year would be held on 11th March. Wiltshire Council's car parking charge increases was causing concern in some areas of the county.

o) **White Horse:** Cllr Giles was happy with the work that had been completed so payment could be released.

6. FINANCE: Cllr Mrs Hughes proposed the list of cheques for acceptance, seconded Cllr Morris, all in favour.

Quotations for acceptance:

Cllr Morris proposed to accept the quotation from Wallgate to fit and commission two new handwash systems at a cost of £3,512.66, seconded Cllr Mrs Hughes, all in favour.

7. PARISH STEWARD: Cllr Eyles explained that the Parish Steward had been busy on gritting duties, and although a list had been provided, he was not sure which jobs had been completed.

8. GARDEN COMPETITION: Cllr Kerry Pycroft had provided Cllr Mrs Stevens with an advance notice of the competition to be printed in the Messenger. This gave details of the new categories and how to enter.

9. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

10. ITEMS FOR THE MESSENGER: Items to Cllr Mrs Stevens before 10th February. Car boot sale dates, publicity for the Great British Spring Clean volunteers, information on the Pewsey Relief In Need charity and encouragement to clean up after your dog.

11. ANY FULL COUNCIL INFORMATION AND ACTION: Cllr Morris had given thought to the upcoming changes with General Data Protection regulations and suggested that council email addresses be provided to members instead of using a private email address. The clerk was attending a course on 14th February.

12. ITEMS VIA THE CLERK: None.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.56pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____