

**PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018**  
**IN THE PARISH OFFICE, BOUVERIE HALL, PEWSEY**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Ford (Vice-Chair), Cllrs Mrs Carmichael-Owen, Ann Hogg, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Hunt, Kerry Pycroft, Cllrs Carder, Haskell, Morris, Smith and Stephens.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Alison Kent (Clerk) and Mr Jeffery (Pewsey Vale Youth Football Club).

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllr Mrs Dalrymple, Mrs Stevens, Cllr Eyles, Deck, Giles, Hagan, McGarry, Smithers and Stevens.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Cllr Haskell on item 6.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** All being in agreement the minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**4. TENANT CLUB REPORTS:**

a) Bowls Club: There was no representative present to report.

b) Football Club: Cllr Stephens reported the pitches were looking good. There had been some vandalism and the police had been informed who had spoken with several youths. The team would be competing in the FA cup this week. The Council wished the team good luck.

c) Tennis Club: Cllr Deck was not present to report but had asked Mr Lihou to arrange a defibrillator training session at the club.

d) Rugby Club: There was no representative present to report.

e) Youth Football Club: Mr Jeffery reported that the building is now signed off and safe to use. Registration numbers were up to 123 so far which was very good. The new season would start on 13<sup>th</sup> September. The club was preserving the pitches as much as possible which look fantastic, thanks to the groundsman Mr Murton. Cllr Ford asked Mr Jeffery who paid the water bill which Mr Jeffery confirmed the club did. Cllr Mrs Hunt asked whether the increased numbers were across the age range, Mr Jeffery affirmed that it was but also the retention and addition of a team. The club had undertaken a major recruitment drive for managers and players.

f) BMX Group: Mrs Wilson had provided a written report which had been circulated.

g) Heritage Centre: Mr Asbury had provided a written report which had been circulated.

**5. OTHER REPORTS:**

a) **Cemetery and Chapel:** Cllr Ford advised that all was looking fine.

b) **Footpaths:** Cllr Haskell advised that the footpath between Easterton Lane and the football club had been cleared back and also between Hollybush Lane to the mill. This would have been done by the Parish Steward.

c) **Street Lights:** Cllr Deck was not present but had reported two obscured lights along Broomcroft Road.

d) **Seats:** Cllr Stephens advised the Village Ranger had started inspecting the seats and would report to the Clerk which needed repairing.

e) **Allotments:**

i) **Allotment Inspection:** Bert's Meadow: Cllr Morris had inspected the plots and reported to the Clerk. Reminder letters would be sent to those that required cultivation.

ii) **Allotment Inspection:** Sports Centre: Cllr Ford reported that two plots were uncultivated although one had only just been taken over.

iii) **Allotment Waiting List Progress Report:** The clerk advised that one plot had been let at Bert's Meadow with ten people on the waiting list. One plot had been let at the Sports Centre with none on the waiting list.

f) **Trees (Including Way's Way):** Cllr Deck was not present but had reported that a couple of the small apple trees in the Broomcroft Road orchard had blown over in the wind. One had been lost and the other staked up.

Way's Way: The new fence along the railway embankment was now complete with the council's gate and fence replaced with thanks by Cllr Ford and his wife.

g) **Scotchel:** Cllr Ford reported that the Village Ranger had fixed the fence as requested.

h) **River Avon/Kennet & Avon Canal:** Cllr Kerry Pycroft advised that glass in the river by the Grove had been cleaned up and was looking tidy. She had obtained a quote from Kennet Signs for the village sign at the Wharf which would cost in the region of £115. The Canals & Rivers Trust would install the post in due course.

i) **Recreation Ground and Rectory Grove:** Cllr Mrs Hunt asked for an update on the temporary orange fencing at the Grove. Cllr Eyles had asked for a hedge to be planted after the carnival period.

j) **Play Areas:**

**Broadfields:** Cllr Ford reported all was OK apart from one small cap missing on the Playdale equipment.

**Aston Close:** Cllr Mrs Carmichael-Owen reported one piece of equipment had been removed completely with the new platform repaired. She had found broken glass in there on several occasions now. Cllr Stevens had been notified on the Aster report of some graffiti which he had cleaned off. Cllr Ford said it would be interesting if the inspectors signed off the repair as the same materials had been used which had been proposed for Bailey Close which Wiltshire Council would not sign off.

**Easterton Lane:** Cllr Mrs Hunt would check the area over the coming days.

**Broomcroft Road:** Cllr Kerry Pycroft reported the area was all fine, although the Colin's Corner equipment could do with a clean. This would be added to the Village Ranger task list. The activity table was due for delivery this week.

k) **Angela Yeates Memorial Ground and Youth Football ground:** Cllr Ford reported the grounds all looked OK.

l) **Litter:** Cllr Smith reported that bollards used near the Riverside Walk had ended up in the river. There was generally lots of straw in the roads at the moment from transporting. Dog fouling, especially along Riverside Walk was a problem.

m) **Toilets:** Now that the toilets had been refurbished, Cllr Stevens had passed the inspection responsibility to Cllr Mrs Carmichael-Owen. She reported there had been quite a mess made in the Ladies toilets since they had been reopened. The Clerk advised a few snagging issues were being sorted out with the contractor.

n) **Car Parks:** Cllr Mrs Hunt advised that Wiltshire Council had confirmed this week that leases would be finalised by the legal department, although this was thought to have been done some time ago. The tanker would need to come back to finish the gully cleaning and a report would be written for the CCTV drainage inspection.

o) **White Horse:** Cllr Giles was not present but had sent a report, Cllr Haskell would contact the contractor.

**6. FINANCE:** Cllr Mrs Hughes proposed the list of payments for acceptance, seconded Cllr Smith, all in favour. She advised that online payments were now available to the Council although some payments would still need to be by cheque.

Cllr Kerry Pycroft presented three quotations for noticeboards at the allotment sites. The quote was for one board so would need to be doubled. Cllr Haskell proposed the aluminium noticeboard from Greenbarnes Ltd, seconded Cllr Carder, all in favour.

**7. PARISH STEWARD:** The Clerk reported the steward had been in the parish at the end of July and completed some of the works listed as priorities. The Council had not received many visits this year for various reasons and in August, ragwort pulling would take priority.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

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

**10. ANY FULL COUNCIL INFORMATION AND ACTION:** Cllr Haskell reminded members of the Pewsey360 event on 19<sup>th</sup> August in the Bouverie Hall car park. All offers of help would be welcomed but specific tasks would be given.

Cllr Kerry Pycroft mentioned the refurbishment of the bus shelters as a visual enhancement to the centre of the village which could be a task for the Village Ranger. She invited members to look at the shelters and would discuss further at the Full Council meeting next week. Also for consideration would be the replacement and resiting of the main noticeboard with potential to use the side wall of the public toilets for a larger, community noticeboard. This would be covered by CCTV and be a better space for people to look at.

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm.

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

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