

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2018
IN THE PARISH OFFICE, BOUVERIE HALL, PEWSEY

PRESENT: Cllr Eyles, Cllr Ford, Cllrs Mrs Carmichael-Owen, Mrs Dalrymple, Ann Hogg, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Hunt, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Stevens, Cllrs Carder, Deck, Giles, Hagan, Haskell, Morris and Stevens.

IN ATTENDANCE: Alison Kent (Clerk), Mr Andrews (Bowls Club) and Mr Parks (Rugby Club).

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs McGarry, Smith, Smithers and Stephens.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Mrs Carmichael-Owen, Kerry Pycroft, Cllrs Haskell and Morris declared on item 5 (e).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: All being in agreement the minutes of the meeting held on 8th August 2018 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4. TENANT CLUB REPORTS:

a) Bowls Club: Mr Andrews reported the season had finished with good league results for the club. Four events would be hosted next season and £700 had been raised for Carnival. The green had been prepared for the winter months and it was hoped that the works to the Beech tree were still on schedule for 2019. He asked whether the Council would permit, as landlords, the installation of a boules area by the flag pole. The Parish Council had no objection to this proposal.

b) Football Club: Cllr Stephens was not present to report. The club would be asked to provide an update.

c) Tennis Club: Cllr Deck had nothing to report.

d) Rugby Club: Mr Parks reported the club had lots of new members and are doing well in the league. The youth section was growing all the time with local girls now attending and qualified coaches at all levels. All the windows were now installed in the clubhouse and the ground drainage complete. They had been successful in securing a £15,000 grant from Hills which would be spent on flooring and insulation. The funding was underwritten by donors. The club would shortly decide whether to obtain an interest free loan from the RFU. It was calculated that £150,000 would be needed to finish the project. Cllr Mrs Hunt asked about the next stage of the build. The next crucial stage was to fit phase 3 power. It was agreed that it would be useful to hold another site visit. Cllr Eyles informed Mr Parks that a bench on their land needed some repair. Cllr Carder asked again when the Angela Yeates Memorial Ground Management Committee would meet as the Parish Council sent a representative. Mr Parks felt that as the sole users of the ground there was no for the Committee to meet in addition to the Rugby Club, however he agreed to look into this.

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

f) BMX Group: This would be the final report as the land was no longer required by the group. It would be levelled with insurance in place until November. Cllr Ford suggested that it could be used as a wildflower area to promote the Bee project although this might be difficult under the trees.

g) Heritage Centre: A report was made available after the meeting and placed on file. Cllr Giles advised that the 100 years since the end of WW1 commemoration had been very well received and would continue until just after Remembrance day.

5. OTHER REPORTS:

a) **Cemetery and Chapel:** Cllr Ford reported all looked fine but noted that some of the chapel guttering was broken and the part of the fence had fallen. Both issues were on the works list for the Village Ranger. The owner of one of the seats had undertaken its maintenance.

b) **Footpaths:** Cllr Haskell had nothing to report. The broken BT cover on the pavement by Fordbrook had been reported to Wiltshire Council on 27th June and would be chased.

c) **Street Lights:** Cllr Deck had reported some obscured lights on Broomcroft Road but this work would have to be done by the Parish Council as owner of the trees.

d) **Seats:** A full review of the parish seats had been undertaken and priority repairs would be undertaken in the winter months. A long-term replacement plan would be needed. Cllr Stevens advised that a special seat had been purchased to commemorate a hundred years since the end of WW1 which would be placed in the Market Place, with the existing one to be placed in Way's Way and the damaged one removed. This would be a lasting feature in the centre of Pewsey.

e) **Allotments:** Minor amendments to the Allotment Regulations for both sites had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Cllr Stevens asked that the council insurance be checked to ensure bonfires could be permitted. Cllr Deck proposed the amendments as sensible changes, seconded Cllr Mrs Hunt, 11 for, 1 against.

i) **Allotment Inspection:** Bert's Meadow: Cllr Morris had inspected the site and sent the report to the clerk. The invoices and accompanying letters would be sent shortly. Cllr Deck and Cllr Eyles would look at the willow and apple trees that were causing concern.

ii) **Allotment Inspection:** Sports Centre: Cllr Ford reported that three plots were in bad condition, although one had recently been taken over. Cllr Eyles confirmed that some of the fence posts would need replacing once the Campus fence was removed.

