

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE, BOUVERIE HALL, PEWSEY
ON 12th FEBRUARY 2019 at 7.00pm**

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Cllr Haskell (Chairman), Cllr Smith, Cllrs Mrs Carmichael-Owen, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Stevens, Cllrs Carder, Deck, Eyles, Hagan and Stephens.
<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllr Kunkler, Sgt. Foster, PCSO Whiteside and the local press.
<u>2/1 APOLOGIES:</u>	Cllrs Mrs Dalrymple, Ann Hogg, Kerry Pycroft, Cllrs Ford, Giles, McGarry, Morris, Smithers and Stevens.
<u>2/2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</u>	None.
<u>2/3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:</u>	<p>Cllr Haskell read out his report. He had attended Community Land Trust working group meetings on 22nd January and 4th February, and the Pewsey Community Area Partnership on 24th January.</p> <p>Cllr Wheeler had been appointed to act as Chairman of a Public Consultation Task Force to undertake an investigation on how Wiltshire Council's management and assessment of public consultations could be improved. The consultation on special needs provision had been circulated to all members. From 4th March changes to the Community Engagement Managers would take place with Ros Griffiths covering a different area. Richard Rogers would be the new CEM for Pewsey and Tidworth.</p> <p>Cllr Haskell mentioned a recent incident in Ball Road which the police would expand on, but urged people to wear high vis reflective clothing when walking on dark nights.</p>
<u>2/4 POLICE REPORT:</u>	<p>The monthly police report had been circulated. Sgt. Foster reported that a vehicle had knocked into a walker which had resulted in an altercation with two further people. No arrests had been made, but the police were working to identify those involved.</p> <p>PCSO Whiteside had received further reports of problems at Aston Close play area and would continue to regularly patrol. A member of the community had reported welfare concerns about rough sleepers in a vehicle at Rawlins Road car park. The police had visited, one person was identified as being on warrant for arrest and was now in prison. The other person had been removed to a place of safety.</p> <p>Cllr Deck thanked Sgt. Foster for responding to his question on licensing at the petrol station. The Parish Council had not objected to the application and the licence could be reviewed at any time.</p> <p>Cllr Carder asked whether any of the vehicle owners causing problems on the school grounds at night had been identified, PCSO Whiteside had spoken with the school who would be installing two new ANPR cameras as well as more patrols taking place.</p> <p>Sgt. Foster spoke about county lines, particularly with the shift towards using young, local. He urged the public to report any known intelligence as it might contain vital information.</p> <p>Community Speedwatch: Cllr Ford was not present to report.</p> <p>SID: Cllr Ford was not present to report.</p>
<u>2/5 UNITARY COUNCILLOR:</u>	<p>Cllr Kunkler informed the meeting that a consultation on Children's Centre services was taking place until 20th March. Changes were proposed to Mere and Pewsey centres, to run services in a different way using other community spaces such as the library and Campus.</p> <p>The Electoral Boundary review would end on 15th April, with Pewsey ward names changing and the possible addition of All Cannings, Fosbury and Tidcombe. 550 people had registered with the Vale, with the official opening taking place on 22nd February. Cllr Kunkler was still receiving questions about the Parish Steward and would coordinate a meeting with Highways.</p>

