

PEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th MARCH 2019
IN THE BOUVERIE HALL, PEWSEY

PRESENT: Cllr Deck (Chairman), Cllr Mrs Hunt, Cllrs Mrs Carmichael-Owen, Kerry Pycroft, Mrs Stevens, Cllrs Carder, Eyles, Ford, Hagan, Haskell, McGarry, Smith and Stephens.

IN ATTENDANCE: Alison Kent (Clerk), Cllrs Kunkler and Oatway, Mrs Wilson (Chair, Pewsey Community Area Partnership), representatives from Wiltshire Council, Canvas, Wiltshire Police, Mr Rogers (Community Engagement Manager), a representative from Fowlers Architects and 16 members of the public.

Prior to the commencement of business, Cllr Deck explained how the planning application process worked in order to inform the members of the public who might not be aware of the format.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Mrs Dalrymple, Ann Hogg, Cllrs Giles, Morris, Smithers and Stevens.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Oatway wished it to be noted that he would declare an interest on item 4 and would not speak as he was the Vice-Chairman of the Eastern Planning Committee and lead member for the Campus project. Cllr Kunkler also noted his declaration of interest on item 4 as the ward member and member of the Eastern Planning Committee. Cllr Deck on item 6 (3).

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: All being in agreement, the minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2019 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4. PLANNING: Plan for Discussion

19/01382/DP4 PLANNING PERMISSION for construction of new concrete skatepark for use by varied wheeled sports (skateboard; BMX; scooters and wheelchair use). The existing land is currently rough grass and is part of the redevelopment of a new leisure centre complex at Land adjacent to the Vale Community Campus, Wilcot Road, Pewsey for Wiltshire Council.

Presentation by Canvas: Canvas went through the detailed design plans, explaining the materials and components included. Certain RoSPA inspection criteria had to be met and were included in the design. Litter bins would be added and possibly even a water fountain. Community touches could be considered as part of the final design. Robust guarantees would be provided following installation. Cllr Mrs Hunt commented that the design did not look extreme in terms of height, Canvas explained that the design did not have to be high to be fun and exciting and would make it more accessible for beginners.

Presentation by Mach: an explanation of the prediction software for noise absorption was provided, as well as how the sound barrier would be made up with an anti-climb design and up to a 28dB reduction.

Nominated Speakers:

Wiltshire Police advised that there had not been many reported problems with skateparks in either Devizes or Marlborough. Cllr Deck advised that he had spoken with local officers in Pewsey who were very supportive as it would give young people somewhere to go and stop dangerous skateboarding in other areas.

Pewsey Community Area Partnership/Local Youth Network – both groups had done a lot of work with older youths, primarily to do research for this project. Many youths did not wish for organised activities but to have somewhere safe to hang out in groups. The 360 event last August had been successful and would be a facility used by all age groups. The youth of Pewsey deserved this facility which had been discussed for at least 20 years.

A member of the public spoke in objection to the proposal with regard to traffic safety adjacent to the site, particularly in relation to fuel deliveries to the boiler house.

Public comments: The Chairman invited members of the public to comment on the application. A member of the public felt the designated land was not very large, Cllr Deck advised that the siting of the wheeled sports area had been considered for over 20 years without success. Safety requirements would be detailed on all signage at the site. One member of the public expressed concern that there were no stops at the top of the ramps which could run straight onto the Campus parking area. A member of the public asked whether the facility would be open all the time. Cllr Deck advised there was no lighting outside of Campus hours and could only be used within daylight hours. The Parish Council were aware that there were issues about use of the car park late at night with some anti-social behaviour taking place and were working closely with the local police on this.

Cllr Deck read out all the letters that had been received, in objection and support.

Consideration of application by Council members:

Cllr Haskell commented that this project had been discussed for over 20 years and was endorsed by Wiltshire Council. During this time the youth clubs had closed with no provision for young people in the parish. Cllr Eyles agreed that there was very little for young people to do for those who did not wish to join clubs. Mrs Wilson explained that the BMX dirt jumps had been done on a volunteer basis, but the design had become too ambitious in the wrong sort of area. Further reinvestment would have been needed so it had been decided to focus on the new facility and what could be provided outdoors.

WE SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION

Cllr Eyles, seconded Cllr Haskell

All in favour

5. PLANNING: Decisions from Wiltshire Council

1. 19/01045/TCA WORKS TO TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA GRANTED 7 Yew trees – crown reduce to 3m (10') and cut back remainder to wire up and reshape at Churchyard of St. John Baptist Church, Church Street, Pewsey for Mr M. Haynes.

2. 19/01720/TCA WORK TO TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA GRANTED Group of Lawson Cypress trees – cut back all branches overhanging lawns; Ash tree, Field Maple trees and Thorn trees – cut back to prevent overshadowing of gardens at Pear Tree House, The Crescent, Pewsey for Mr J. Carter.

6. PLANNING: Plans for Discussion

1. 19/01935/FUL FULL PLANNING PERMISSION for change of use of offices to form single dwelling over first and second floors, with associated internal and external alterations. Alterations to existing office unit at ground floor level at 25 High Street, Pewsey for Mr and Mrs G. Sparke.

WE SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION

Cllr Deck, seconded Cllr McGarry

All in favour

2. 19/02017/LBC LISTED BUILDING CONSENT for change of use of offices to form single dwelling over first and second floors, with associated internal and external alterations. Alterations to existing office unit at ground floor level at 25 High Street, Pewsey for Mr and Mrs G. Sparke.

WE SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION

Proposed Cllr Deck, seconded Cllr McGarry

All in favour

3. 19/02220/FUL FULL PLANNING PERMISSION for rear single storey lean-to extension to enlarge kitchen at Pevesie House, St Johns Close, Pewsey for Dr J. Brown.

WE SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION

Proposed Cllr Carder, seconded Cllr Ford

All in favour

4. 19/02591/TCA WORK TO TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA T1 – Apple tree – fell; T2 – Apple tree – crown thin and clean, remove deadwood, reduce height by 2m and shape; T3 – Apple tree – crown thin and clean, remove deadwood, reduce height by 1.5m and width by 3m, shape and remove low branches at 63 Raffin Lane, Pewsey for Mr D. Taylor.

NO OBJECTION

Proposed Cllr Mrs Hunt, seconded Cllr Haskell

All in favour

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Lansdowne Legal – Land registry transfer deed for small strip of land at Way’s Way was approved and signed by two authorised signatories.

Payments for Approval

Payments as listed were proposed by Cllr Mrs Stevens, seconded Cllr Smith, all in favour.

Quotations for notification

None.

8. FULL COUNCIL INFORMATION AND ACTION: Cllr Haskell thanked those members who had attended the Community Morning which had been very successful, although it had been hoped that more members of the public would attend.

9. ITEMS VIA THE CLERK: None.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.33pm.

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