

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE, BOUVERIE HALL, PEWSEY
ON 9th OCTOBER 2018 at 7.00pm**

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr Haskell (Chairman), Cllr Smith, Cllrs Mrs Carmichael-Owen, Mrs Dalrymple, Ann Hogg, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Stevens, Cllrs Carder, Deck, Eyles, Ford, Giles, Hagan, McGarry, Morris and Stevens.
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler, Cllr Oatway (arrived 8pm), Mr Mike Stuart (Health and Wellbeing Manager, Wiltshire Council) and members of the public.
<u>10/1 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllr Kerry Pycroft and Cllr Stephens. Apologies were also received from Ros Griffiths (Wiltshire Council), Natasha Gumbrell (Wiltshire Council), Neil Pritchard (Pewsey Vale School) and Mr Hurley.
<u>10/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	None.
<u>10/3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:</u>	<p>Cllr Haskell thanked those members who had attended the Cabinet meeting in Trowbridge that morning. A unanimous decision was reached to close Everleigh, however a good debate took place. He also thanked all three Unitary Councillors for their support and the working group members for all their hard work. Consultations in general were criticised and the Leader instructed the Scrutiny Committee to look closely into the future of consultations. Cllr Haskell raised the question with Cllr Whitehead as to what percentage of business and domestic rates were collected in the Pewsey Vale and what percentage were used in the delivery of services to this area.</p> <p>Pewsey Vale School were asked to produce a "strap line" which would be done before Christmas with a prize of a £50 gift card offered. Twinning was not considered necessary by the school in the modern age.</p> <p>Cllr Haskell had assisted with the Carnival Feaste tea, attended the PVS parent's evening on 19th September and the end of Carnival Service. The Parish Council were thanked for the financial contribution towards street cleaning and would have a meeting with the Carnival Committee about the concerns. He and Cllr Stevens had visited both schools on 20th September and were both very friendly and interesting. The Primary School Council meeting would be held on 19th October.</p> <p>Several members had attended the launch of the Great West Way project on 4th October which Cllr Morris would detail later.</p>
<u>10/4 THE VALE COMMUNITY CAMPUS:</u>	Cllr Mrs Hunt and Cllr Haskell asked Mr Stuart to thank Natasha and Paula for keeping up the excellent communication. The building was progressing very quickly with a definite opening date in November. Once completed and handed over there would be a strict two week fitting out period. Initially there would be a soft opening with a more formal opening to be held in the New Year. Updated newsletters would be distributed and progress meetings held with site stakeholders. It was hoped to hold the next Area Board at the Campus. Cllr Morris asked whether there was a plan to bring back those members who had left during the closure. Mr Stuart advised gym membership had actually increased with a lot of planned publicity to promote the new facilities. The planning application for the wheeled sports area was being prepared for submission with separate meetings to take place with the Parish Council to discuss the finance contribution and future management.
<u>10/5 PEWSEY VALE SCHOOL:</u>	This item would be postponed as Mr Pritchard was unable to attend since the publication of the agenda.

<u>10/6 POLICE REPORT:</u>	A police report had been circulated. Community Speedwatch: Cllr Ford commented that a resident has asked again for a speed sign to be to be installed on Vale Road. That would have to be raised as an issue as a metro count had already been done.	AK
<u>10/7 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u>	Cllr Kunkler said the Parish had made a great contribution but knew it would be a sad day. Referring to the Cllr Haskell's question about business rates, there were a few businesses that were exempt and the Vale was getting an £8.3m Campus. He had met with Cllr Wayman and officers following the decision to suggest innovative ways of outsourcing or offering the site for commercial waste, as someone might be interested rather than just close it. The drain cover opposite the garage had been repaired but was broken again. Cllr Eyles had met with Highways to suggest ways to repair. The BT cover at Fordbrook had finally been repaired. Substantive bids from North Newnton and Woodborough has been successful, with the respective Parish Councils making a sizeable contribution. There were still a few job vacancies available at the Campus. Cllr Mrs Hunt said it was a great idea to put Everleigh out for commercial use, could it also be considered to go onto the list of asset transfers? Cllr Kunkler would investigate; he would also ask for the closure date which he thought would be quick. Cllr Haskell asked whether the recent announcement from central Government lifting the cap on building council houses had been discussed? Cllr Kunkler replied that it had been discussed at Cabinet under part 2 but could confirm that Wiltshire Council would be looking into ways of accessing funding.	JK
<u>10/8 ADOPTION OF MINUTES SIGNED SINCE LAST MEETING:</u>	Cllr Deck proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 22 nd August as a true record, seconded Cllr Mrs Dalrymple, all in favour, no questions. Cllr Eyles proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 8 th August as a true record, seconded Cllr Carder, all in favour, no questions. Cllr Morris proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Community & Conservation Committee meeting held on 27 th June as a true record, seconded Cllr Mrs Hughes, all in favour, no questions.	
<u>10/9 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u>	All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 11 th September 2018 were signed as a true record, by the Chairman.	
<u>10/10 FINANCE:</u>	a) Balance in Current account £78,203.52 Instant Reserve account £69,850.91, Lloyds Business Account £514.00 and Fixed Term Deposit £60,000. b) Payments for approval as listed were proposed by Cllr Mrs Hughes, seconded Cllr Morris, all in favour. c) There were no quotations for acceptance. d) Petty Cash - opening balance £201.10 less expenditure since last meeting; consumables £1.56, leaving cash in hand £199.54.	
<u>10/11 COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS:</u>	Following on from the presentation at a recent Planning Committee meeting, the Council were to consider whether this project should be taken forward and whether a Councillor could assist a group who may wish to form a CLT. Cllr Haskell had been unable to attend the Tisbury meeting. Cllr Deck felt the Parish Council would support any group who wanted to pursue this and a councillor could possibly sit on any committee. The Parish Council would not take on the project itself. Cllr Ann Hogg said discussions had taken place with a few members of the public and	

