

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE, BOUVERIE HALL, PEWSEY
ON 11th DECEMBER 2018 at 7.00pm**

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr Haskell (Chairman), Cllr Smith, Cllrs Mrs Carmichael-Owen, Mrs Dalrymple, Mrs Hunt, Kerry Pycroft, Cllrs Carder, Deck, Eyles, Ford, Giles, Hagan, McGarry, Morris, Stephens and Smithers.	
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler, Sgt. Foster, Pewsey Primary School Council and members of the public.	
<u>12/1 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllrs Ann Hogg, Mrs Stevens and Cllr Stevens.	
<u>12/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	Cllr Haskell on item 8 (b).	
<u>12/3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:</u>	<p>Cllr Haskell welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Cllr Mrs Hunt upon her return. On 19th November he had a very positive meeting with Sgt. Foster with Cllr Deck and the Clerk. The visit to the Houses of Parliament had taken place on 20th November. Further discussions had taken place on Community Land Trusts with an open meeting to be held in the Bouverie Hall on 7th January. The Campus had been opened on 28th November and the official opening of the Primary School playground had also taken place. The Area Board had been held at the Campus on 3rd December and it was pleasing to see the widows of former Board members attend. The Christmas lights switch on and dedication of the memorial seat had taken place on 8th December. He thanked Cllr Mrs Stevens and Cllr Stevens once again for the organisation of all the memorial events. PCAP and CPRE had again raised questions at the Wiltshire Council Cabinet meeting about possible flaws in its procedures used to advise the public in good time on key decision making. Cllr Clewer would be dealing with their statement. He confirmed the last ESG meeting had been held on 30th November with the first FSM being held on 30th January. Cllr Smith would send out the Terms of Reference to be adopted at the January Full Council which would also consider the election of a new Chair and Vice-Chair for the FSM. Standing Orders would also be updated to reflect the changes. The Chairman announced that he intended to mark former Cllr Mrs Hughes' retirement after 26½ years with a personal gift. Her retirement had highlighted possible gaps in continuity. The next AGM was not far away and it was imperative that Chairs should be in place going forward and Vice-Chairs should be prepared to take the chair should the need arise. Cllr Ann Hogg would be investigating recent difficulties in getting a routine appointment at the surgery. St. John's Parish Carol Service would take place on 20th December at 6.30pm in conjunction with Pewsey Vale School. He wished those who were not attending the Planning Committee a Happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.</p>	DS
<u>12/4 POLICE REPORT:</u>	The monthly police report had been circulated. Sgt. Foster introduced himself as the new deputy for the East Wiltshire Community Policing Team. He was aware that attendance at meetings had not been very good. PCSO Whiteside and PCSO Johnson were assigned to the Pewsey area. The funding and resources for policing had been significantly reduced but they would make the best of what they had. He encouraged people to report concerns direct and not to suffer in silence. Cllr Deck was interested in recent performance and crime figures and how the Parish Council could help. Sgt. Foster advised that	