	The next Area Board would take place on 11 th March at Burbage village hall. Cllr Mrs Hunt hoped the Campus café would open for longer hours, Cllr Kunkler explained that advertising for additional staff was being actively undertaken. The budget would be set on 26 th February at a recommended 2.99% for 2019/20. The increased police authority precept which would provide for an extra 41 police officers, particularly as Wiltshire Police were leaving the tri-force agreement. The skatepark planning application had been submitted.	
<u>2/6 ADOPTION OF MINUTES SIGNED SINCE LAST MEETING:</u>	Cllr Deck proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19 th December as a true record, seconded Cllr Carder, all in favour, no questions. Cllr Eyles proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 5 th December as a true record, seconded Cllr Deck, all in favour, no questions. Cllr Mrs Stevens proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Executive Strategy Group meeting held on 30 th October as a true record, seconded Cllr Deck, all in favour, no questions.	
<u>2/7 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</u>	All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 8 th January were signed as a true record, by the Chairman.	
<u>2/8 FINANCE:</u>	a) Balance in Current account £43,595.62 Instant Reserve account £69,992.25, Lloyds Business Account £488.00 and Fixed Term Deposit £60,000. b) Payments for approval as listed were proposed by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Deck, all in favour. c) Quotations for acceptance. Cllr Mrs Hunt proposed the quotation for works to trees in North Street car park be awarded to Wiltshire Countryside Services, seconded Cllr Eyles, all in favour. d) Petty Cash - opening balance £145.14 less expenditure since last meeting; postage £13.92, consumables £1.04, totalling £14.96, leaving cash in hand £130.18.	
<u>2/9 CO-OPTION OF TWO COUNCILLORS (1 NORTH WARD, 1 SOUTH WARD):</u>	No applications had been received. The clerk would increase the publicity for both vacancies.	AK
<u>2/10 SERVICE DEVOLUTION AND ASSET TRANSFER:</u>	Cllr Haskell informed members that he, Cllr Ann Hogg and the Clerk would meet next week with officers from Wiltshire Council to ask questions about the process, timescale and what might be offered and would report back to Council. A working group would be formed in due course to progress further participation.	AH CH
<u>2/11 CHILDRENS CENTRE CONSULTATION:</u>	Both Cllr Haskell and Cllr Mrs Dalrymple had attended the stakeholder meeting on 8 th February. Changes that had been implemented two years ago had meant more outside visits were undertaken and less rooms were being used within the centre. It was disappointing to note that no parents had turned up to their consultation session. The end product was that the Childrens' Centre element of the building would close as Spurgeons would continue the services in a different way. Part of the building that had been underused would be offered to Puddleducks, however, more children would be needed to make the books balance. The Parish Council agreed to strongly support Puddleducks and write to Cllr Mrs Mayes to suggest that leeway be given to Puddleducks for a period of at least six months to build up the provision. Cllr Carder felt it was incumbent upon the Parish Council to help keep it open.	AK
<u>2/12 PEWSEY COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP:</u>	Cllr Deck reported from a meeting attended on 24 th January. The Community Area Plan would be revised as it had not been done for some years. Various elements were moving forward including the tourism group, rail users' group and a register of health and wellbeing groups was being established. It had been announced that	

	the annual Armed Forces Day would be taking place on the weekend of 28 th -30 th June in Salisbury. There was a suggestion that Wiltshire Council could possibly look to provide Parish Councils with funding to run services themselves.	
<u>2/13 TRAIN STATION PEDESTRIAN ACCESS:</u>	Cllr Smith reported that little progress had been made and he would continue to seek a response from Network Rail. The new housing developments had helped open up the walkway, but it was still dark at the Wilcot Road end. The clerk would continue to chase the signage specification from Highways, so at least the signs could be ordered.	DS AK
<u>2/14 RAIL USERS GROUP:</u>	Cllr Haskell read out the report from Cllr Morris. The reinstatement of a 4 th platform at Westbury station would allow for an additional daily London train and a later service too. It was the aim of GWR to increase this to a London train service every two hours and an hourly service from 2020. These would be driver only trains with automatic doors which would reduce the time in stations. GWR was also trying to tweak the timetable to allow convenient connections at Westbury to Bath and Bristol. The group would continue to press for improved disabled facilities at the station, with additional parking both sides of the line and adding a lift to the existing structure. There had been a request to install a street light at the access to the station on the London side as many people crossed the A345 when walking back to parked cars at the industrial estate or Old Hospital Road. Cllr Deck would speak with Cllr Morris about the CATG position.	
<u>2/15 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST:</u>	Cllr Haskell had attended the working party held on 4 th February in the absence of Cllr Ann Hogg. He confirmed the Parish Council was no longer involved unless planning applications were to be considered. Two public meetings had now been held with different people attending the second meeting and the age range was higher. Appointments were made temporarily until other members of the community came forward. The Wiltshire Council co-ordinator was very enthusiastic which was fortunate. Two action points came out of the meeting - the Parish Council would act as banker for the group; it was also necessary to decide and understand what was required for Pewsey. It was agreed that the first step was to undertake a housing needs survey which the Parish Council had requested of Wiltshire Council and could take place on 9 th April. Cllr Deck reminded members one had been held for the production of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.	
<u>2/16 NALC:</u>	Cllr Smith reported from the Conference he had attended on 11 th February which had been very interesting. Discussion had taken place on the recently issued Local Government Ethical Standards report and consideration should be given to the future provision of training to new and existing members on the ethical code. Tracy Couch MP, the Minister of Loneliness gave a good talk on this subject. Councils should aspire to have a strategic aim and vision for the promotion of health and wellbeing, and to help with the prevention of loneliness at all ages. Meeting places and open spaces could be provided for relaxation. Cllr Mrs Hunt advised that the Health & Wellbeing group were doing some work on this. There was a talk on the Smaller Authorities audit and Cllr Smith was pleased to confirm this council and its clerk were fulfilling its responsibilities to the full. Some 62 councils have still not submitted their annual return, even if they were an exempt authority. Changes to AGAR would take place by 2021 to undertake the return online, however there was concern about the provision of a formal signature. He attended two workshops; Yate Town Council on	

