

**PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018**  
**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, Mrs Stevens, Cllrs Carder, Deck, Hagan, Haskell, McGarry, Morris, Smith and Stevens.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Alison Kent (Clerk), Mr Andrews (Pewsey Vale Bowls Club) and Mrs Wilson (BMX Group).

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Kerry Pycroft, Cllr Giles, Smithers and Stephens.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** All being in agreement the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**4. TENANT CLUB REPORTS:**

a) Bowls Club: Mr Andrews reported the season was in full swing with good turnouts on club nights. There had been no vandalism so far.

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

c) Tennis Club: Cllr Deck mentioned the club pavilion had been up 20 years and a small celebration event would be held.

d) Rugby Club: There was no representative to report. Cllr Carder asked for the Angela Yeates Memorial Ground Management Committee to be chased for dates of meetings.

e) Youth Football Club: There was no representative to report.

f) BMX Group: Mrs Wilson advised the RoSPA inspection had taken place with the report provided to the Council. She was frustrated that the football club continued to be left unlocked which would be discussed with Cllr Stephens. She had advised the users of the site that if any nuisance was caused there would be a risk of losing it. The group was self-policing and hoped it would continue. The space had been cleaned up with tree works completed. Two users had put themselves forward to help with the wheeled sports facility.

g) Heritage Centre: Mr Asbury was not present to report.

**5. OTHER REPORTS:**

a) **Cemetery and Chapel:** Cllr Ford reported the cemetery and chapel were fine although the section of broken fence should be removed.

b) **Footpaths:** Cllr Haskell had not received any complaints about footpaths from the community. Wiltshire Council had sent a proposal to divert the right of way at Milton Hill Farm which was mainly sited in Milton Lilbourne with a small section of PEW41 included. He did not recommend attending a site meeting and would look forward to receiving the formal consultation papers and plan in due course. The car park at Rawlins Road was a right of way so Aster did not have the responsibility to repaint the hatched yellow lines.

c) **Street Lights:** Cllr Deck advised that he had reported the unlit light on Broomcroft Road but it was still not repaired. Cllr Ford had also reported one on Olympian Road.

d) **Seats:** Cllr Stephens was not present to report. Hopefully the repairs to the seats at Swan Corner and Way's Way would be done soon.

e) **Allotments:** Cllr Morris reported a second meeting of a potential allotment association had taken place with discussion on the provision of a vehicular turning circle in the future and a request for a small noticeboard and suggestion box on both sites. This would be a way of communicating with holders on site. A request had been made to consider the provision of water at the Sports Centre site, Cllr Eyles said it had been expensive to provide at Bert's Meadow and would be a lot of money for fewer tenants. Cllr Haskell suggested the Campus construction company could be approached for the provision of a standpipe or water butts run off the gutters.

Cllr Morris proposed to obtain quotes for a noticeboard and suggestion box at each site, seconded Cllr Ann Hogg, 12 for, 3 against, 1 abstention.

i) **Allotment Inspection:** Bert's Meadow: Cllr Morris inspected the plots with the report sent to the clerk. Letters would be sent. A couple of small trees may need some minor works which Cllr Deck and Eyles would look into.

ii) **Allotment Inspection:** Sports Centre: Cllr Ford advised there was a vacant plot in the middle. One large plot that was vacant had been let out.

iii) **Allotment Waiting List Progress Report:** The clerk advised that nine people were on the waiting list for Bert's Meadow and none for the Sports Centre. Holders would be told to keep their plots tidy or they would be removed.

iv) **Allotment rent:** – the Clerk advised how the change would be made to “in advance” invoicing with the invoiced normally in September and then again in January 2019 for the period September 2018 to December 2019. It was hoped that by changing it to “in advance”, tenants would be more inclined to consider their intentions.

Cllr Carder proposed to change allotment invoicing to “in advance”, seconded Cllr Mrs Dalrymple, 14 for, 2 abstentions.

f) **Trees (Including Way's Way):** Cllr Deck advised there was still part of the tree moved to the side of the railway bridge at Hollybush Lane which had been reported to Wiltshire Council. A quotation had been received for tree works behind the football club which was over £2,000 so other quotations would be sought.

g) **Scotchel:** Cllr Ford advised that a tent had been erected on council land and he had asked the local police to investigate. The posts holding the noticeboard in the middle area of the Scotchel would require attention before the winter.

h) **River Avon/Kennet & Avon Canal:** Cllr Kerry Pycroft had sent a report. She had met with the Canals & Rivers Trust and discussed the possibility of installing an information board to the west of Pains Bridge. This would show visitors where to go and what facilities were available in Pewsey. She reported a small amount of rubbish was in the river which she would retrieve. Cllr Carder mentioned the new hand car wash business which had appeared at Fordbrook. Cllr Eyles advised that the Council's concerns had been reported to Wiltshire Council and the Environment Agency.

i) **Recreation Ground and Rectory Grove:** Cllr Mrs Hunt advised that a fallen tree needed clearing away. It was noted the football club had closed and locked the gate at a recent event.

j) **Play Areas:**

**Broadfields:** Cllr Ford reported all appeared fine.

**Aston Close:** Cllr Mrs Carmichael-Owen reported all was OK, although some sections of equipment were delaminating.

**Easterton Lane:** Cllr Mrs Hunt had spoken to Cllr Stevens about one issue. She was pleased to see the area very well used at the weekend. The double gate was quite often left open.