	<p>inquisitive thefts were a continual problem and to report crime and anti-social behaviour, so resources could be suitably allocated. Cllr Deck had asked Sgt. Foster to investigate the use of CCTV at play areas as there had been an increase in anti-social behaviour. Sgt. Foster had confirmed that CCTV could be placed as long as it was overt and clearly marked. It should also be of good quality in order to identify offenders and be used as evidence. It was a balancing act to allow young people to play but the play parks should be used respectfully.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Hunt felt that proactive work should be highlighted with success stories shared. Enquiries were ongoing with recent crimes, such as the Spar cashpoint and church roof lead thefts. Community Speedwatch: Cllr Ford had nothing to report. The SID was currently on the Burbage road and fitted so that it can be turned around. Cllr Stevens was helping and PCSO Whitehead was kept informed of the session rota.</p>	
<p><u>12/5 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u></p>	<p>Cllr Kunkler reported the Area Board had held its first meeting in the Campus on 3rd December at which were lots of demonstrations to showcase its facilities. New memberships had increased since the opening and the schools would be using the facilities from January. Presentations had been given by the library service and solutions for weight loss. Several grants had been awarded leaving approximately £4,000 for the remainder of the financial year.</p> <p>Discussions had taken place at the Cabinet meeting over the future of Oxenwood, with the main contender being Community First and Braeside, which would be moved to Lackham College. Wiltshire Council would both sites until January 2020 if required. It was not yet known what would happen to the site at Braeside. Agreement had also been made to invest in low energy lighting for the county's 45,000 lights. Over £12m would be invested over the next two years which would cut energy consumption by 69%. The lights would also be dimmed from 8pm to 6am.</p>	
<p><u>12/15 ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:</u></p>	<p>The Primary School Council left the meeting at 7.23pm. Due to the numbers present it was agreed to invite members of the public to raise questions.</p> <p>Residents raised concerns about the proposed site for the new wheeled sports area. It was their understanding that the proposal was originally for an indoor park but that had been turned down by Wiltshire Council. It was stated that the Parish Council had sanctioned an unregulated outdoor area and it was felt that this should be in an open area away from residential areas. There was concern that it would become a perfect meeting point for those wishing to cause annoyance. It was strongly suggested that the Parish Council should seek a more suitable site, such as Salisbury Road.</p> <p>Cllr Kunkler advised that the site proposed was owned by Wiltshire Council not the Parish Council. Pewsey had tried for 14 years to get its own skatepark, with a consultation having taken place in 2011 and an original plan to build an indoor park. During the process, finance, management and insurance had become issues and with the Parish Council working alongside, had been offered the piece of ground owned by Wiltshire Council. A wheeled sports event had been held in August to demonstrate how it would work. There had been problems in the car park in the last week where the police had visited. Cllr Haskell said the concerns were noted but the meeting that</p>	

	<p>should be attended was the Planning Committee once the application had been received. Cllr Deck explained the planning process and asked the public to ensure that the Clerk was notified should they wish to speak on the application, for a maximum of 3 minutes.</p> <p>A member of the public asked why the indoor proposal had been stopped. Cllr Kunkler answered that the overall Campus programme had to identify savings but also the long-term management had to be considered. An outdoor site would not have to be managed in a structured way. The exact location would be shown clearly on the plans. Funding would come from S.106 developer contributions not Parish Council precept.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Hunt said a survey had been undertaken which was well publicised and well supported. There had been plenty of opportunity to comment. A member of the public asked whether the siting adjacent to the biomass boiler would be a health and safety consideration. Cllr Kunkler explained that an environmental report would be completed as part of the planning process. Cllr Deck advised there would be plenty of opportunity to write their concerns to Wiltshire Council, but that copies should be given to the Parish Council. A member of the public asked how it would be supervised, Cllr Haskell explained that it would not be, but that CCTV was on site. Young people wanted something to do and the Parish Council was trying to deliver. Sgt. Foster advised that he had dealt with skateparks over the years and do not get much anti-social behaviour in either Devizes or Marlborough, but it can be a focal point.</p> <p>A member of the public suggested that members consider the purchase of platforms that could be used within the campus, rather than take on more responsibility. Cllr Deck suggested the manufacturer may be invited to give a presentation prior to the application, and this could take place on site.</p>	
<u>12/6 ADOPTION OF MINUTES SIGNED SINCE LAST MEETING:</u>	<p>Cllr Deck proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 7th November as a true record, seconded Cllr Morris, all in favour, no questions.</p> <p>Cllr Eyles proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 3rd October as a true record, seconded Cllr Carder, all in favour, no questions.</p>	
<u>12/7 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u>	All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 13 th November 2018 were signed as a true record, by the Chairman.	
<u>12/8 FINANCE:</u>	<p>a) Balance in Current account £63,031.84 Instant Reserve account £69,920.97, Lloyds Business Account £501.00 and Fixed Term Deposit £60,000.</p> <p>b) Payments for approval as listed were proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded Cllr Ford, all in favour.</p> <p>c) There were no quotations for acceptance.</p> <p>d) Petty Cash - opening balance £146.54 less expenditure since last meeting; postage £1.40, leaving cash in hand £145.14.</p>	
<u>12/9 CO-OPTION OF ONE COUNCILLOR (NORTH WARD):</u>	No applications had been received.	
<u>12/10 SERVICE DEVOLUTION AND ASSET TRANSFER:</u>	Service Devolution and Asset Transfer had been discussed at the Wiltshire Council Futures meeting held in Devizes on 26 th November which had been attended by Cllr Haskell, Cllr Eyles, Cllr Smith and the Clerk. A further paper and comments made by Cllr Clewer at the recent Cabinet meeting indicated that freehold transfers could be available to Town and Parish	