	<p>a public meeting could be held to gauge the level of interest within the community.</p> <p>Cllr Smith proposed the Parish Council facilitates the opportunity for the public to show their interest in the setting up of a Community Land Trust, seconded Cllr Ann Hogg, 16 for, 1 abstention.</p>	AK
<p><u>10/12 COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP:</u></p>	<p>Cllr Deck reported on the following issues:</p> <p>Pedestrian access to station - GWR has been asked for funding towards signage. This project would continue.</p> <p>Signs at Sharcott Drove - completed.</p> <p>Milton road footway - not considered viable in terms of use or cost and would be closed.</p> <p>Avonleaze Road - waiting for metro count results.</p> <p>Raffin Lane - dangerous cycling issue raised which would be passed to Rights of Way.</p> <p>Wilcot Road speed cushion - to be assessed. The temporary “No Entry” sign to be reported as it should be made permanent.</p> <p>Buckleaze Lane/North Street visibility - obstruction on junction with a request for double yellow lines. As there was only one complaint it would not be supported at this time.</p> <p>Cinder path - speeding cyclists and mobility scooters. Cllr Eyles agreed this could be dangerous and a solution, such as a chicane barrier, should be considered. There was also concern about the obstructions onto the pavement. This would be mentioned to the local PCSOs.</p> <p>70-75 High Street - funding approved</p> <p>Avonleaze dropped kerb - funding approved</p>	<p>AK</p> <p>AK</p> <p>AK</p> <p>AK</p>
<p><u>10/13 PARISH COUNCIL STRUCTURE REVIEW:</u></p>	<p>Cllr Smith explained that the council structure was to be reviewed after the first year. Four committees had been established. It was proposed to keep the Planning and Environment Committees exactly the same. The main change would be to the Executive Strategy Group and the Community & Conservation Committee. The ESG had been set up as a strategic body though there was confusion over its membership and voting rights. There was concern that there were not enough meetings of the ESG and that it was going down the route of a cabinet. The Community & Conservation was rather nebulous and had problems on how it was to be funded.</p> <p>Cllr Smith proposed that the ESG and Community & Conservation Committee be discontinued, and a new Committee called the Finance & Strategic Management Committee be established. This would deal with all financial matters, strategic planning and projects to enhance the parish. All members would be able to attend and have full voting rights. 15 Planning, 6 Environment and 4 FSM meetings would be held and members of the community could join associated working groups. The new structure would come into effect in January 2019, seconded Cllr Morris, 15 for, 1 against, 1 abstention.</p>	
<p><u>10/14 WALC:</u></p>	<p>Cllr Smith proposed to retain the Council’s membership of WALC, seconded Cllr Carder, all in favour. The consultation on the provision of Employment Services through Monahans at an extra cost to the existing subscription was supported. Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Stevens, all in favour.</p>	
<p><u>10/15 PEWSEY VALE RAIL USERS GROUP:</u></p>	<p>Cllr Morris attended on 5th October. There were good discussions about ongoing issues such as the pedestrian footpath signage and lighting. Grant funding was available which could be used to look at improved disabled access, such as a lift as this could be fitted.</p>	

	<p>Increased services would be welcomed. The next meeting would be held on 16th January.</p> <p>The Great Western Way was being promoted as a tourist route from London to Bristol, highlighting places to eat, drink, heritage and culture along the route. Pewsey had signed up as 1 of 26 places as an ambassador of the scheme and would help publicise tourist facilities in the area.</p>	
<u>10/16 TRAIN STATION PEDESTRIAN ACCESS:</u>	Cllr Smith advised he would be meeting with the station manager on 18 th October to discuss the signage at the station and the steps down to the A345.	DS
<u>10/17 WW1 COMMEMORATION PLANS:</u>	<p>Cllr Stevens informed members that the planting of the 33 trees would take place on 9th November on Pewsey Common to commemorate those who had died. He had met with both schools who would be planting the trees. The trees had already arrived and the Sarsen stone had been donated by a local farmer and the site prepared. Pewsey Vale School were making name plaques for each tree. Itz Personal were donating the plaque for the stone. All this had been done by kind donations. At least one relation would be coming along to help with the planting, as well as Claire Perry, the local vicars and police. It would take place between 1.30pm to 2.30pm with the Primary School singing war time songs and burying a time capsule. Thank you letters would be sent to those who have helped in due course.</p> <p>The new seat was due for delivery in time and would be placed in the Market Place and would make a nice feature. The existing seat would be moved to Way's Way.</p>	
<u>10/18 VILLAGE RANGER:</u>	The clerk reported the list of works was steadily being completed. She reminded members that all jobs must should be reported through her before prioritising with the contractor. Cllr Eyles had asked for the list to be amended so that all the jobs for one contractor were listed together.	
<u>10/19 ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:</u>	A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for its support in facilitating a public meeting for Community Land Trusts and to those who had attended the cabinet meeting in Trowbridge.	
<u>10/20 CORRESPONDENCE:</u>	None.	
<u>10/21 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u>	The statutory period for electors to request a bye election would expire on Friday so the Parish Council can then proceed to the co-option process. The next ESG meeting had been moved to 30 th October. The last car boot sale of the year is 14 th October.	AK

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.31pm after thanking everyone for attending.

Signed..... Date.....