	<p>developing youth services, engaging and empowering young people outside of an inspected environment. Areas could be developed where teenagers can go and chill out, like a wheeled sports area. Outreach minibus activities being served to outlying villages. The other workshop was titled local government communication. Cllr Smith was pleased to report the Parish Council was ahead of the game by having a website, Facebook and Twitter presence that could be controlled. It was important not to forget traditional methods of communication in favour of digital media.</p> <p>A plenary took place on the devolution of services. It was obvious there was great anger that parish and town councils would take on extra responsibilities but would not be given the funding to carry them out. There would be no resolution to that and councils would have a transactional relationship with their principal authorities. Cllr Carder suggested that maybe the Parish Council should consider reforming the youth council again. Cllr Haskell responded that this was the responsibility of the Local Youth Network who have funding.</p>	
<u>2/17 VILLAGE RANGER:</u>	The Clerk reported the Village Ranger had undertaken the duties of the litter picker whilst they were away, with some 72 black bags collected over this period. He had also assisted during the recent snow event with gritting, snow clearance and minor tree clearance. The outstanding priority tasks would be completed in due course.	
<u>2/18 ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:</u>	None.	
<u>2/19 CORRESPONDENCE:</u>	<p>1. Cllr Deck reported on the Local Government Ethical Standards review which had been released. It provided a list of 26 recommendations that included an updated model Code of Conduct should be created; the Government should ensure that candidates standing for or accepting public offices are not required to publicly disclose their home address; councillors should be presumed to be acting in an official capacity in their public conduct, including statements made on publicly-accessible social media; Local Authorities should be required to publish a register of gifts and hospitality received over a value of £50, or totalling £100 over a year from a single source; the Local Government Transparency Code should be updated to require councils to publish annually; local authorities should be given power to suspend councillors, without allowances, for up to 6 months; parish council clerks should hold an appropriate qualification, such as those provided by SLCC; parish councils should adopt the principle code of the local authority; any sanction imposed on a parish councillor is to be determined by the principle authority. Additionally, there was a list of best practices. Cllr Smith reminded members of the seven principles of public life.</p> <p>2. Cllr Deck reported on the Local Government Boundary Review consultation on draft recommendations. Ward name changes were proposed to Pewsey Vale West, Pewsey and Pewsey Vale East. Froxfield, Fosbury and Tidcombe would move to Pewsey East and All Cannings to Pewsey West, balancing the electorate figures.</p>	
<u>2/20 ITEMS VIA THE CLERK:</u>	The clerk advised that when the planning application for the Wheeled Sports area was received, the meeting to consider the application may be moved to a Thursday as the hall would be needed to accommodate the public.	

There being no further business the Chairman moved the meeting into Confidential Session.