	Councils. Cllr Ann Hogg had been asked to investigate further as the documents were confusing.	AH
<u>12/11 TRAIN STATION PEDESTRIAN ACCESS:</u>	Cllr Smith and the Village Ranger had met on site to discuss appropriate lighting along the walk from the station to Wilcot Road. Although there was suitable lighting at the station end, there was little at the Wilcot Road end. A local resident had confirmed that a light had been removed some years ago although the pole was still in place. The Village Ranger had been informed by Atkins that no budget was available for new or additional equipment, only for repair and maintenance. Funding would have to come from CATG and the Parish Council and would be discussed further, particularly as the route was part of the King Alfred Trail. The result of the funding bid made to GWR would not be known until March 2019. GWR would be chased for the closure of the dangerous path down to the A345. Cllr Mrs Hunt left the meeting at 8.00pm.	
<u>12/12 PARISH COUNCILLOR EMAILS:</u>	Discussion took place on the provision of individual emails for each member so that private emails would not be used. This would comply with GDPR as council business was being transacted. Cllr Morris proposed that individual email addresses be provided, seconded Cllr Ford, all in favour.	AK
<u>12/13 BOUVERIE HALL:</u>	Cllr Mrs Dalrymple reported how well the committee was doing under new management, although the previous Chairman had done an excellent job. It was proving very slow to get estimates for outstanding works, although funding had been obtained.	
<u>12/14 VILLAGE RANGER:</u>	The Clerk reported the over the previous month works had taken place that included the removal and/or repairs to play equipment at Easterton Lane and Aston Close. Meetings had taken place with landowners about ongoing drainage issues and with GWR and Cllr Smith about signage and lighting at the railway station. Regular checks of the known flooding sites continued and were reported where appropriate. He and Cllr Eyles had met with representatives from Aster to progress outstanding issues. A meeting with Chairs would take place to review the contract.	
<u>12/15 ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:</u>	A member of the public wished the Council a Happy Christmas and New Year for everyone. A member of the public thanked the Council for the new area at Pewsey common.	
<u>12/16 CORRESPONDENCE:</u>	CATG - support was requested from the Parish Council for CATG to consider a pedestrian crossing at Manor Court. Cllr Kunkler stated that if this was viable, a large contribution from the Parish Council would be expected. Cllr Mrs Carmichael-Owen asked whether a reduction in speed limit could be considered. Cllr Smithers asked whether signage could be a solution. Cllr Ford proposed that this request was not support, seconded Cllr Eyles, all in favour. Cllr Deck would ask about the possibility of signage. CATG - Cllr Deck provided an update on the Raffin Lane footpath request which had been discussed with Rights of Way. A possible solution would be a sign, but residents should also log incidents of speeding users. It would not be appropriate to install staggered bars as this would hinder mobility vehicles. This issue would be closed for the time being. PCAP - request for donation for raiser chair which had been demonstrated at area board. Cllr Haskell proposed that a £100 be donated on the proviso that it should only be used if the full	

	figure was achieved, seconded Cllr Carder, all in favour. Cllr Kunkler would see if there were any additional funds left in the Health and Wellbeing fund through the Area Board. The Rt. Hon Claire Perry MP had sent a letter congratulating the Parish Council on its involvement with the new Campus.	
<u>12/17 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u>	The clerk wished a Happy Christmas and New Year to those members who would not be attending the next Planning Committee.	

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

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