**Broomcroft Road:** Cllr Kerry Pycroft had reported the wildflower area had taken well. A request for additional seating had been made, Cllr Deck felt there was already sufficient provision. Cllr Smith noted the tree seat required cleaning and repair. Cllr Stevens suggested to install a picnic table rather than a seat which could be reviewed at the end of the summer. Immediate neighbours should be consulted. Cllr Stevens proposed to get costs, seconded Cllr Haskell, all in favour.

**Bailey Close:** Cllr Ford explained that after the clean up, a part of the bridge had been repaired by a local woodworker. Unfortunately, this sort of repair could not be signed off by the play area inspector. It was also noted that the wooden uprights in the ground were starting to rot. Cllr Ford suggested that Wiltshire Council be asked for permission to dismantle the equipment rather than spending money on a repair. Cllr Stevens advised the initial plan for that site was to clear it and leave as an open space, with limited money spent on it. So far approximately £300 had been spent on two of the Wiltshire Council sites in order to get them into a good condition. There was some uncertainty with the two Aster sites which needed to be discussed. He saw no reason why Bailey Close could not be cleared and a kickabout area provided, or consider other low cost ideas which were useful to the community. S.106 funds were also available. Cllr Ford would ask local residents for their thoughts and suggestions. Cllr Eyles had asked Wiltshire Council and they were happy with any proposals as long as it was undertaken properly.

Cllr Stevens reported he had spent half a day with the insurance assessor. He was happy with Aston Close, some small issues but generally a nice site as well as Broadfields. Broomcroft Park and Easterton Lane he reported as outstanding and complimented as some of the best sites inspected. The walking poles at Easterton Lane would need replacing at a small cost and the grinding noise on the roundabout was quite common, relating to dirt in the runners.

k) **Angela Yeates Memorial Ground and Youth Football ground:** Cllr Ford reported the youth football club grounds looked tidy but the rugby club grass was a bit long. Water pooling on the netball court was a concern. The youth football club had laid some scalplings and small bollards and wanted to undertake work to trees on the Gleeson land strip, Cllr Eyles had advised the club to contact them.

l) **Litter:** Cllr Smith said this was a perennial problem although the road sweeper had been through the village.

m) **Toilets:** Cllr Stevens reported the works had started at a good rate with completion expected at the end of July.

n) **Car Parks:** Cllr Mrs Hunt advised the leases had not yet been received for signing but assurance had been given that the gully clearance and camera investigation would be undertaken within the month. The clerk had received several complaints about the mosquito equipment and would speak with the Bouverie Hall to get the timing changed.

o) **White Horse:** Cllr Giles was not present but had advised the new volunteers had added lime to whiten the horse, but the surrounding grass needed maintenance.

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

There were no quotations for acceptance.

**7. PARISH STEWARD:** Cllr Eyles reported the steward was due to come in June after not being available since February. He and the clerk had attended the annual Highways meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. More emphasis would be placed on individual councils to make their arrangements with the Parish Steward. Cllr Carder felt that communication should be made much easier. Cllr Eyles continued that in April 2020 big changes would be seen. Play areas would be closed once they were deemed unsafe unless taken over as Community Asset Transfers which were taking a long time. All maintenance contracts would be going out to tender. There would be significant cuts in service levels, with safety being the only consideration for works such as grass cutting to be undertaken. Cllr Haskell said the Parish Council had 18 months to get itself ready and thought the council were already in a good position. A quantum leap had been made by contracting for a Village Ranger.

**8. GARDEN COMPETITION:** Cllr Kerry Pycroft was not present but had publicised all the competitions.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. WC – Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme – this would be given to the Village Ranger to assist with.

**10. ITEMS FOR THE MESSENGER:** Items should be sent to Cllr Mrs Stevens before 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**11. ANY FULL COUNCIL INFORMATION AND ACTION:** Cllr Haskell advised the Village Ranger contract would commence on 1<sup>st</sup> June with an agreed contract signed by two authorised signatories. The contract had been approved by WALC and amended accordingly.

**12. ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:** There was a car boot sale on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_