iii) **Allotment Waiting List Progress Report:** The clerk advised that one plot had been let at Bert's Meadow with eleven people on the waiting list. Sports Centre had none on the waiting list. A few enquiries from people outside the parish had been received who were advised to approach their own parish council.

f) **Trees (Including Way's Way):** Cllr Deck advised that he and Cllr Eyles would meet with the contractor on site at the Willow in the Market Place. Two quotes had been obtained for the proposed works to trees by the football club, with a third one required. The clearance work on the A345 was noted, making visibility near the railway bridge much better.

g) **Scotchel:** Cllr Ford reported the area was fine.

h) **River Avon/Kennet & Avon Canal:** Cllr Kerry Pycroft confirmed the river had been cleared up after carnival. The litter bin that had been put in the river at Hallgate House car park had been retrieved. She was still waiting for the minutes of the last Canal and Rivers Trust meeting and would contact them again about the post for the new sign.

i) **Recreation Ground and Rectory Grove:** Cllr Mrs Hunt reported the area was OK. The temporary orange plastic fencing would be replaced in due course with hedging.

j) **Play Areas:**

Broadfields: Cllr Ford reported the area was OK.

Aston Close: Cllr Mrs Carmichael-Owen reported the litter bin kept being tipped up and had cleared the litter up on several occasions. The bin would be replaced by the Ball Road bin and fixed into position. The existing bin would be repaired and placed in the council shed.

Easterton Lane: Cllr Mrs Hunt reported the area was OK. Cllr Mrs Dalrymple commented that the age sign was scratched off and had noticed adults using the equipment as well.

Broomcroft Road: Cllr Kerry Pycroft said the areas was fine and had cleared all the nettles around the pine tree and would plant some bulbs later in the month. The activity table got dirty very easily and would need regular cleaning.

k) **Angela Yeates Memorial Ground and Youth Football ground:** Cllr Ford stated that the areas were both fine.

l) **Litter:** Cllr Smith was not present to report.

m) **Toilets:** Cllr Mrs Carmichael-Owen advised that apart from a small leak in the service area, all outstanding issues had been fixed.

n) **Car Parks:** Cllr Mrs Hunt confirmed that the draft leases had been issued although there were two outstanding issues that required completion before the leases would be signed. The final car boot sale for the year would be held on 14th October.

o) **White Horse:** Cllr Giles provided a detailed report. There were some concerns about weed spraying and loose chalk, although it was now the end of the growing season. A meeting with the contractor would be arranged as soon as possible to ensure the requirements of the contract were understood.

6. PARISH STEWARD: Cllr Eyles informed members that the winter dates had been received. Communication continued to be difficult, particularly on whether jobs had been completed. Cllr Deck had reported an issue with the ditch near the Fordbrook which both the Village Ranger and PCSO Whiteside had dealt with. Cllr Eyles had met with Highways and asked about the flooding issues on Swan Road, River Street and Wilcot Road which he was advised should have the gullies cleared every year. White lining would only be done at junctions with no centre lines being renewed. Wiltshire Council would no longer be supplying street name plates and would encourage Parish Council to do this to a set standard. The access sign at Middlemass Green was a private matter and the ditches at Dursden Lane had been cleared. The blocked archway at the bridge at River Street was another department. Missing or damaged grit bins could be reported on the app.

7. EMERGENCY/FLOOD PLAN REVIEW: Cllrs Ford, McGarry and Morris would arrange a meeting in due course.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Wessex Water – the Clerk informed members of a project to improve access to land owned by Wessex Water adjacent to the Scotchel. Cllrs Eyles and Ford would meet with them and report back in due course.

9. ITEMS FOR THE MESSENGER: Items should be sent to Cllr Mrs Stevens before 10th October and would include the results of the Shed of the Year and Hanging Basket competition.

10. ANY FULL COUNCIL INFORMATION AND ACTION: Cllr Haskell reminded members of the Cabinet meeting to be held on 9th October where a vote would be taken on the proposed closure of Everleigh Household Recycling Centre. This would be irrespective of the results of the consultation which was 94% in favour of keeping it open. He thanked everyone for their continued support and it was now vital that as many people as possible attended that meeting. The Clerk should be advised if transport was required. The decision was disappointing but not surprising, with all three Unitary Councillors emailed for their continued support. Cllr Morris recorded the thanks of the Council to Cllr Haskell and those who had worked so hard to try and get the result. Cllr Haskell had arranged a certificate for the Community Tea Rooms to acknowledge 25 years.

11. ITEMS VIA THE CLERK: None.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____